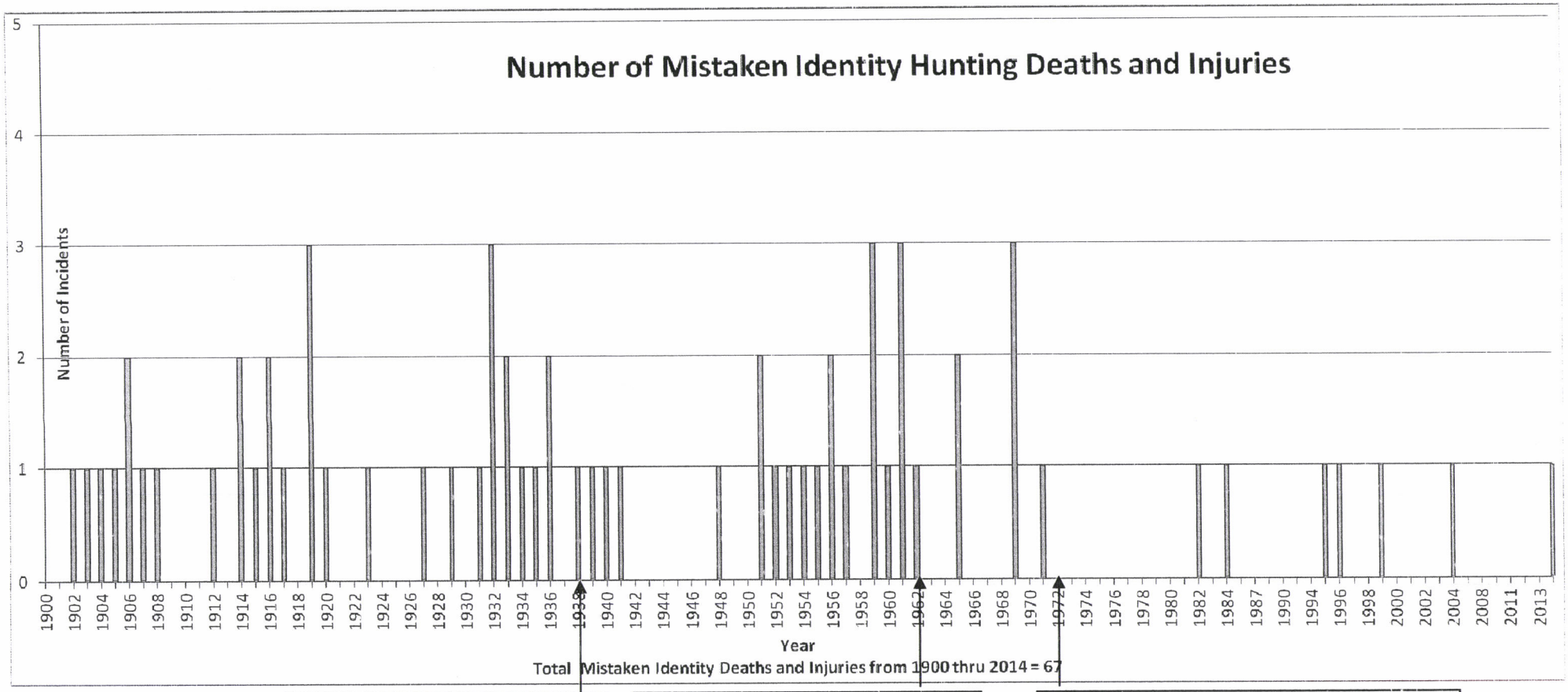

1937: A law is passed requiring hunters to wear "a cap or hat, shirt jacket, coat or sweater of a **bright red** color."

1961: Law is amended so a person must wear "as an *exterior garment*, a cap or hat, shirt jacket, coat or sweater of a bright red. ***orange or yellow color***."

1971 the Legislature passed Senate Bill 68, which required big game hunters and guides to wear no less than 400 square inches of "**Hunter Orange" beginning May 1, 1972**.

Montana does not have a mandatory reporting law for hunting incidents, which means data on this subject is limited and incomplete. The more recent reports-post 2009-were gathered from news articles word of mouth, and FWP game wardens working through their local Sheriff's Offices. As such, FWP does not maintain that these are the only hunting incidents that occurred during this time period. The majority of this information was extracted from Tom Donovan's book, *Dying to Hunt in Montana*, published in 2009. As Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) was not involved in the research or writing of this book, FWP cannot confirm the historical accuracy or completeness of the reports.

***The 2014 incident was a poacher/trespasser who mistook the landowner for the wounded deer he was attempting to locate and dispatch.**

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The 24 year period from 1938 thru 1962 saw 22 mistaken identity incidents or an average of .916 per year

From 1900 thru 1930 - 22 mistaken ID incidents or an average of .73 per year

From 1900 thru 1962 – 54 mistaken ID incidents or an average of .87 per year

From 1900 thru 2014 a total of 67 mistaken ID incidents have occurred or an average of .587 per year

10 States without hunter orange:

Alaska, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, New Mexico, California, Nevada, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire