SHARP Logger Program -- 2018 Annual Report
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❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 4200 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 "SHARP Logger Update" workshop at least once during each 3 year renewal period:
  o This new required update class was offered 20 times at locations across Virginia in 2018.

❖ A total of 939 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2018.

❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 5 locations (Stuart, Franklin, Alberta, Clifton Forge, Halifax) with a total of 97 "new" SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2018.

❖ A total of 373 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/19; 179 earned at least 12 CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 194 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.

❖ On January 1, 2019 there were 1298 current Virginia SHARP Loggers; exactly the same number as on 1/1/2018. 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 2018

SHARP Loggers trained in 2018	Individuals
Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2018	97
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2018	8
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2018	939

Summary of current SHARP Loggers	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	4221
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/19 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	194
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/19	123
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	4
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/18	**1298**

2018 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered	
Required "SHARP Logger Update" Courses	20
Legal Challenges in Logging Business Management	2
Richmond EXPO	1
Hardwood Management Workshop	1
Sustainable Forestry and Forest Products	2
Total online trainings available	8

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs	5901

Total training contact hours
* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours