



SHARP Logger Program -- 2009 Annual Report

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 3200 individuals have completed the core program to become SHARP loggers. This represents the majority of all logging businesses in VA. As a result the primary focus of the SHARP logger program continues to be on Continuing Education (CE) classes.
- ❖ The SHARP logger program strives to offer a broad variety of CE classes tailored to local needs. One of the primary focuses of CE classes during 2009 included GPS Workshops which were offered at 11 locations and coincided with the VDOF's emphasis on encouraging harvest notification in Latitude and Longitude format. The SHARP logger program also offered its first ever online CE classes in 2009. These two online classes offered loggers an opportunity to earn a total of 2 CE credits online. Response has been positive and additional online classes are planned.
- ❖ The SHARP logger program also completed a comprehensive survey of all current SHARP loggers. The response rate and survey results were outstanding and results will lead to multiple publications and valuable information for program planning.
- ❖ A total of 1236 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one SHARP Logger activity during 2009. There were 49 programs approved for SHARP Logger Continuing Education credits offered throughout Virginia in 2009.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 4 locations and a total of 109 "new" SHARP Loggers completed the core program requirements in 2009.
- ❖ 363 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/10 for their 3 year renewal cycle. 185 SHARP Loggers successfully completed the 12 credit CE requirement and renewed, while 178 failed to meet the CE requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing. This is consistent with past years, and many of these SHARP Loggers will earn the CE credits needed to re-gain their SHARP logger standing in 2010.
- ❖ As of January 1, 2010 there were 1388 current Virginia SHARP Loggers, which is a net loss of only 6 since 1/1/09.
- ❖ The Virginia SHARP Logger Program continues to be a **cooperative effort** between the VA SFI Implementation Committee, the Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Forestry Association, the Virginia Logger's Association, the Virginia Department of Forestry, as well as many other forest products companies, state agencies, insurance industry firms, loggers and private landowners. These supporters provided training expertise, financial support, facilities, and field sites for SHARP Logger programs. **Without the help of everyone involved, the Sharp Logger Program could not succeed.**

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VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2009

SHARP Loggers trained in 2009

	Individuals
Completed Core Program and Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2009	109
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2009	9
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2009	1236

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	3210
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/10 & have 1 year grace period to renew	178
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/10	150
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	14
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/10	1388

2009 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Chainsaw Safety	4
Equipment Demos and EXPOS	2
Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	2
GPS for Loggers & Foresters	11
BCAP Informational Session for Loggers	1
Logger Safety Awareness Workshop	7
Gypsy Moth Training	6
BMP & Water Quality Workshops	8
Wildlife Management	1
Other programs approved for SHARP CE Credits	7

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours - Core & CE Programs	6394
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* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours