SHARP Logger Program -- 2022 Annual Report
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❖ Since the program began in 1996, approximately 4,590 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 ten times (Richmond City 5/20, Williamsburg 8/13, Castlewood 8/19, Alberta 9/29, King and Queen 9/30, Colonial Heights 11/11, Buena Vista 11/18, Martinsville 12/9, Wise 12/9), and remained available on-demand online for all of 2022.

❖ A total of 877 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2022.

❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered 6 times (March Courtland, April Nickelsville, May Lynchburg, June Scottsville, October Keysville, and November Clifton Forge) with a total of 78 new SHARP Loggers completing the core program requirements in 2022.

❖ A total of 497 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/23; 239 earned at least 12 CE credits and attended the required update class to renew their SHARP Logger status while 258 did not meet the CE requirement and were dropped from the list of current SHARP Loggers.

❖ On January 1, 2023 there were 993 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. Many of those dropped on 1/1/23 will likely regain their SHARP logger status during 2023.

❖ 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 2022

SHARP Loggers trained in 2022	Individuals
Completed Core Program / Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2022	78
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2022	2
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2022	877

Summary of current SHARP Loggers	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger status to date	4590
Renewed SHARP Logger status on 1/1/2023	239
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/23 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	258
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/2023	122
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	2
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/23	**993**

2022 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Required "SHARP Logger Update" Classes (Alberta, Colonial Heights, Richmond City, Williamsburg, Buena Vista, King and Queen, Castlewood, Martinsville, Wise, On-Demand Online)	10
Area Logger Day with Chainsaw Demo (Alberta)	1
Legal Issues (Colonial Heights)	1
Mid-Atlantic Logger Training (MALT) Webinars	7
Topics in Sustainable Forestry (Martinsville)	1
Log & Lumber Grading (West Point)	1
Richmond Logging Expo	1
Virginia Loggers Association Conference	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	4417

Total training contact hours

* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours