

## **SHARP Logger Program -- 2021 Annual Report**

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 4,500 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 nine times (Richmond City 5/21, Augusta 7/9, Roanoke 8/7, Culpeper 8/13, Russell 8/27, King & Queen 9/17, Lynchburg 10/29, Courtland 11/12, and Martinsville 12/16), and remained available on-demand online for all of 2021.
- ❖ A total of 801 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2021.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered 4 times (February Virtual, May Virtual, August Appomattox, and November Clifton Forge) with a total of 135 new SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2021.
- ❖ A total of 342 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/22; 128 earned at least 12 CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 204 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.
- ❖ On January 1, 2022 there were 1,066 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. Many of the individuals dropped on 1/1/22 will likely regain their SHARP logger status during 2022.
- ❖ 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 2021

## SHARP Loggers trained in 2021

	Individuals
Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2021	135
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2021	3
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2021	801

## Summary of current SHARP Loggers

	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger status to date	4512
Renewed SHARP Logger status on 1/1/2022	128
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/22 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	204
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/2022	161
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	5
<b>Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/22</b>	<b>1066</b>

## 2021 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Required "SHARP Logger Update" Classes (Courtland, Culpeper, King & Queen, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Augusta, Richmond, Roanoke, Russell, On-Demand Online)	10
Area Logger Day with Chainsaw Demo (Buckingham, Halifax)	2
Hardwood Management (Augusta, Culpeper, King & Queen)	3
Legal Issues (Roanoke)	1
Mid-Atlantic Logger Training (MALT) Webinars	7
Safety & Legal Seminar (Colonial Heights)	1
Topics in Sustainable Forestry	1
Trucking Safety (Russell, Courtland)	2
Richmond Logging Expo	1
Virginia Loggers Association Conference	1
Available 1-credit, on-demand, online trainings (SHARP + MALT)	18

## Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours\*

Total training contact hours for Core & CE Programs	6317
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\* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours