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2022-23 Online SHARP Logger Update Class

We are posting a new version of the SHARP Logger Update Class on the website at www.SharpLogger.vt.edu/OnlineCE.html. This is replacing the 2020 Webinar recording as a way to complete the required Update online. For now, the 2022-23 version works the same way as the 2020 version: it is one 3 hour long video with a few quiz questions scattered throughout. You can pause the video, but if you close it completely, you will have to start over at the beginning. You will need to click the link in the last "quiz" screen to enter your information and get credit. You may need to exit "full screen view" on your device to see the link. Do not click "submit quiz". We continue to work on finding a better format for the online version of this class.

Spotted Lanternfly & Red Imported Fire Ant Quarantine Expansions

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) quarantine has been expanded to include Albemarle, Augusta, Carroll, Page, Prince William, Rockingham, Rockbridge, Shenandoah, and Wythe Counties and the Cities of Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Lynchburg, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, and Waynesboro, as well as the original Counties of Clarke, Frederick, and Warren and City of Winchester.

Effective in December 2022, the Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) quarantine area will expand to include Charlotte, Dinwiddie, Halifax, Lunenburg, and Sussex Counties in addition to the original municipalities.

Great care must be taken to prevent spreading SLF and RIFA on logs and equipment from these areas and nearby parts of neighboring states. More information can be found at https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services.shtml.

Virginia Department of Labor and Industry

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) administers the OSHA program in Virginia (VOSH). While we tend to think of enforcement and fines when we think of OSHA, the agency has many tools and resources to *prevent* accidents and injuries. These resources include a "consultation" program that is separate from their "enforcement" program. VOSH consultants can provide free, confidential, on-site evaluations to improve safety and reduce possible fines from the enforcement program. At DOLI's request, we have included three extra pages about their program in this newsletter.

All classes tentative. Check www.SHARPlogger.vt.edu/training.html or contact the SHARP Logger Program at SHARPlogger@vt.edu or 540-231-6494 for the most up-to-date information.

How Many Credits Do I Need?? How Can I Check My Credits??

We are shifting everyone to an 8-credit, 2-year renewal cycle, based on year of completion. If you became a SHARP logger in 2021 or renewed your status on 1/1/2022, then you now must earn 8 CE credits every 2 years. Otherwise, you still must earn 12 CE credits for your next renewal. Everyone must take the 3-credit, required SHARP Logger Update Class in every renewal cycle. **The number of CE credits you need is printed above your name on the mailing label.** If the label says "Update Needed" then you have not attended the required SHARP Logger Update Class and need the Update before you can renew. **Even if you have more than enough credits, you must take the Update.** The label will also show your expiration date. If it says your credits are due by 1/1/2022 then your SHARP logger status has expired and you must earn the required CE credits by the end of this year or else you will have to retake the Core Program to become a SHARP Logger again.

You can also check your credits, Update status, and expiration date on the website (www.sharplogger.vt.edu), by typing your last name (only) in the "check credits" box at the top of the page. If your record does not come up, either you are expired or there is an error. Contact the SHARP Logger Program at sharplogger@vt.edu or 540-231-6494.

Upcoming Continuing Education (CE) classes

SHARP Logger Update Class (3 CE Credits)

The SHARP Logger Update Class includes a BMP refresher, a logging safety refresher, and other topics that impact logging businesses. The training meets the "SHARP Logger Update Class" Continuing Education requirement. SHARP loggers must attend at least one of these required classes during each renewal period. This class will be offered at the following locations:

King and Queen County: September 30. Plus additional 1 CE credit on local topics.
Colonial Heights: November 11. Combined with Legal Seminar co-sponsored by VLA. RSVP by November 4 for sponsored lunch.
Buena Vista: November 18. Plus additional 1 CE credit on local topics.
Martinsville (Teal-Jones Pine Products): December 9 (tentative). Followed by Sustainable Forestry class.
Online: Visit www.SHARPLogger.vt.edu/onlineCE.html. The Update is near the bottom, under all of the 1-credit classes. Available online, on demand. New version pending.

Additional CE Credit Opportunities

Mill Tour & Safety Talk: October 14. 2 CE credits. Long Island Lumber, Campbell County.
Legal Seminar: November 11, 2022. Time & credits TBD. Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum, Colonial Heights. Office personnel encouraged.
Topics in Sustainable Forestry: December 9 (tentative) following the SHARP Logger Update Class. 3 CE credits. Teal-Jones Pine Products, Martinsville.

2022 Core SHARP Logger Program Schedule

The Core Program consists of classes on Sustainable Forestry, Logging Safety, and Harvest Planning & BMP's. Participants must attend both core sessions to become a SHARP Logger. For more information please contact the SHARP Logger Program at (540) 231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu.

Core Day 1	Core Day 2	Location
Thur. 10/13	Wed. 10/12 *flipped dates*	Southside Virginia Community College, Keysville
Wed. 11/ 2	Wed. 11/9	Mountain Gateway Community College, Clifton Forge

Registration required! For more information, contact the SHARP Logger Program at: sharplogger@vt.edu or 540-231-6494.
Check our website at www.SHARPlogger.vt.edu for the most up to date listing of classes.

Online Continuing Education Logger Training

SHARP online trainings currently available include:

- Invasive Insect Pests
- Skidder Safety & Efficiency
- BMPs for Temporary Haul Roads and Skid Trails
- Forestry BMPs: Applied Research Results
- How to Conduct a Deed Search
- Basic Timber Cruising
- Basic Chainsaw Safety & Directional Felling
- Protecting Water Quality with BMP's in Virginia
- Laws Affecting Water Quality and Forestry Operations in VA
- Limbing and Topping Safety
- SHARP Logger Update Webinar

Mid-Atlantic Logger Training Group Webinars:

- The Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Weathering the Storm
- OSHA
- Combining Deer & Forest Management
- Risk Management & Insurance
- Truck Accidents & Casualty Claims
- Legislation and Other Issues Facing Loggers from a National Viewpoint
- Drones for Loggers
- Dealing with Strees in the Logging Industry
- Current Logging Issues in Your State
- The Business Side of Logging
- What Loggers Need to Know About Invasive Plants

To view the trainings, visit **www.sharplogger.vt.edu/onlineCE.html** and follow the instructions.

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