

## **SHARP Logger Program -- 2019 Annual Report**

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 4300 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. SHARP Loggers are required to attend a “SHARP Logger Update” workshop at least once during each 3 year renewal period:
  - This required SHARP Logger Update Class was offered 16 times at locations across Virginia in 2019.
- ❖ A total of 1,038 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2019.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 6 locations (Bedford, Caroline, Halifax, Galax, King & Queen, and Clifton Forge) with a total of 82 “new” SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2019.
- ❖ A total of 629 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/20; 284 earned at least 12 CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 345 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.
- ❖ On January 1, 2020 there were 1,097 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. Many of the individuals dropped on 1/1/20 will likely regain their SHARP logger status during 2020.
- ❖ 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 2019

|   | Individuals |
|---|-------------|
| Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2019 | 82          |
| Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2019  | 11          |
| Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2019   | 1038        |

## Summary of current SHARP Loggers

|  | Individuals |
|--|-------------|
| Received SHARP Logger Standing to date                                     | 4303        |
| Dropped from current listing on 1/1/20 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status | 345         |
| Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/2020                               | 144         |
| Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business       | 2           |
| <b>Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/20</b>                                      | <b>1097</b> |

## 2019 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Required "SHARP Logger Update" Classes      | 16 |
| Legal Issues for Logging Businesses         | 2  |
| Log and Lumber Grading                      | 1  |
| Logger Safety Day (Chainsaw safety w/ demo) | 2  |
| Sustainable Forestry CE                     | 1  |
| Total online trainings available            | 8  |

## Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours\*

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|---|------|
| Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs | 5692 |
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### Total training contact hours

\* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours