



## **2017 Gun Deer Season Speaking Points:**

The 2017 gun-deer season is upon us in Wisconsin. This is a time of year when many hunting enthusiasts take to the woods to harvest a deer. This great tradition is shared among friends and family. To have a safe and enjoyable experience this season, please remember these safety tips:

### ***Four Rules of Firearm (and crossbow) Safety:***

- Treat every firearm/crossbow as if it were loaded
- Always point the firearm/crossbow in a safe direction
- Be certain of your target and what's beyond
- Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot

### ***Follow Basic Treestand Safety:***

- Always wear a full-body harness and connect to your tether line
- Always maintain three points of contact while climbing in and out
- Always use a haul line to raise, lower the **unloaded** firearm or crossbow
- Always use a "lifeline" or similar product when climbing up and down

### ***Plan your Hunt; Hunt your Plan:***

- Let someone know where you are going and when you will return
- Take a cell phone with you
- Review and stick to your hunting plan and make sure all in the hunting party honor it
- Check the weather and be prepared

### ***Be Aware, Be Certain, Be seen and Be SAFE:***

- Know the property you are hunting and if anyone else is on the property
- Be aware of your surroundings and positively identify your target and what's beyond before taking the shot.
- Blaze orange or fluorescent *PINK* is required to wear during any firearm deer season. It is equally important for non-hunters recreating during this time to wear bright colors.
- Review the four rules of firearm safety principles: **TABK** (*see top category*)