

SHARP Logger Program -- 2017 Annual Report

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 4100 individuals have completed the core program to become SHARP loggers. These individuals represent the vast majority of all logging capacity in Virginia.
- ❖ The SHARP logger program strives to offer a broad variety of Continuing Education (CE) classes tailored to local needs. Training opportunities include both face to face classes and online training options. With a change in the SHARP Logger CE requirements, SHARP Loggers are required to attend a face to face “SHARP Logger Update” workshop at least once during each 3 year renewal period:
 - This new required update class was offered 13 times at locations across Virginia in 2017
- ❖ A total of 743 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2017.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 6 locations (Galax, Franklin, Lynchburg, Rockingham, Providence Forge, and Pattonville) with a total of 102 “new” SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2017.
- ❖ A total of 394 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/18; 188 earned at least 12 CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 206 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.
- ❖ On January 1, 2018 there were 1298 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. Many of the individuals dropped on 1/1/18 will likely regain their SHARP logger status during 2018. The number of current SHARP loggers appears relatively stable around 1300 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.**

VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2017

SHARP Loggers trained in 2017

Individuals

Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2017	102
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2017	9
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2017	743

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	4131
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/18 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	206
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/18	178
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	8
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/18	1298

2017 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Required "SHARP Logger Update" Courses	13
Wildlife Management Workshop	3
Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer Trainings	1
Total online trainings available	8

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs	5643
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* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours