

SHARP Logger Program -- 2024 Annual Report

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, approximately 4,835 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 Class” at least once during each renewal period:
 - This required SHARP Logger Update Class was offered in-person 11 times (Castlewood, Clifton Forge, Colonial Heights, Courtland, Doswell (2), King & Queen, Martinsville, Palmyra, Williamsburg), and a new on-demand online version was released midyear.
- ❖ A total of 1,028 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2024.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered 8 times (February in Galax, March in Courtland and Appomattox, May in St. Paul, June in Elkton, September in Halifax and Clifton Forge, and December in Charles City) with a total of 162 new SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2024.
- ❖ A total of 430 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/2025; 241 earned the required number of CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 189 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.
- ❖ On January 1, 2025 there were 1,014 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. Many of those dropped on 1/1/25 will likely regain their SHARP logger status during 2025.
- ❖ 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 2024

SHARP Loggers trained in 2024

Individuals

Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2024	162
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2024	8
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2024	1028

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger status to date	4835
Renewed SHARP Logger status on 1/1/2025	241
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/25 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	188
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/2025	195
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	0
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/25	1016

2024 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Required "SHARP Logger Update" Classes (Castlewood, Clifton Forge, Colonial Heights, Courtland, Doswell (2), King & Queen, Martinsville, Palmyra, Williamsburg, On-Demand Online)	11
Trucking Safety (Castlewood, Keysville)	2
Legal Issues (Colonial Heights)	1
Topics in Sustainable Forestry (Courtland, King & Queen, Martinsville, Palmyra)	4
Logging for Wildlife (Farmville)	1
Intro to Log Grading (Clifton Forge)	1
Available 1-credit, on-demand, online trainings (SHARP + MALT)	23

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs	5770
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* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours