

*California*

**HUNTER  
EDUCATION  
PROGRAM**



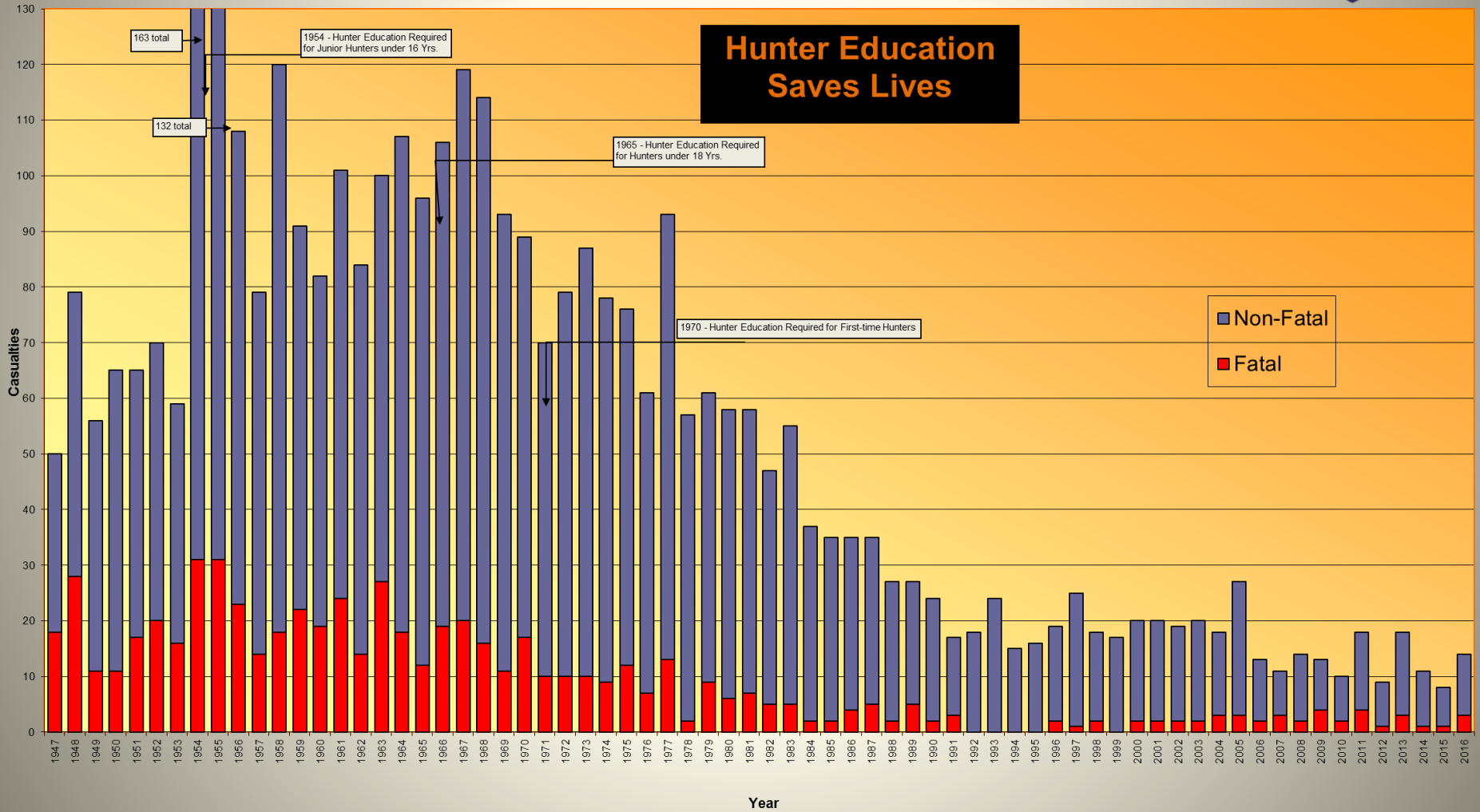
# Program History



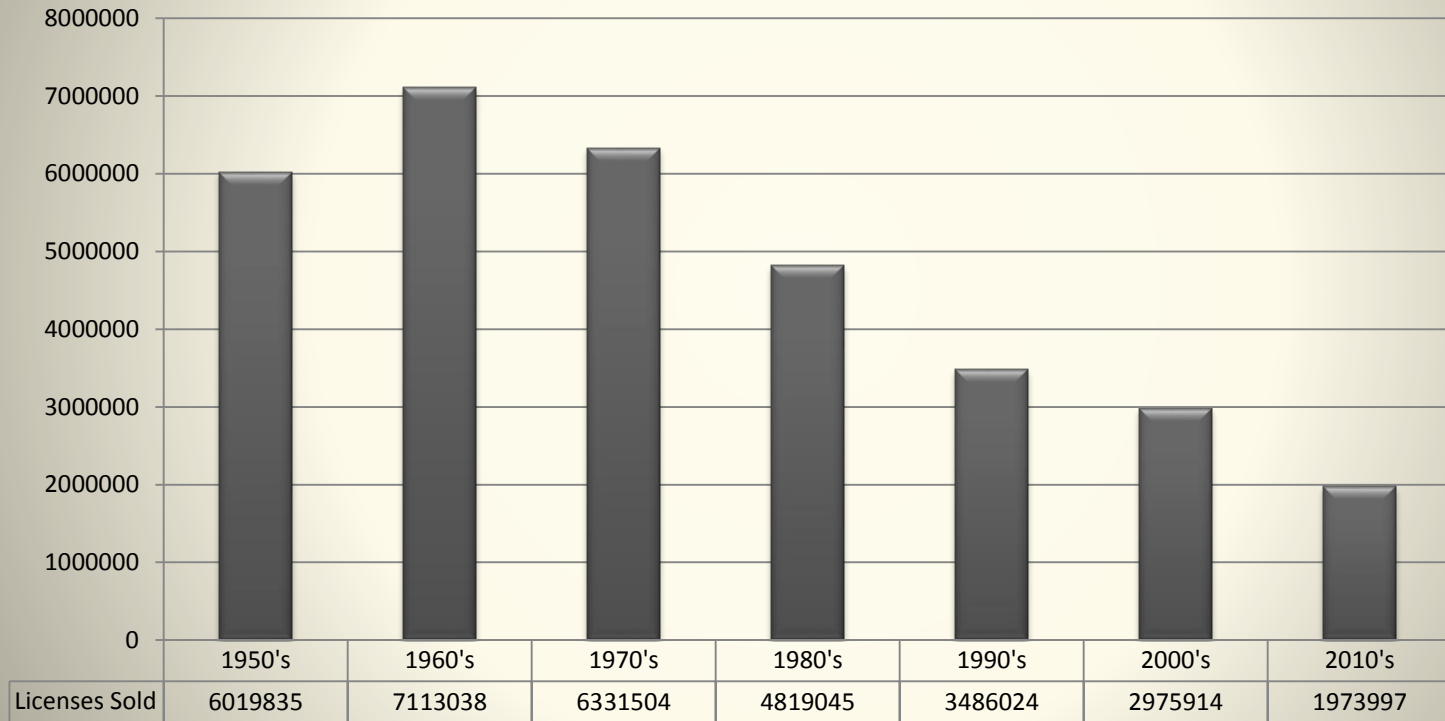
- 1954 – FIRST LAW ENACTED
  - all persons <16 who did not previously have a hunting license
- 1965 – LAW MODIFIED
  - All persons <18 who did not previously have a hunting license
- 1970 – “Hunter Safety Training Law”
  - all persons who have not formerly held a CA license



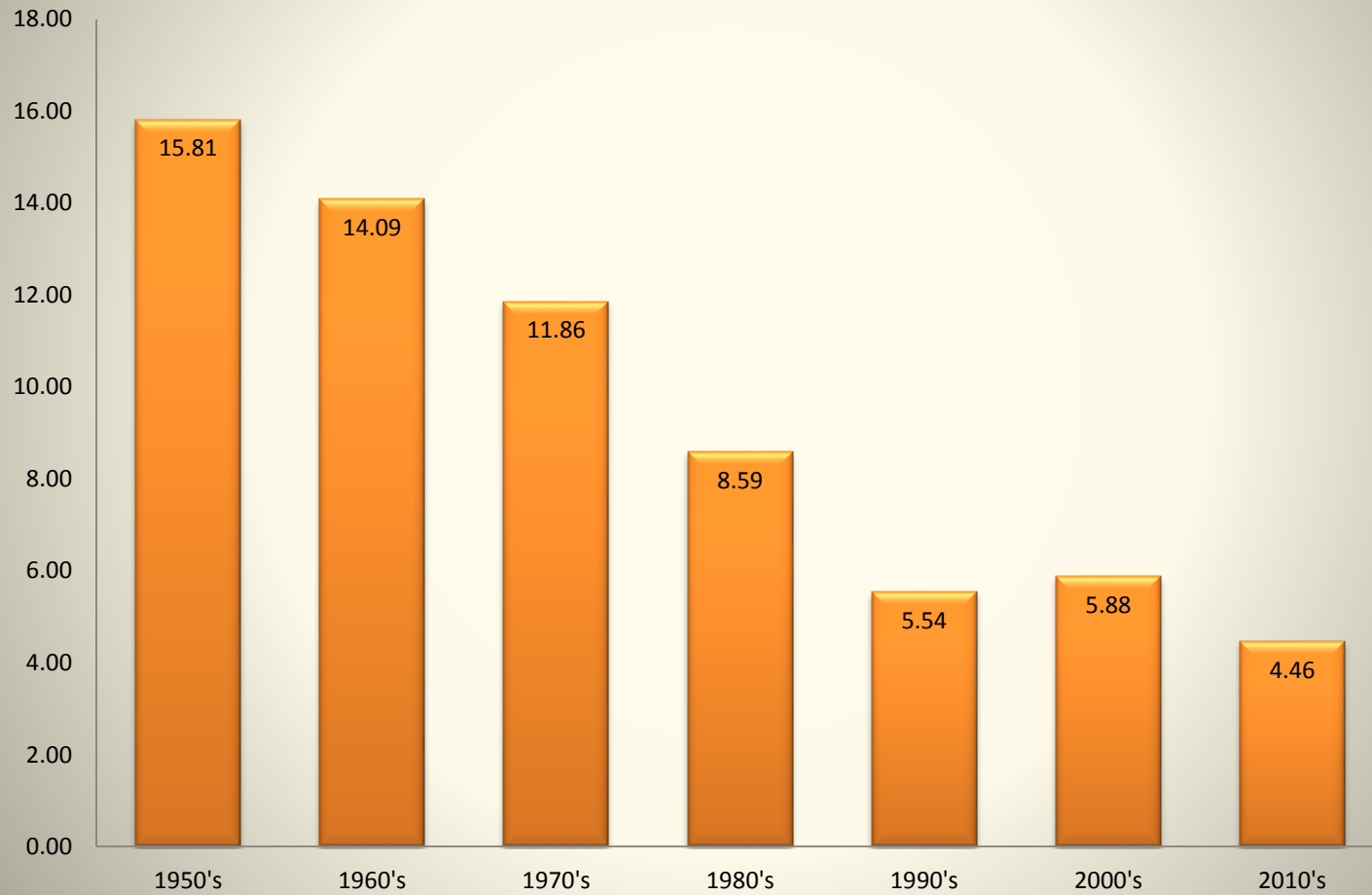
# California Hunting Casualty Statistics 1948 - 2016



## Licenses Sold by Decade



## Hunter Casualties per 100,000 Licensed Hunters



# 2016 Hunter Casualties

- 14 total
  - 3 fatal
  - 11 non-fatal
    - others
      - ATV rollover, likely returning from a hunt - DUI
      - Sat on handgun on back of ATV, self-inflicted wound
      - Heart attack going to duck blind

# Major Factors of Casualty

- Victim mistaken for game – 4
- Victim covered by shooter swinging on game – 3
- Victim out of sight of shooter – 3
- Careless handling of firearm – 2
- Shooter stumbled and fell – 1
- Faulty equipment – 1

# Victim mistaken for game

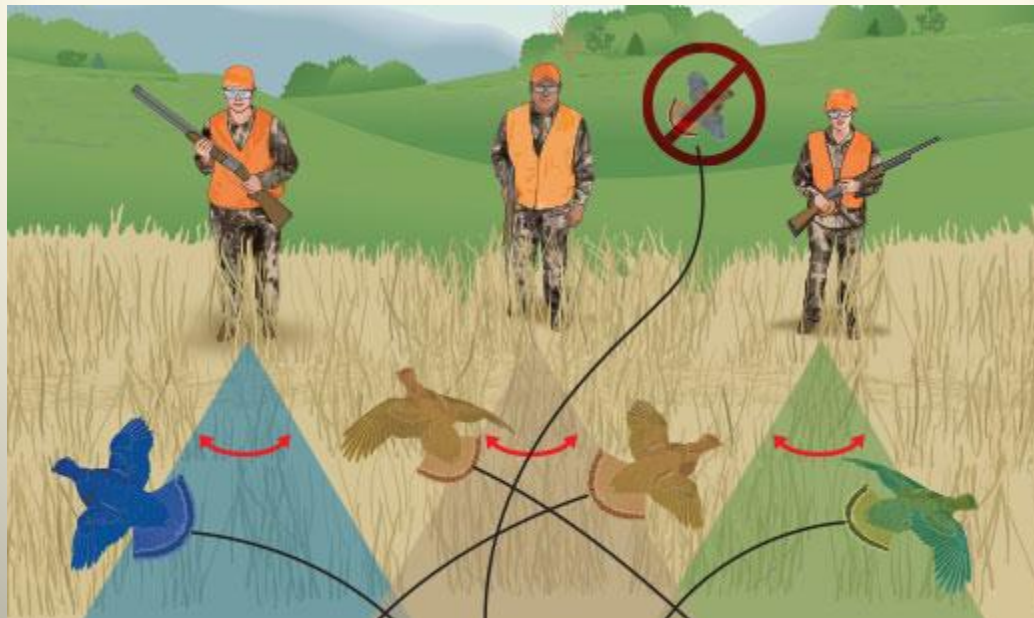
- 4 incidents; 3 fatal
  - Deer hunting: shooter saw movement and heard noise
  - Squirrel hunting: shooter shot at movement
  - Pig hunting: after dark, shooter shot at what he believed was a pig coming from behind a bush
  - Squirrel hunting: victim was laying on ground, hair was in ponytail



# Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

- 3 incidents
  - 2 Dove hunting
  - 1 Pheasant hunting

## Zone-of-Fire Issues



# Victim out of sight of shooter

- 3 incidents
  - 2 dove hunting
  - 1 quail hunting



All involved brushy areas

Quail hunter had blaze orange vest

# Careless handling of firearm

- 2 incidents
  - Dropped gun while retrieving a duck
  - Changing choke tube with gun loaded

# Shooter stumbled and fell

- 1 incident
  - Squirrel hunting; slipped, fell on back, and shot in foot



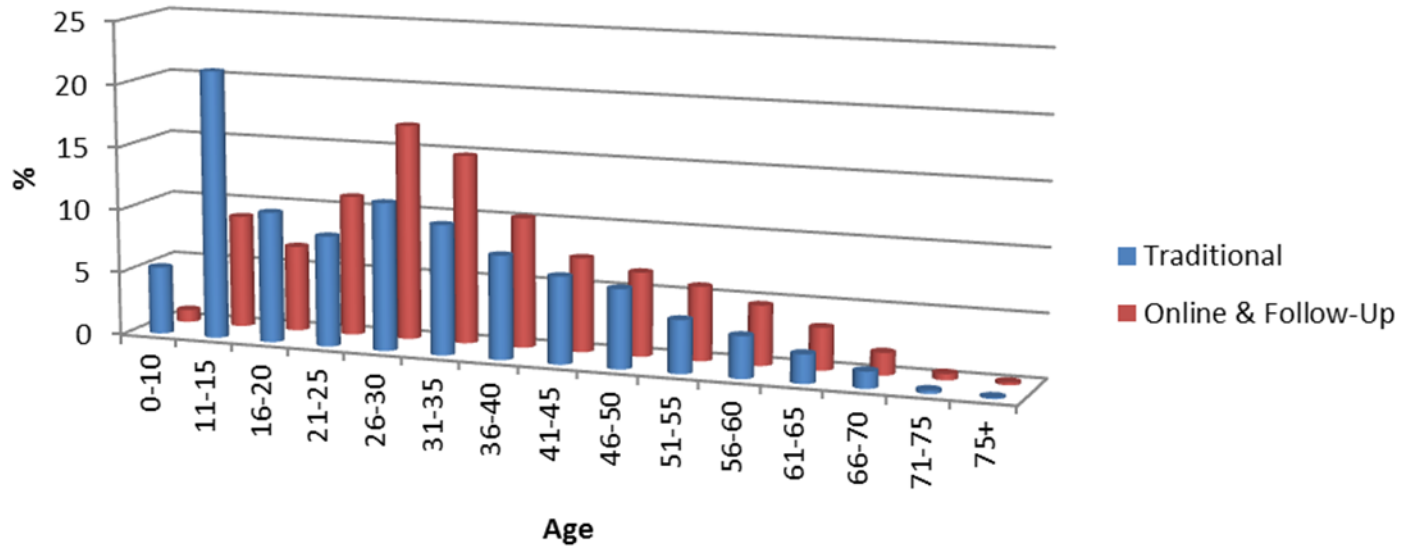
# Faulty equipment

- 1 incident

potential malfunction – bent carrier and missing bolt handle

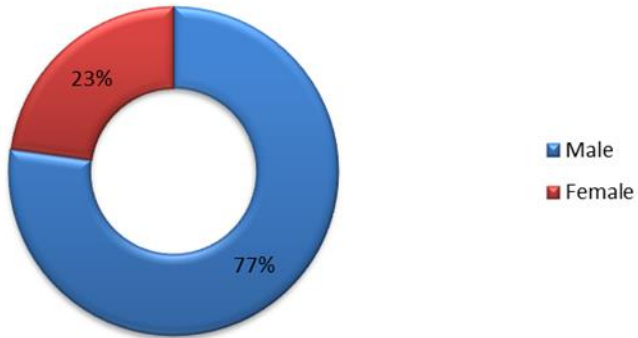
# Hunter Education Statistics

## Age of Students

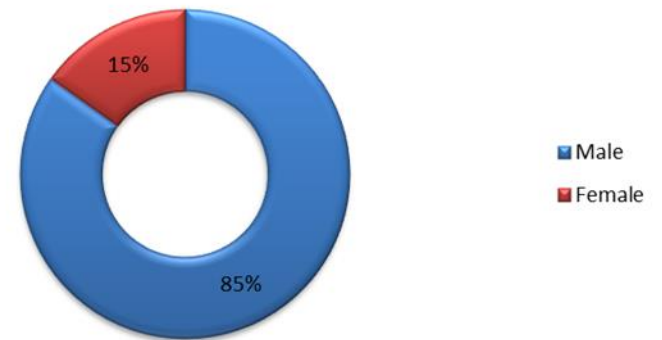


# Gender

**Traditional**



**Online & Follow-Up**

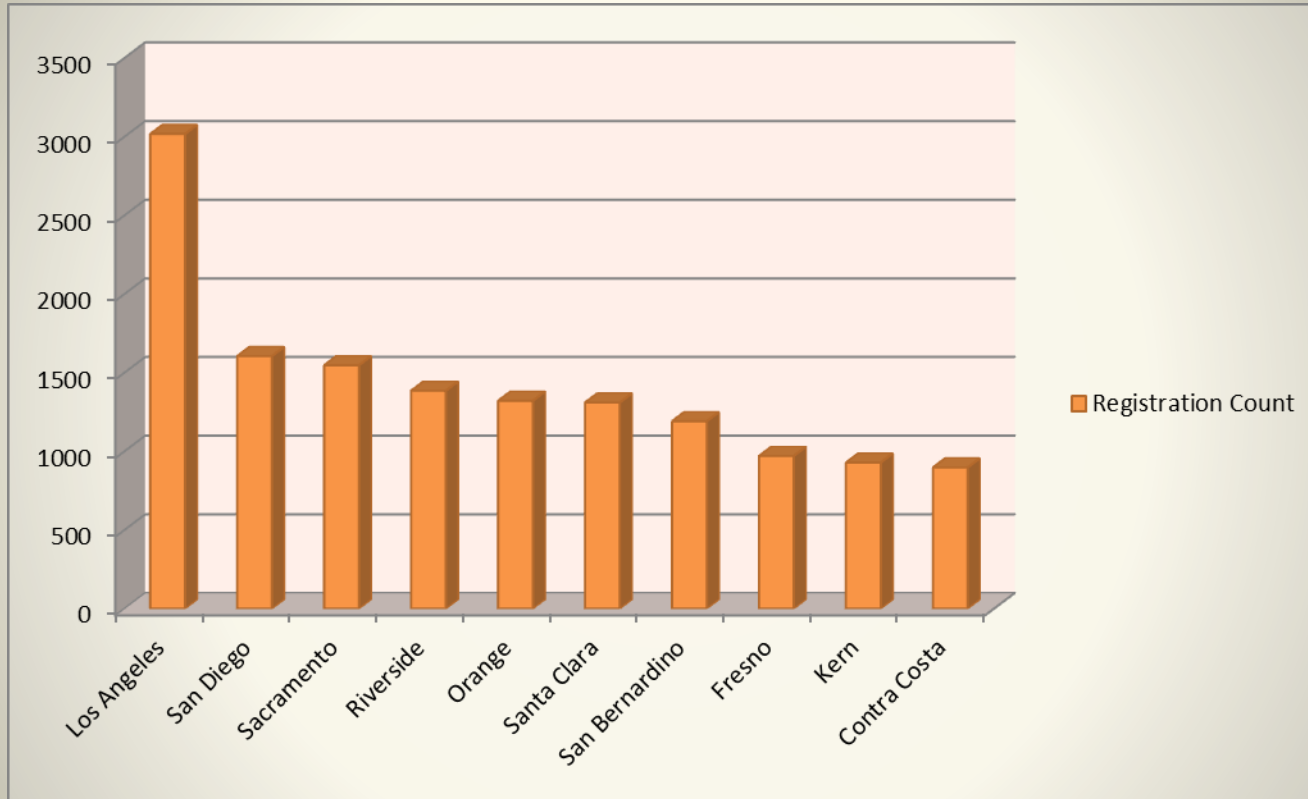


# Numbers reported to USFWS

	2013 / 2014	2014 / 2015	2015 / 2016	2016 / 2017
Number of Persons trained (Includes passed or failed)	33514	34895	36171	22808
Hunter Education Classes	3428	3379	3089	1966
Volunteers	1041	1012	1048	940
Volunteer hours	25815	27326	27254	20492
Volunteer Dollars			1256409	944681



# Top 10 Counties



# What's coming up

- Non-English tests
  - Spanish
  - Hmong
  - Simple Chinese
  - Farsi
  - Russian

# NONLEAD AMMUNITION IMPLEMENTATION

## PHASE 1

JULY 1, 2015



Nonlead ammo required on all CDFW wildlife areas, ecological reserves and bighorn sheep hunts

## PHASE 2

JULY 1, 2016



Nonlead shot required when using a shotgun to take resident small game mammals, furbearing mammals, nongame mammals, nongame birds, any wildlife for depredation purposes, and upland game birds except for dove, quail, snipe, and any game birds taken on licensed game bird clubs

## PHASE 3


JULY 1, 2019







Nonlead ammo required when taking any wildlife with a firearm in California

# Updated Student Consent Form

- Gun laws
- Visa holders

 State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**STUDENT CONSENT**  
DFW 1043 (NEW 01/05/17)

This form must be turned in before class begins in order to participate in the class.  
Note to Instructor – This form shall be retained for a period of 3 years.

**1)**  
Provide student name and review release information

**STUDENT NAME:**

I understand there is an inherent risk in the use of firearms. I hereby **RELEASE** the State of California, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and all other departments, agencies, commissions, boards, institutions, officials, employees and agents of the State, from any and all liability for any and all causes of actions which I [we] may hereafter have on account of any and all injuries to the participant's person or property, including death, arising out of or related in any way to the Participant's participation in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Course, whether such injury results from the negligence of the State of California, the Department of Fish and Wildlife or any other departments, agencies, commissions, boards, institutions, officials, employees and agents of the State, or from any other cause.

**2)**  
Based on the student's age, complete Box A Or Box B

**A) Student is 17 years old or younger**  
I,   
give my consent for my son/daughter, to participate in this hunter education course and give my express permission for my son/daughter to handle, manipulate and / or use firearms. I **have read this release and understand and agree to its terms.**

Signature of parent or guardian

Date (mm/dd/yy)

**B) Student is 18 years old or older**

I have read this release and understand and agree to its terms.

Signature of student

Date (mm/dd/yy)

**3)**  
Mark appropriate box

Any person is allowed to participate in a Hunter Education course. However, certain individuals are restricted or prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, and/or dangerous weapons because of a court order, prior conviction, immigration status, or other reason.

NOT RESTRICTED – the student named above is NOT restricted or prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, and/or dangerous weapons.

RESTRICTED – the student named above is restricted or prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, and/or dangerous weapons. Speak with the instructor prior to the class.

# HEI INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- Eligibility Criteria
  - Active status 3 years
  - Complete in-service training
  - Teach / assist teach at least 1 class per year
  - Be in good standing
    - Turn in yearly expense report, etc.

# HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PIG	7
DEER	15
UPLAND BIRD	7
FISH	4
GIFT CARD	1
HOTEL STAY	1
ELK	???



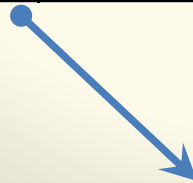
## 2015 / 2016 HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM



INCENTIVE	DONOR / SUPPORTER	LOCATION	DATE(S)	CHOICE
Pig Hunt - Guided	Indian Valley Cattle Company	Salinas	08/01 to 12/31, 2015	
Management Buck Hunt - Four day fully guided/outfitted	Arrow Five Outfitters	Trinity County	September - November	
Barbados Sheep or Wild Turkey Hunt - Guided	JP Guide Service	Casto Valley	Expires 05/31/2016	
(#1) Wild pig hunt for two HEI's - Three day; includes lodging, meals, & hunt steward	Tejon Ranch	Kern / LA County	June 17-19, 2016	
(#2) Wild pig hunt for two HEI's - Three day; includes lodging, meals, & hunt steward	Tejon Ranch	Kern / LA County	June 17-19, 2017	
(#3) Wild pig hunt for two HEI's - Three day; includes lodging, meals, & hunt steward	Tejon Ranch	Kern / LA County	June 17-19, 2018	
(#4) Wild pig hunt for two HEI's - Three day; includes lodging, meals, & hunt steward	Tejon Ranch	Kern / LA County	June 17-19, 2019	
(#5) Wild pig hunt for two HEI's - Three day; includes lodging, meals, & hunt steward	Tejon Ranch	Kern / LA County	June 17-19, 2020	
(#6) Wild pig hunt for two HEI's - Three day; includes lodging, meals, & hunt steward	Tejon Ranch	Kern / LA County	June 17-19, 2021	
Deer Tag: Zone X-1	CDFW	Modoc County	see regulations	
Deer Tag: Zone X-2	CDFW	Modoc County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-3A	CDFW	Lassen County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-3B	CDFW	Modoc County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-4	CDFW	Lassen County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-6A	CDFW	Plumas County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-6B	CDFW	Plumas County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-7A	CDFW	Sierra County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-7B	CDFW	Placer County		
Deer Tag: Zone X-8	CDFW	Alpine County		
(#1) Two doe deer hunt at Catalina Island	Catalina Island Conservancy	Catalina Island	Dec 6-8	
(#2) Two doe deer hunt at Catalina Island	Catalina Island Conservancy	Catalina Island	Dec 6-8	
(#3) Two doe deer hunt at Catalina Island	Catalina Island Conservancy	Catalina Island	Dec 6-8	
(#4) Two doe deer hunt at Catalina Island	Catalina Island Conservancy	Catalina Island	Dec 6-8	
1/2 day fishing trip - Dana Wharf Sportfishing, Dana Point	Hunter Education Instructor Association of Southern California	Dana Point		
3/4 day fishing trip aboard the Freelance - Davey's Locker, Newport Beach (Two Passes)	Hunter Education Instructor Association of Southern California	Newport Beach		
San Luis State Fishery	Chico State	San Luis Reservoir	September / October	
			Season Ends December 31, 2015	
		h, Yuba	03/10/2016 - 05/15/2016	
		rea, Madera	2016 spring turkey season	
6 bird pheasant hunt & 100 clays	Mike Raahauge shooting Enterprises	Norco / Corona	9/15-3/16	
Two Pheasants including cleaning and one round of trap at Hasting Island Hunting Preserve	Hasting Island Hunting Preserve	Rio Vista	Not Confirmed	
Five bird pheasant hunt and two rounds of sporting clays at Birds Landing Hunting Club Preserve & Sporting Clays	Birds Landing Hunting Club Preserve & Sporting Clays	Birds Landing, Solano County	Not Confirmed	
Pheasant	Black Point Pheasant Club	Sonoma	Not Confirmed	
Los Banos Grasslands Duck Hunt	Shawn Olague	Los Banos	December / January	
\$300 gift card for Sportsmans Warehouse	California Hunter Education Instructor Association	n/a	n/a	
Hofsas House Hotel package	Hofsas House Hotel	Carmel		

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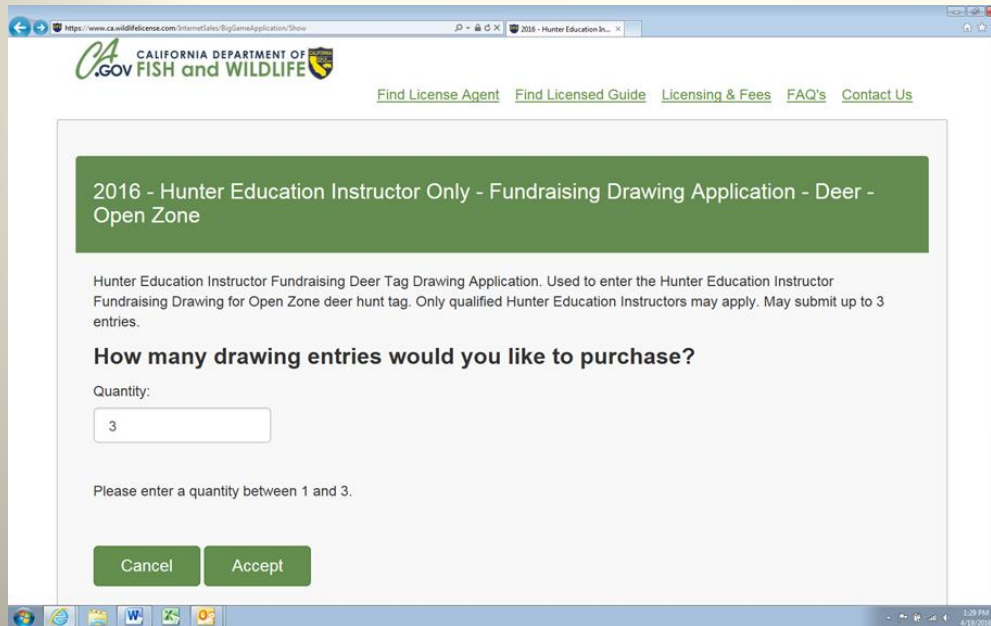
California Hunter Education Instructor Association



These incentives were donated to recruit, retain and reward Hunter Education Instructors. They can only be used by the HEI (and guest if indicated in incentive) who accepts the incentive and may not be transferred to another.

# HEI Open Zone Deer Fundraising Tag

- One Open zone deer tag
- Each HEI can purchase up to 3 entries



2016 - Hunter Education Instructor Only - Fundraising Drawing Application - Deer - Open Zone

Hunter Education Instructor Fundraising Deer Tag Drawing Application. Used to enter the Hunter Education Instructor Fundraising Drawing for Open Zone deer hunt tag. Only qualified Hunter Education Instructors may apply. May submit up to 3 entries.

**How many drawing entries would you like to purchase?**

Quantity:

Please enter a quantity between 1 and 3.

# OPEN ZONE DEER TAGS

- 2015 OPEN ZONE FUNDRAISING TAG
  - 1 TAG
  - 21,766 ENTRIES
- 2015 HEI OPEN ZONE FUNDRAISING TAG
  - 1 TAG
  - 593 ENTRIES
    - 236 HEI's





# THANK YOU FOR PASSING ON THE TRADITION

