

SHARP Logger Program -- 2011 Annual Report

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 3400 individuals have completed the core program to become SHARP loggers. These individuals represent the majority of all logging businesses in Virginia. 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. Some of the new CE classes offered for the first time this year were:
 - An Overview of Biomass Harvesting in Virginia,
 - A workshop on Invasive/Exotic Species and Threatened & Endangered Species,
 - An OSHA refresher component was added to the Logging Safety Awareness class to incorporate the use of the new Virginia Logger Safety Checklist Booklets.
- ❖ Two additional online trainings were added to bring the total to 5 online trainings. The new online trainings were, Basic Chainsaw Safety & Directional Felling, and How to Conduct a Property Deed Search. Many SHARP Loggers appreciate this training option and usage of the online trainings is increasing.
- ❖ A total of 814 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2011. There were 34 programs approved for SHARP Logger Continuing Education credits in 2011.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 5 locations and a total of 98 “new” SHARP Loggers completed the core program requirements in 2011.
- ❖ 196 SHARP Loggers renewed their SHARP Logger status on 1/1/2012 while 173 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.
- ❖ After several years of declining numbers of current SHARP Loggers, on January 1, 2012 there were 1336 current Virginia SHARP Loggers, which is a net gain of 12 since 1/1/11 and a net loss of only 58 since 1/1/09. The number of current SHARP loggers appears to have stabilized around the range of 1300 to 1400 active participants.
- ❖ 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 2011

SHARP Loggers trained in 2011

Individuals

Completed Core Program and Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2011	98
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2011	13
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2011	814

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	3409
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/12 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	173
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/12	129
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	14
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/12	1336

2011 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Equipment Demos and EXPOS	1
Chainsaw Safety	4
GPS for Loggers & Foresters	1
Basic Timber Cruising Workshop	2
Logger Safety Awareness & OSHA Refresher	4
Gypsy Moth Training	2
BMP & Water Quality Workshops	3
Negotiating Skills Workshop	1
Invasive/ Exotic and Threatened & Endangered Species Workshop	1
Overview of Biomass Harvesting in Virginia	3
Online CE Classes	5
Other programs approved for SHARP CE Credits	7

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs	6210
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* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours