SHARP Logger Program -- 2023 Annual Report
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❖ Since the program began in 1996, approximately 4,672 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:
   o This required SHARP Logger Update Class was offered in-person 13 times (Big Stone Gap 2/28, Castlewood 8/25, Clifton Forge 3/21, Colonial Heights 11/10, Courtland 7/14, Elkton 5/12, Galax 3/7, Halifax 10/5, King & Queen 9/15, Louisa 9/22, Lynchburg 9/21, Martinsville 12/8, Roanoke 8/19), and remained available on-demand online for all of 2023.

❖ A total of 770 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2023.

❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered 4 times (March – New Kent, March - Stuart, August - Alberta, and October/November - Clifton Forge) with a total of 83 new SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2023.

❖ A total of 653 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/2024; 318 earned the required number of CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 335 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.

❖ On January 1, 2024 there were 844 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. Many of those dropped on 1/1/24 will likely regain their SHARP logger status during 2024.

❖ 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.**

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VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2023

SHARP Loggers trained in 2023	Individuals
Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2023	83
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2023	2
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2023	770

Summary of current SHARP Loggers	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger status to date	4672
Renewed SHARP Logger status on 1/1/2024	318
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/24 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	335
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/2024	171
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	3
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/24	**844**

2023 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Required "SHARP Logger Update" Classes (Big Stone Gap, Castlewood, Clifton Forge, Colonial Heights, Courtland, Elkton, Galax, Halifax, King & Queen, Louisa, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Roanoke, On-Demand Online)	14
Chainsaw Techniques (Halifax)	1
Legal Issues (Colonial Heights)	1
Topics in Sustainable Forestry (Lynchburg, Martinsville)	2
Logger Appreciation Day (Long Island)	1
Hardwood Management (Elkton, Louisa)	2
Available 1-credit, on-demand, online trainings (SHARP + MALT)	23

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs	4675

Total training contact hours
* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours