

# Your 2020 Hunter Education Instructor Correspondence Course

Welcome!

We are sorry you could not attend the Northern regional conference in February. After giving our “State of the Program” address, our presentations consisted of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Encouraging Your Audience to Listen (Effective Communication), You are the Coordinator and a legal update presented by CRPA.

We have put together some of the highlights for you to learn from and hopefully pass on to your students. You can download and print out the questions from the HEI Resource Page and answer each question as you read thru the following pages. Then, transfer those answers to the quiz in the on-line HEI Correspondence Course.

Thank you again for helping “Pass On The Tradition.”

# Opening Remarks

Video: [https://youtu.be/qXIVlrQ\\_Czc](https://youtu.be/qXIVlrQ_Czc)



**David Bess, Chief of ENF Christy Wurster, Asst. Chief of NED ENF. Dan Lehman, Asst. Chief of ENF**

# Hunter Education Instructors Statistics

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**2019 Hunter Education Instructors**  
HEI's donated **39,617** hours to Hunter Education



**2019 Students Attended Hunter Education Classes**  
**25,918** Students Certified

# Program History

Video: <https://youtu.be/-3lzOdwiZHo>



**Captain Robert Pelzman, Hunter Education Program Administrator**

# Program History

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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

# Safest Decade in Program History

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## **ZERO fatalities in 2019**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the 2010 decade
  - 2017
  - 2019

## **Stats for 2010 decade**

- 16 fatalities
- 102 non-fatalities
- 118 total casualties
- 4.25 casualties per 100,000 hunters

# Major Factors of Casualty

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game – 5

- Ricochet - 2

Victim out of sight of shooter – 1

Trigger caught on object – 1

# Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

## 5 incidents (2 Ricochet)

### ◦ 2 Waterfowl

#### Kern

- Shooter in kayak type watercraft.
- Victim covered by shooter swinging on game, ricochet
- Victim struck by multiple pellets in the leg/thigh

#### Siskiyou

- Shooter shot at a crippled Duck on the water.
- Victim covered by shooter swinging on game, ricochet
- Victim was struck by multiple pellets to the face (victim was wearing safety glasses)

### ◦ 3 Upland Game Bird

#### Riverside

- Shooter shot at the same Dove as the Victim.
- Victim struck by multiple pellets to the face, chest and arm.

#### Klamath

- Shooter shot at a Pheasant and missed.
- Victim covered by shooter swinging on game.
- Victim was struck by multiple pellets to the back.

#### Tulare

- During a Youth Pheasant Hunt, a young shooter, shot at a Pheasant near another hunter.
- Victim covered by shooter swinging on game
- Victim was struck by two pellets in the face and in the chest.



## Victim out of sight of shooter



### 1 Upland Game Bird

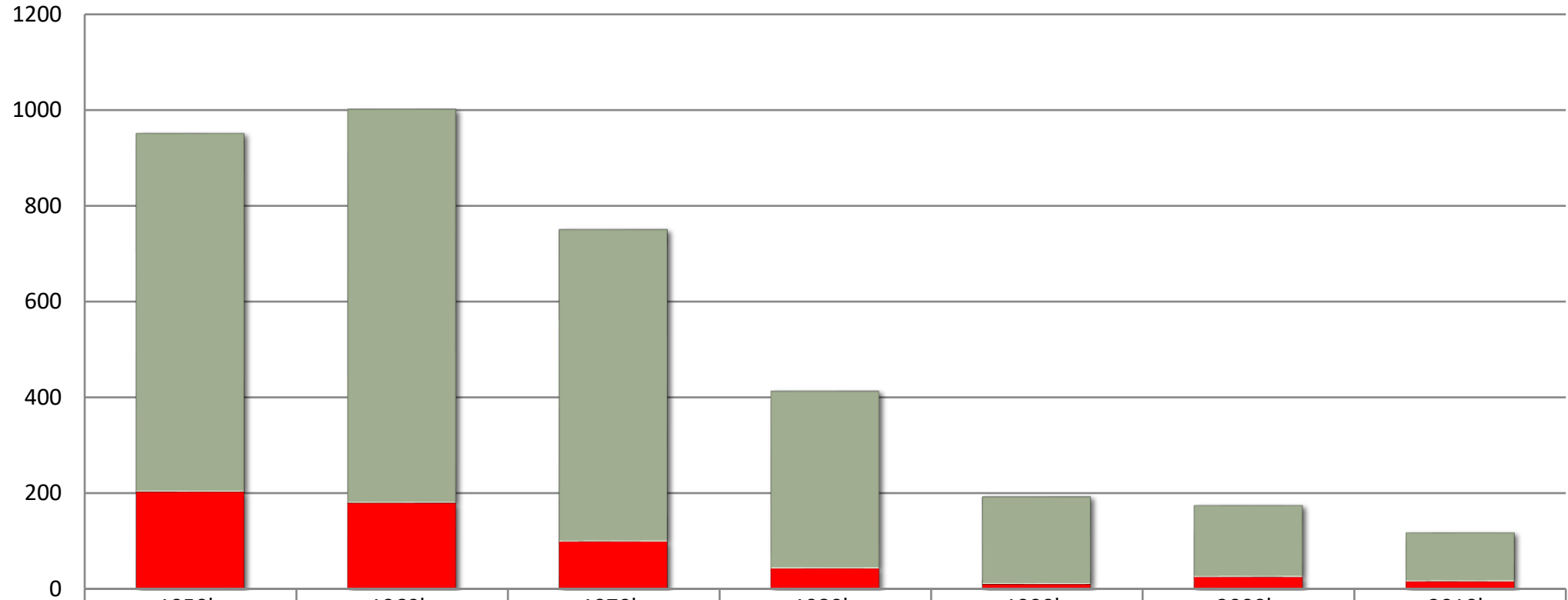
- Shooter – Unknown
- Victim out of sight of shooter
- While Dove/Pigeon hunting, victim was struck with multiple pellets to upper body and face.

# Trigger caught on object

## 1 Big Game – Deer

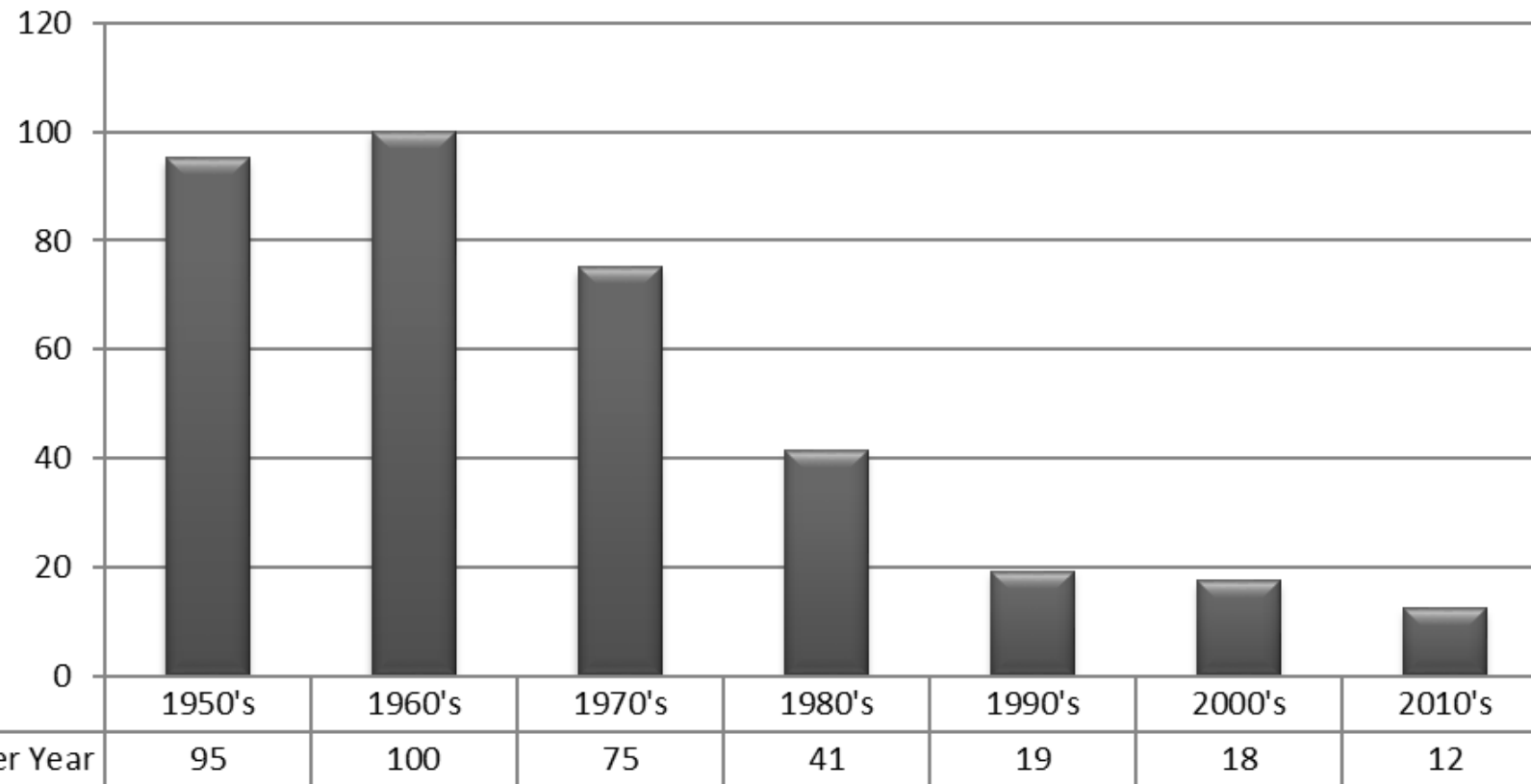
- Shooter/Victim thought his handgun was unloaded.
- Trigger caught on the holster.
- Victim was shot through the ankle and foot.

## Hunter Casualties by Decade

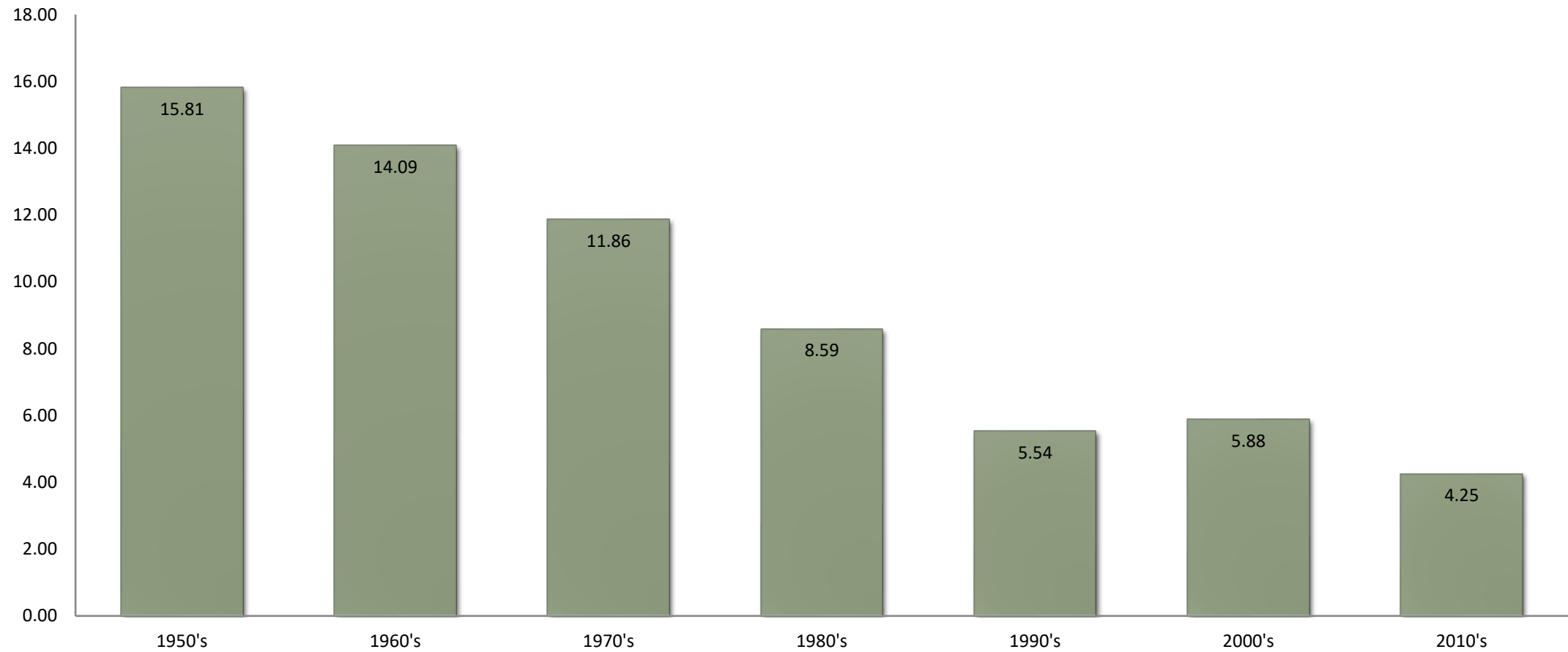


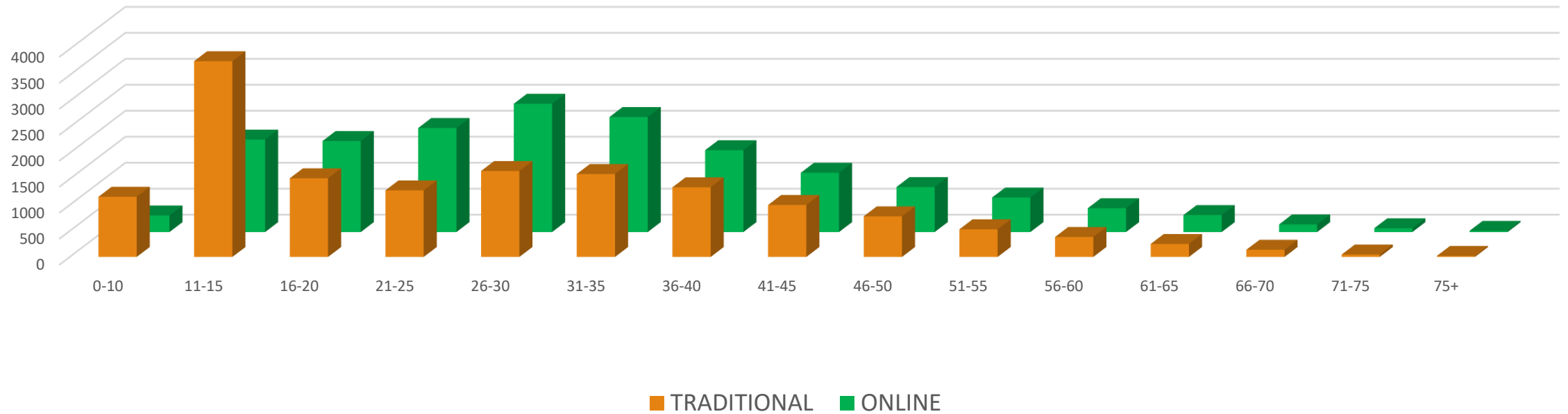
	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010's
Non-Fatal	749	822	652	371	183	150	102
Fatal	203	180	99	43	10	25	16

## Hunter Casualties Average per Year



## Hunter Casualties per 100,000 Licensed Hunters

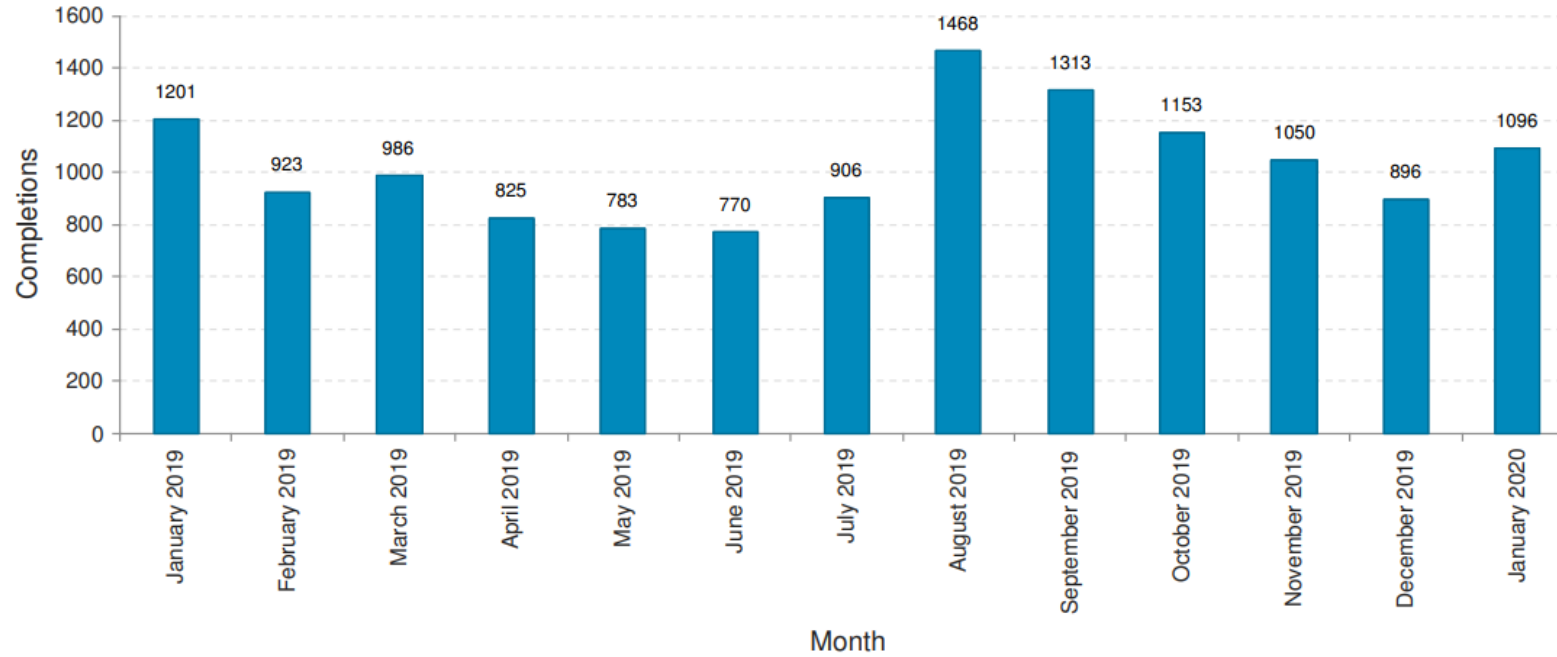




# AGE OF STUDENTS

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Number of Online Course Completions History



# CLASS TIMING

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# Stats reported to USFWS

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	2017 / 2018	2018/2019
Number of Persons trained (Includes passed or failed)	26880	26879
Hunter Education Classes	1562	1569
Volunteers	870	927
Volunteer hours	33480	37008
Volunteer Dollars	1570212	1735675



# HEI INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Incentive Drawing

Fund-Raising Tag

## 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.

# Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA)

Video: [https://youtu.be/xfCc\\_2VpYik](https://youtu.be/xfCc_2VpYik)



**ACCESS &  
OPPORTUNITY**

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS

We believe the right to access flowing and frozen water shouldn't be determined by the size of your bank account or the deed you hold to a piece of trophy property. After all, the fish that live within and the waterfowl that thrive on our public water belongs to all of us - and in most cases, the water does too.

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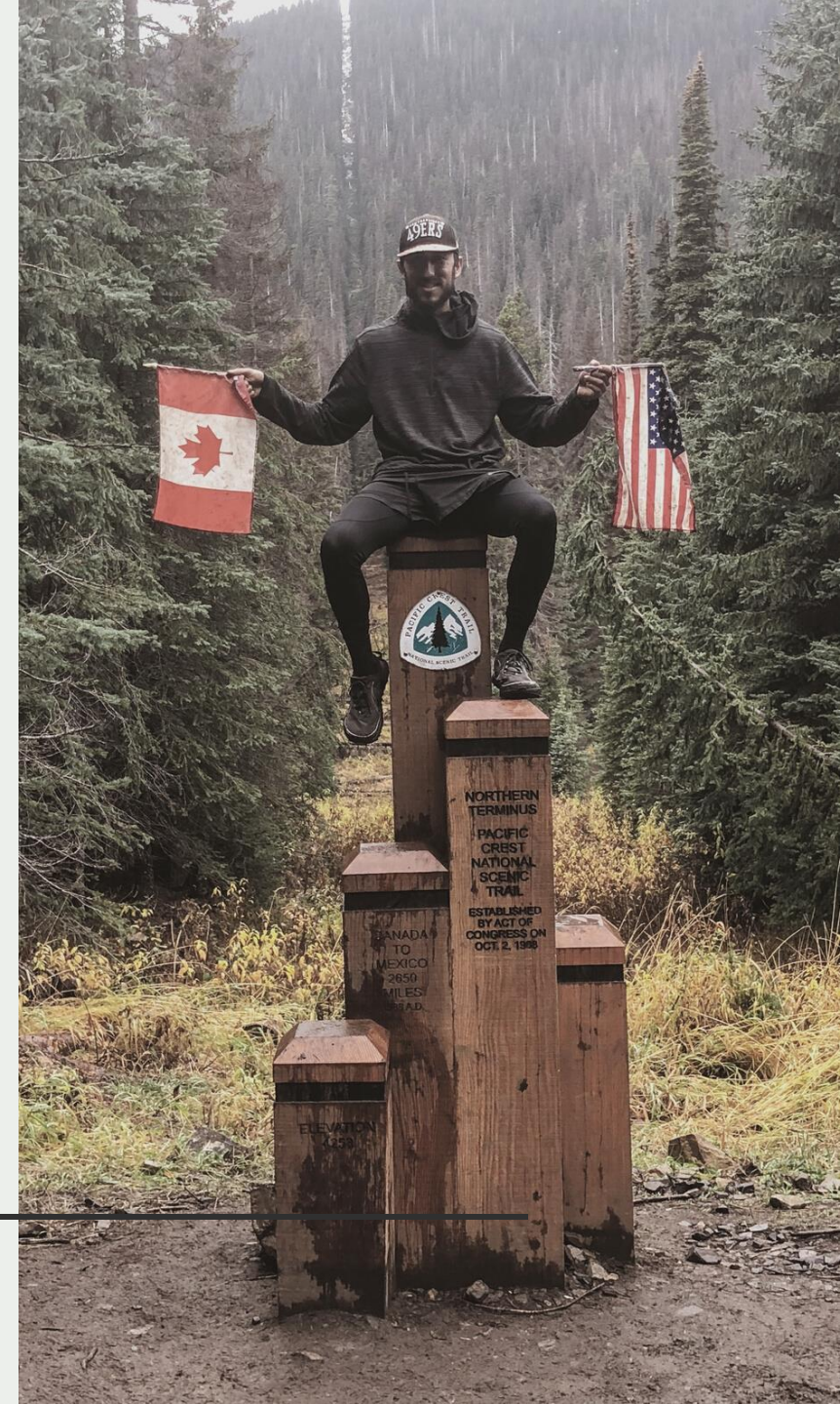
**Nick Fasciano, Presenter**

# Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA)

THE MISSION OF BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS & ANGLERS IS TO ENSURE NORTH AMERICA'S OUTDOOR HERITAGE OF HUNTING AND FISHING IN A NATURAL SETTING, THROUGH EDUCATION AND WORK ON BEHALF OF WILD PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS.

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# BHA DEMOGRAPHICS

- BHA IS REPRESENTED BY CHAPTERS IN 45 STATES, WASHINGTON D.C., 2 CANADIAN PROVINCES, AND ONE CANADIAN TERRITORY.
- MEMBERS IN ALL STATES AND CANADIAN PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES
- 40,000 MEMBERS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC LANDS – UP FROM 1,300 IN 2013
- 68% OF OUR MEMEBERS ARE 45 AND YOUNGER
- PARTY AFFILIATION
  - 33% INDEPENDENT
  - 23% REPUBLICAN
  - 20% DEMOCRAT
- STRIVING TO COMBINE SAGE WISDOM WITH YOUTH EXUBERANCE BY ELEVATING THE VOICE OF OUR GRASSROOTS LEADERS

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# BHA FOCUS

- ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY
- PUBLIC LANDS & WATERS
- FAIR CHASE



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# Good Communication is...

- The single most important quality successful HE instructors possess.
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# *Effective Communication*

Video: <https://youtu.be/PJIN9rmC2ww>



**Ethan Rotman, Fishing in the City Coordinator**



# Effective Communication:


- Enhances credibility
- Helps others understand your work
- Encourages desired behavior
- Assists decision makers
- Fosters support





# Effective Communicator . . .

Questions to think about –

- At the end of your presentation, what do you want your audience to know?
  - At the end of your presentation, what do you want them to do?
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# You're the Coordinator

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# *You're the Coordinator*

Video: <https://youtu.be/9EuSGjc6gu0>



**Lieutenant Liz Gregory, Hunter Education Northern District Coordinator**



# HEI Policy – Class Fees, Page 18 - 19

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- Is there a problem with charging an extra fee for tutoring?
  - **YES**, there is a problem with charging an extra fee for tutoring. The instructor may not profit from teaching Hunter Education classes (FGC, Section 3052)
- What if a student has a learning disability or English is their second language, can you charge an extra fee for translation or reading the test to a student?
  - **NO**, the instructor may not charge an extra fee for helping a student with a learning disability or language barrier.



# HEI Policy – CLASS PAPERWORK, Page 19 -20

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- What is the time frame to submit all results to the Hunter Education Program through the Event Manager system?
  - When an HEI is instructing or assisting in instructing a course, all sections must be completed and submitted in Event Manager within 14 days of completion of the course.
  - The 2019 HEI Policy revision: Changed from “within 30 days” to “within 14 days”.



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