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SHARP Logger Newsletter

SHARP = "Sustainable Harvesting And Resource Professional"

How SHARP Logger Program Compares to Some Other States

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Ever wondered how Virginia's SHARP Logger Program compares to some other state's logger training programs? The Forest Resources Association recently published a report outlining the major elements of logger training and education programs in 32 states (FRA Report # 03-A-2). The following gives a brief summary for a few selected states:

Georgia: The Georgia Master Timber Harvester (MTH) program requires a 3-day workshop covering modules on (1) Environmental protection, (2) Logging safety, and (3) Business management. After two years, loggers must then complete 8 hours of Continuing Logger Education (CLE) each year to retain their MTH standing. 233 loggers completed the Georgia MTH Program in 2002.

South Carolina: The South Carolina Timber Operations Professional (TOP) program requires a 3-day workshop covering (1) Small Business Management, (2) OSHA and insurance requirements, and (3) Forestry Best Management Practices. Loggers are required to earn 12 hours of Continuing Education every three years to maintain their TOP Logger standing. 162 loggers completed the TOP Logger program in 2002.

Tennessee: The Tennessee Master Logger (TML) Program requires 5 one-day sessions on (1) Logging Safety, (2) BMPs, (3) Forest Management, (4) First Aid/CPR, and (5) Business management. TML's may renew their status by completing one day of continuing education every 2 years thereafter. 93 loggers completed the TML program in 2002.

Maryland: The Maryland Master Logger (MML) Program requires a 3-day workshop covering modules on (1) Erosion and Sediment Control, (2) BMPs, (3) Sustainable Forest management, (4) Logging Safety, and (5) First Aid/CPR. Maryland Master Loggers must complete two continuing education courses every 2 years to maintain their MML status. 17 loggers completed the MML program in 2002.

North Carolina: The North Carolina ProLogger Program requires 3 six-hour workshops in (1) Logging and transportation safety, (2) Business management, and (3) Forest management and the environment, as well as a 6-hour job site visit at the conclusion of the classroom training. ProLoggers must complete 15 "contact hours" of continuing education every 3 years, including one course in water quality protection, to maintain their ProLogger status. 234 loggers completed the ProLogger Program in 2002.

As you can see, Virginia's SHARP Logger Program requirements are not much different from surrounding states. Of course, the overall quality of SHARP Logger programs and participants are considered to be superior in all respects!!

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Upcoming opportunities to become a SHARP Logger in 2003

If you or anyone you know have not completed the Core SHARP Logger program and would like to become a SHARP Logger, the complete program has been scheduled in the following locations:

Floyd County Sustainable Forestry - August 22, 12-6 PM; Logging Safety - September 2, 6-9 PM and September 4, 6-9 PM; Harvest Planning & BMP's - September 12, 12-6 PM. To register or get more information, contact Jim Willis at (276)889-8056 (list continues on back)

**Upcoming opportunities to become a SHARP Logger in 2003 (continued)**

**Mecklenburg County** : Sustainable Forestry – September 5, 12-6 PM; Logging Safety - September 12, 12-6 PM; Harvest Planning & BMP's - September 19, 12-6 PM. To register, contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494

**Lynchburg** Sustainable Forestry – October 10, 12-6 PM; Logging Safety October 17, 12-6 PM; Harvest Planning & BMP's October 24, 12-6 PM. To register or get more information, contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494

There is no charge to attend these programs; however you must pre-register for the class. In order to become a SHARP Logger you must attend all 3 of the core classes.

If you have any questions about these or other SHARP Logger classes, please feel free to call me at (540) 231-6494 or e-mail [sbarrett@vt.edu](mailto:sbarrett@vt.edu) If you are interested in becoming a SHARP Logger but are unable to attend at one of these locations, please contact me to let me know, we may be able to schedule the core program at other locations if we can get 10 or more participants.

**Upcoming CE class. Pre-Registration is required**

The following SHARP Logger CE class is currently scheduled. More CE classes are planned throughout the state for later this year and we will notify you as new classes are scheduled in your area, or you can find the most up to date list of classes on our website at [www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu](http://www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu)

1. **Advanced Harvest Planning – August 15, 2-5PM.** Class will be held in the Training room at Pine Products Inc. near Martinsville. This class will be led by Bob Shaffer, Timber Harvesting Extension Specialist at VA Tech, and will include discussion on pre-harvest planning issues, job site layout, how to use topographic maps and software for pre-harvest planning, and developing an operational strategy based on your logging system. To register call Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494 or email [sbarrett@vt.edu](mailto:sbarrett@vt.edu)

Sincerely,



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