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Online Logging Safety Resources at www.loggingsafety.com

With an increasing number of loggers using the internet, I thought I would share some good websites related to logging safety. One of the most useful and comprehensive sources for online safety information is www.loggingsafety.com. This website is sponsored by the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety (THATS) foundation administered by the Forest Resources Association (FRA) www.forestresources.org. The wide variety of materials available on the [loggingsafety.com](http://www.loggingsafety.com) website includes the comprehensive *Timber Harvesting Safety Manual* which like many of their materials are available in English and Spanish. The site also includes a *First Year Safety Program for New Employees* which focuses on training for new employees and is based on Virginia Tech forest operations research which showed that nearly one half of all logging injuries occur to workers with less than one year on the job. This site also contains FRA Safety alerts from the past ten years which can be used for monthly safety meetings. In addition there are safety related technical releases, loss control overviews, safety brochures, links to safety videos which can be purchased, as well as links to many other safety related resources. If you have access to the internet, this site provides a wealth of information which you can use for your company's safety program.

Other useful links

While you are online you might also want to check out these other safety related links.

OSHA - The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) maintains a website specific to logging at www.osha.gov/SLTC/logging/index.html this site provides information relevant to OSHA enforcement and the logging industry.

OSHA Logging eTool - The OSHA website also provides an interactive Logging eTool which outlines the required and recommended practices to reduce risk on logging jobs. The logging eTool can be found at www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/logging/mainpage.html or by simply searching online for "OSHA logging eTool".

If you don't want to type in all of the information in the links above, these and other links can be found on the SHARP Logger website at www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu, when you are at the SHARP Logger homepage just click on "Resources".

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Upcoming Continuing Education (CE) classes

Notice that the number of CE credits you need is printed above your name on the mailing label, this is the number of CE credits that you still need to earn before your renewal date. As a reminder, SHARP loggers must earn 12 CE credits every 3 years in order to maintain their current SHARP logger status. So for example if you have earned 3 credits your label will say "You need 9 More CE credits before January 1, 20XX." If it says you need credits before 1/1/2010 then your SHARP logger Status has EXPIRED and you must earn the required CE credits by the end of this year or else you would have to retake the core program to become a SHARP Logger again. Please note that credits from the Richmond EXPO were not entered prior to this newsletter.

The following is the list of currently scheduled CE classes.

Location	Description (CE Credits)	Dates	Registration Contact
Nelson County	Area Logger Day (6 CE Credits)	6/17/10	Contact VCE Madison Co. 540-948-6881
	This program will be a combination of indoor and outdoor events and will cover safety topics such as required PPE, Lock out/ tag out, recent injuries and incidents and will include a field exercise on chainsaw safety and directional felling using the open face notch. A similar program is offered at the Danville location below.		
Danville	Area Logger Day (6 CE Credits)	9/21/10 9AM-4PM	VCE Halifax Co. 434-476-2147
	Same program as described above. For more information or to register contact the VCE Halifax Office.		
Franklin, VA	Logging Safety Awareness (3 CE)	7/7/10 6-9PM	To register, Contact Neil Clark 757-657-6450 EXT. 406
	This program will include multiple logging safety topics including recent trends in logging accidents and injuries.		
Clifton Forge	Logging Safety Awareness (3 CE)	9/9/10 2-5 PM.	To register, contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494
	This program will include multiple logging safety topics including recent trends in logging accidents and injuries.		
Augusta Co.	BMP workshop (6 CE)	7/8/10 9AM-4PM.	To register, contact Rodger Moyers—VDOF 540-363-7002
	This workshop will include a refresher on BMP's for water quality as well as a field exercise and discussion on harvest planning and BMP implementation.		
Clifton Forge	Basic Timber Cruising workshop (6 CE)	7/29/10 - 9AM-4PM	Contact VCE Rockingham 540-564-3080
	This introductory level program will cover the basics of timber cruising. Participants will learn basic tree and log measurements and will perform a cruise to estimate volume of standing timber.		
Clifton Forge	AFMG EXPO at Dabney Lancaster Community College (1 CE)	9/11/10	All day event.
	Preregistration is NOT required. To receive SHARP Logger CE credit, sign in at the AFMG Booth.		

BMP Issues & Practical Solutions + GPS Workshop (Two separate Classes 3 CE Each - you can attend either one or both)

GPS Workshop - Covers the basics of using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit, and how to obtain coordinates of a location, acreage, distance, and navigate to a location. GPS Units are provided for use during class. Participants may be eligible for reimbursement by the VDOF for 50% of the cost of purchasing a GPS (up to \$65 reimbursement).

BMP Issues & Practical Solutions—Will include a refresher on BMP's for water quality and focus on recent information from the VDOF's BMP audits and will highlight the successes of BMP implementation as well as areas which need more focus to improve implementation.

Both classes will be held in the following locations with GPS from 9AM—Noon and BMP's from 1-4PM unless otherwise noted.

For more information or to register contact the person listed for that class.

Bedford **July 16** To register, Contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494 or E-mail: sharplogger@vt.edu

Galax **July 22**** For this class BMP's will be from 9:30-12:30 and GPS will be from 1:30-4:30

To register, contact Bill Worrell, VCE Russell Co. 276-889-8056 bworrell@vt.edu

Clifton Forge **August 12** To register contact VCE Rockingham Co. 540-564-3080

Brunswick Co. **Aug. 17** To register, Contact Virgie Dow at the VCE Brunswick Co. Office 434-848-2151 vdow@vt.edu

Scottsville **August 20** To register, contact the VCE Madison Co. office at 540-948-6881

New Kent **August 20** To register, contact Neil Clark 757-657-6450 EXT. 406 or E-mail southeast@vt.edu

2010 Core SHARP Logger Program Schedule

The remaining SHARP Logger core classes for 2010 are listed below. If you know of anyone who needs to complete the core program to become a SHARP logger, please pass this information along to them. The core program consists of classes on Sustainable Forestry, Logging Safety, and Harvest Planning & BMP's. Participants must attend all 3 of the core classes to become a SHARP Logger. For more information please get in touch with the registration contact listed for the class you would like to attend.

Location	Dates	Registration Contact
West Point Area	June 18*, June 25*, and July 16*	Neil Clark 757-657-6450 EXT. 406 or E-mail southeast@vt.edu * PLEASE NOTE —This class was originally scheduled for Sept/Oct and these are the new dates.
Farmville Area	August 27, Sept. 3, & Sept 10	VCE Halifax Co. 434-476-2147 or E-mail jasonf@vt.edu
Louisa	December 2, 9, 16	VCE Madison Co. 540-948-6881

Online Logger Training

If you still need additional CE credits, there are currently 2 classes you can complete online from home and when it suits your schedule. 1 more online class is already in preparation and we hope to have more in the future.

The two classes available so far were developed in cooperation with the VDOF and can be viewed from the SHARP Logger Website. The classes are "Protecting Water Quality with BMP's in Virginia", and "Laws Affecting Water Quality and Forestry Operations in Virginia".

Combined, these classes have already been viewed over 150 times. SHARP loggers that have completed the classes so far have overwhelmingly indicated that the classes are easy to use, they would like to use online classes again, and have told us that it saves time and money compared to traveling to a class. While we have no intention of replacing "face to face" classes, we do intend to offer more online classes as another option to help SHARP Loggers earn the CE credits they need.

To complete the online classes go to our website at www.sharplogger.vt.edu On the home page, click on "Online Training", then review the instructions and click on the class you would like to view. Each class will count for 1 SHARP Logger CE credit, for SAF Certified Foresters, each class will count for .5 CFE credit. Follow the instructions online to submit for SHARP CE credits. You will need to have your SHARP Logger number to submit for CE credit.



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Visit us on the web to find more useful information.

You can check your CE credits, complete online classes, find the most up to date list of upcoming SHARP Logger classes and find links to other related websites and sources of information.

Be sure to visit the "Resources" page of our website to find links to other information.

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VFA & VLA Membership Reminder

Membership in the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) or the Virginia Loggers Association (VLA) can count for 1 CE credit per 3 year SHARP Logger renewal period. If you are a member of both organizations you could earn a total of 2 CE credits per 3 year period. The full SHARP Logger CE requirements can be found on the SHARP logger website or you can get a copy by calling Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494.

The Virginia Forestry Association

The VFA is dedicated to “Promoting stewardship and wise use of the Commonwealth’s forest resources for the economic and environmental benefits of all Virginians.”

Additional information as well as membership applications can be found at

www.veforestry.org

Or by calling 804-278-8733



The Virginia Loggers Association

The VLA is “Dedicated to education, training and promoting a better understanding of the Forest Products Industry to the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Additional information can be found at:

www.valoggers.org

Or by calling 434-589-1942

