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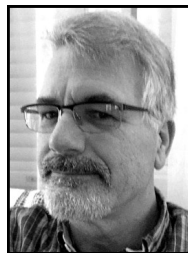
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Program Update

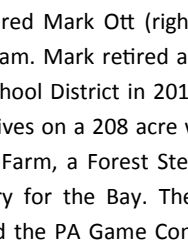
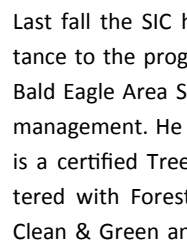
At the heart of the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (SIC), are the many knowledgeable and dedicated individuals who, in addition to their regular day-to-day duties, make the commitment to show up to meetings, support and guide the program, and contribute their valuable input. Leadership of the SIC is provided by our Chairman and Vice-Chairman.



December 31st marked the end of Ken Robert's term as Chairman of the SIC. At our quarterly meeting in December Ken was presented with an engraved clock on behalf of the SIC in appreciation of his three years of service during 2014-2016. Ken was a tremendous asset in guiding the steady growth of the program and it's recognition throughout Pennsylvania and beyond. Under his leadership the program reflected on 20 years of good work and established a vision and strategy for the years ahead. He will continue his long-time involvement with the program as a member of the SIC.



Vice-Chairman Todd Sparks of GreenWood Resources, Inc. (left) assumed the Pennsylvania SIC Chairman position at the beginning of the year and will serve for 2017-2018. Scott Kurtzman with Glatfelter (right) was elected as Vice-Chairman.



Last fall the SIC hired Mark Ott (right) to provide additional assistance to the program. Mark retired as Food Service Director at the Bald Eagle Area School District in 2015, but is no stranger to forest management. He lives on a 208 acre woodlot in Centre County that is a certified Tree Farm, a Forest Stewardship property, and registered with Forestry for the Bay. The property is also enrolled in Clean & Green and the PA Game Commission's Hunter Access Program. Mark is a PA Forest Steward from the class of 2001 and actively serves on the board of the PA Forestry Association and the Pennsylvania SIC.



Mark will be handling training course registrations and training record updates. If you have any questions about registering for SFI training courses, how to become SFI Qualified, your current training status, or obtaining credits for a class you can contact Mark at (814) 230-2866 or mark@sfiopa.org for assistance.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Program

SFI Inc. (www.sfiprogram.org) is an independent non-profit organization that is solely responsible for the internationally recognized Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Program. The program promotes sustainable forest management, improved forestry practices, and responsible purchasing of forest products through its forest certification standard.

SFI is the largest single forest certification standard in the world, with more than 250 million acres certified. At the heart of the SFI Program are SFI Implementation Committees (SICs). The Pennsylvania SIC is one of 34 spread across North America that responds to local needs and issues through the SFI Program at the local level. This grassroots network is unique to the SFI Program.

Since 1995, the Pennsylvania SIC's active presence on the ground has resulted in significant contributions to individual communities through activities such as training loggers and sponsoring outreach to landowners on responsible forest management.

Learn more at www.sfiopa.org

SFI® Program Participants Supporting the PA SIC

These companies participate in the SFI® Program and are certified to be in conformance with the SFI 2015-2019 Standard. They provide direct involvement and financial support to the PA SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC).

Domtar Paper Co., LLC

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Hancock Forest Management

The Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC

Verso Corporation

Weaver, Inc.

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Pennsylvania SFI Qualified Logging Professional Promotional Materials

Each year, approximately 700 to 800 individuals across the state maintain a current training status with our Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program. The Pennsylvania SIC recognizes the commitment required to become a SFI Qualified Logging Professional and we want to bring attention to this dedication to self-improvement.

The SIC has begun distributing a few items to current cardholders to help advertise their participation in the training program and promote their status as a SFI Qualified Logging Professional. A SFI Qualified Logging Professional is any person who has successfully completed our core training requirements and maintains a current training status through continuing education. These requirements are outlined in our training program policy (available online at: www.sfiopa.org/requirements).

The first item is a SFI decal sticker to display your training qualifications. While many within Pennsylvania's forest products industry already recognize and respect the SFI logo, many outside the industry are less familiar with its meaning. By displaying the logo you may have opportunities to explain how it distinguishes you from others. The link to our online training database is included so people can research your specific training records. We hope that you will display this decal proudly.

The second item is a business card to share with landowners, foresters, or others who may be interested in your professional training qualifications, or more specifically, your SFI training status. Simply write your name and SFI ID# on the front (you can find your ID number on your training records, or by searching our online database: www.sfiopa.org/search). The card explains some of the benefits of using a SFI Qualified Logging Professional and it includes a link to our online training database so recipients can research your training record and status.

Please note that these items acknowledge an individual's participation in the training program, but do not substitute or necessarily reflect their official training status within the program. That information is always documented in their most current official training record.

We hope our SFI Qualified Logging Professionals will find these items useful in promoting their participation in the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program. If you have any questions regarding these promotional materials, please contact Mark Ott at (814) 230-2866 or mark@sfiopa.org.

2017 PA Forest Landowner Conference: Enriching Woodland Values

The 3rd Biennial Forest Landowners Conference, the region's foremost gathering of woodland owners, forest practitioners, and others interested in woodlands and the wildlife that use them, will be held on March 24-25 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA.

Whether you own a backyard patch of woods or a large-acreage woodland, this conference will provide you with the tools you need to improve the health and well-being of your forest. There will be over 95 presentations related to woodland management. Attendees can receive up to 8 hours (2 years) of PA SFI continuing education credit for attending presentations. There will also be tours and extended learning workshops held on Friday morning. Two in particular related to lumber manufacturing, and diesel engine & hydraulic system safety and maintenance will also qualify for PA SFI CE credit. The Pennsylvania SIC is a proud supporter of this event.

To register and learn more: www.ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference



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SIC Partners are not SFI certified, but help to promote sustainable forestry practices throughout Pennsylvania and pledge a contribution annually to the Pennsylvania SIC based on mill production from PA forest resources.

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Horizon Wood Products, Inc.
Klinger Family Sawmill
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Soap Stone Sawmill
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Sylvandale Forestry
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Logger Training....It's not just for Loggers

Many folks outside the state's logging workforce have found PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program courses to be very informative and useful. Last year alone, nearly 200 landowners, foresters, office personnel and others attended one or more courses offered through our training program.

Firewood cutters and others who operate a chainsaw might be interested in attending our Game of Logging trainings that teach basic chainsaw maintenance, saw sharpening, and the safest, most productive ways to fell, buck, and limb trees. There are 4 levels of Game of Logging and classes are designed to be taken in sequential order. Each level is a day-long, hands-on training taught by a skilled instructor with experience educating novice chainsaw operators to veteran loggers. Each level builds off the skills learned in the last. After completing Levels 1 and 2 individuals are eligible to complete the Storm Damage Cleanup class that teaches how to safely recognize and deal with the tensions and pressures of wind-thrown trees. With the prevalence of ash mortality across the state, we also offer a Hazard Tree Workshop that emphasizes the skills needed to safely fell standing dead trees.

Our training program also offers courses on forest management that might be useful to any woodlot owner. How do you know if a proposed timber harvest is "sustainable?" What are the consequences of high-grading and diameter limit cuts? Our Sustainable Forestry course answers these questions by teaching participants about how Pennsylvania's forests grow and how different silvicultural treatments can, and should, improve the forest in measurable ways. Along the same lines, our Forest Health Update outlines current issues and controls related to forest disease, pests, invasives and white tail deer impacts. PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need addresses Pennsylvania wildlife species that are at risk for a variety of reasons. The course highlights causes for population declines and restoration efforts for several species.

Anyone operating heavy equipment such as trucks or tractors can learn a great deal from our hands-on Hydraulic Systems Safety & Maintenance training. The class introduces participants to the theory of hydraulic operation, nomenclature and function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of hydraulic systems. It is taught at Penn College of Technology's heavy equipment lab.

These courses are offered in the spring and fall of each year at locations across Pennsylvania. Please visit our website to review and register for classes: www.sfiopa.org/register

Green Ribbon Task Force Makes Recommendations to Governor Wolf

A panel of forestry experts from private, public and academic sectors met throughout 2016 to analyze current limitations to forest conservation and job growth, and to develop an action plan to address both objectives. The Green Ribbon Task Force on Forest Products, Conservation and Jobs presented their recommendations to Governor Tom Wolf in October. The task force report outlines the top 5 recommendations in three focus areas:

Forest Conservation and Sustainability

1. Adopt a statewide forest conservation easement program to conserve privately owned forestland while preserving access for sustainable timbering and other forest-dependent activities that support good jobs.
2. Establish a carbon offset program to attract a pool of voluntary contributions to finance forest conservation.
3. Revise the current state Clean and Green Program and the current Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program to better support forest communities and ensure forest is compatible with other needs.*
4. Provide additional funding to combat invasive plant and pest damage and adopt a plant labeling program to ensure that consumers don't inadvertently contribute to the spread of invasive species.*
5. Adopt legislation and identify funding to enable DCNR to assist the US Forest Service in increasing management activities on the Allegheny National Forest (ANF).*

Workforce Development and Jobs

1. Adopt legislation to exempt loggers from PennDOT road-bonding requirements, age-related workplace restrictions, and other benefits available to those in the traditional agriculture industry.*
2. Expand safety and other training to encourage insurance companies to lower worker's compensation rates for forest industry workers, or find workable models that could be used in Pennsylvania.*
3. Broaden recruitment efforts to attract students already interested in technology, machinery, other in-demand occupations and forestry careers.
4. Develop more formal and informal pipelines between industry and schools through internship, apprenticeships, and industry partnerships.
5. Broaden discussion and the inclusion of forestry and forest occupations in formal and informal K-12 education, including FFA, 4-H, Envirothon, Boy and Girls Scouts and children's literature.

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PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

The Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program is geared towards commercial timber harvesters; however, it is open to any individual interested in participating. Courses are offered in the spring (mid-March through mid-May) and the fall (mid-September through mid-November) at locations across Pennsylvania each year.

Learn more:

www.sfiopa.org/requirements

Register for classes:

www.sfiopa.org/register

Find SFI Trained Loggers/review your training records:

www.sfiopa.org/search



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(Green Ribbon Task Force Continued)

Economic Development and Products

1. Increase sustainable staff and funding for the Hardwood Development Council to expand its work on many of the recommendations included here.*
2. Create a PA Hardwood Stands for Quality slogan and marketing campaign to promote Pennsylvania hardwoods.
3. Conduct forest tours and develop demonstration areas to showcase best practices in forest management on federal, state and private forestland.
4. Conduct a comprehensive study to quantify and document the values of Pennsylvania forests.
5. Expand public awareness and education efforts to promote the importance of forests to clean water.

*Starred items are initial priorities for PFPA

The full report is available online and includes a broader discussion of the issues involved:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/councils/Greenribbontaskforce/index.htm

2017 Timber Show

Pennsylvania's Forest Products Equipment and Technology Exposition

*Friday, June 9 (9am-5pm), and
Saturday, June 10 (9am-4pm)*

The timber Show will be held at Penn State's Ag Progress Days site at Rock Springs, Pa., nine miles southwest of State College on Pa. Route 45. This year's show will feature:

- Free admission and parking
- 55 acres of indoor and outdoor exhibits, with on-site and "in-the-woods" demonstrations of state-of-the-art timber harvesting machinery
- PA SFI 4-hour CE class offered on both days of the show (To register: www.sfiopa.org/register)
- The Game of Logging National Finals Competition (Saturday, June 10)
- Presentation by PA Dept. of Revenue to explain the new sales tax exclusion on logging equipment
- An expanded PFPA Log A Load Truck Parade from State College to the exhibit site



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Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2017 Spring Training Schedule

SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.sfiopa.org/register

To avoid course cancellations, pre-registration and payment for all classes is required by the registration deadline. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis

CORE TRAINING

Individuals must complete *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials*, *Game of Logging - Level 1*, and provide proof of current *First Aid & CPR* certification within a 2-year period to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements at: www.sfiopa.org/requirements.

- *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and Basic First Aid & Adult CPR do NOT qualify for continuing education credit*
- *If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 in the last 5 years, you can attend GOL-1 for CE Credit*

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By	
03/14/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Harrisburg	\$ 85.00	03/07/2017
03/23/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Altoona	\$ 95.00	03/16/2017
04/06/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Forksville	\$ 95.00	03/30/2017
04/25/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 85.00	04/18/2017
04/26/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	04/19/2017
05/03/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Wellsboro	\$ 85.00	04/26/2017
05/04/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Wellsboro	\$ 95.00	04/27/2017
05/06/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Honesdale	\$ 85.00	04/29/2017
05/08/17	Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Smifield	\$ 95.00	05/01/2017
05/10/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laughlirtown	\$ 85.00	05/03/2017
05/16/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Alexandria	\$ 95.00	05/09/2017
05/17/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 85.00	05/10/2017

- ✦ Employees insured through Eastern Forestry Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your registration form.
- ✦ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at (570) 265-7753.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training completed. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements at: www.sfiopa.org/requirements.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By	
03/20/17	Mon	12:00 PM	PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Mercer	\$ 30.00	03/13/2017
03/24/17	Fri	7:30 AM	Diesel Engine & Hydraulic System Safety and Maintenance (4 hours)	Altoona	BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2017 PA FOREST LANDOWNERS CONFERENCE. COST \$85. TO REGISTER GO TO: www.ecosystems.psu.edu/forest-conference OR CALL (814) 360-3131	
04/04/17	Tues	1:00 PM	49 th Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 20.00	03/28/2017
04/07/17	Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Ralston	\$ 95.00	03/31/2017
04/10/17	Mon	12:00 PM	PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Dallas	\$ 30.00	04/03/2017
04/17/17	Mon	8:00 AM	Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	New Millport	\$ 30.00	04/10/2017
04/19/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Elizabethville	\$ 95.00	04/12/2017
04/20/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Elizabethville	\$ 95.00	04/13/2017
04/20/17	Thurs	8:00 AM	Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)	Byrnedale	COST IS \$15/PERSON. REGISTER WITH ELK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY April 13 - (814) 776-5373. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
04/26/17	Wed	12:00 PM	Forest Health Update (4 hours)	Galeton	\$ 30.00	04/19/2017
04/29/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Howard	COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov OR (717) 247-3752 BY April 7. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
04/30/17	Sun	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Howard		
05/01/17	Mon	8:00 AM	Sustainable Forestry (8 hours)	Brookville	\$ 30.00	04/24/2017
05/01/17	Mon	12:00 PM	PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Blain	\$ 30.00	04/24/2017
05/09/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Danger Tree Workshop (4 hours)	Laughlirtown	\$ 95.00	05/02/2017
05/13/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery	\$ 75.00	05/06/2017
06/09/17	Fri	1:00 PM	2017 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)	PA Furnace	\$ 20.00	06/02/2017
06/10/17	Sat	9:30 AM	2017 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)	PA Furnace	\$ 20.00	06/03/2017

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- ✦ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

Additional training opportunities are available through numerous organizations across Pennsylvania and adjoining states. Training courses taken from other sources may qualify for PA SFI core or continuing education credit, provided the subject of the course is relevant to the SFI program, and if some legitimate form of documentation is provided to the PA SIC office for proof of content and attendance. To submit Non-PA SFI training credits please fill out a copy of the Non-PA SFI Course Credit Form (available on our website under "Forms" section or by contacting the PA SIC office) and send it to the PA SIC office with all necessary paperwork and a check for \$20 made payable to the "PA SFI Implementation Committee" for administrative costs. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements.

The PA SIC maintains a listing of all pre-approved Non-PA SFI CE training courses that we have been made aware of. It can be found on our website: <http://sfiopa.blogspot.com>

Visit www.sfiopa.org/register for additional details and the most current training schedule. Programs may be added or cancelled at any time. For additional information, please contact the PA SFI® Implementation Committee at: (814) 230-2866, or mark@sfiopa.org

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Professional Timber Harvester Training program

2017 Spring Course Registration Form

SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.sfiopa.org/register

- Registration fees are **non-refundable and non-transferrable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Your space in a course will not be reserved until the registration fee is paid. Please do not delay in making payment or your space could be given to another participant.
- Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- For a full description of the Training Program Policies, please visit www.sfiopa.org/requirements or contact the PA SIC® office.

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)				
Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last)				
Home Mailing Address:				
Home or Cell Phone: () -				
Email:				
Occupation (circle one): • Forester • Logger-owner • Logger-employee • Landowner • Office personnel • Truck driver • Other	Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841		Total Amount Enclosed:	

2017 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed within 2 years.

- **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** - Covers general safety considerations, chainsaw safety, logging equipment safety (harvesters, loaders, skidders, etc.), trucking safety and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards that apply to timber harvesting and related activities. Also covers pertinent aspects of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams laws and other water resource protection regulations, Best Management Practices (BMPs), hazardous material control, and logging aesthetics. **DOES NOT COUNT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT.**
- **Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)** - Focuses on introducing the participant to the "open face" felling technique and the development of skills to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength. Participants need safety equipment (hard hat, chaps, eye protection, ear protection, and sturdy boots), water, lunch, and should be prepared to spend the day outside (rain or shine). Participants are not required to provide their own chainsaw. **If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 within the last five (5) years, you can attend GOL-1 for continuing education credit.**
- **First Aid & CPR (4 hours)** - Because timber harvesting is a hazardous occupation, OSHA regulations require that everyone who works in the woods maintain current First Aid & CPR training from a provider who can issue a certificate or a card as documentation of hands on training (i.e. no online certifications will be accepted). Individuals do not need to complete this training through the PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program; however, they must provide proof of First Aid & CPR certification to receive their initial training card (we cannot accept the MSHA 5000-23 form as satisfaction of this requirement). **DOES NOT COUNT FOR CE CREDIT.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of CE training completed. CE credits can only extend your card date a maximum of three (3) years from the current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period.

- **2017 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)** - This CE Update course will explain the importance of Pennsylvania's logging workforce to our forests, the forest products industry, and efforts to support logging workers and companies. Results of a recent statewide logger survey and an update on the SFI program will also be presented.
- **49th Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - Dana Hinkley, a logger and retired fire department captain, will be presenting elements of Advanced Logger Rescue training to help loggers understand how to improve the success of extricating a logger in an emergency situation. The meeting, which includes a free dinner, will include a number of additional safety updates. **To receive continuing education credit, participants must attend both the SFI update class and the annual safety meeting that follows.**
- **Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)** - Geared to prepare firefighters, EMS personnel, foresters, and loggers in taking action to reduce severity of injury and increase the chance of survival during a logging accident, this program teaches all participants how to handle an "in woods" rescue from the time a person has not arrived home until they are transported to a Level-1 Trauma Center.
- **Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)** - Profitability of a timber harvesting businesses is key to long term viability and implementing sustainable management practices. Participants are introduced to business plans, documents used for financial analysis, key people, sources of assistance, employee management, and other components of running a successful business. This is a great class for new loggers starting their own business or established loggers looking for a refresher.
- **Diesel Engine & Hydraulic System Safety and Maintenance (4 hours)** - The rugged conditions logging equipment operates under makes maintenance essential to sustaining performance. This workshop will introduce participants to diesel and hydraulic system operation, nomenclature and the function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of these systems.
- **Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)** - This workshop combines indoor and outdoor instruction time to discuss Pennsylvania's environmental regulatory requirements (chapters 93, 102, & 105 of PA Code). It discusses planning before the harvest, stream crossings, best management practices, reading E&S plans, and other considerations during and after the timber harvest.
- **Forest Health Update (4 hours)** - This course will provide timber harvesters with an update on the issues and controls for invasives, forest disease and pests, and deer impacts. Topics will be presented by experts from Penn State Extension, the PA Bureau of Forestry, and the US Forest Service.
- **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. **They MUST be taken in order. Level 1** (see description under Core Training section). **Level 2** focuses on saw maintenance, chain sharpening techniques, releasing spring poles safely, and directional tree felling. **Level 3** focuses on handling difficult trees. Topics covered include limbing, wedging techniques and hinge placement. Level 4 focuses on ways to maximize a harvest plan for safety and productivity. Felling is practiced at working speed using all the techniques from the previous levels. **Danger Tree Workshop** emphasizes important elements of the Game of Logging training that should be used when evaluating and felling danger trees.
- **Hydraulic Systems Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)** - This hands-on course will introduce participants to the theory of hydraulic operation, nomenclature and function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of hydraulic systems. It is taught at Penn College of Technology's heavy equipment lab.
- **PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)** - A comprehensive course on Pennsylvania wildlife that are at risk for a variety of reasons. Causes for population declines and restoration efforts for several species will be highlighted. Up-to-date information on the status of state and federal threatened endangered species and potential impacts on timber harvesting will be included.
- **Sustainable Forestry (8 hours)** - How do you know that a timber harvest is "sustainable?" What are the consequences of high-grading and diameter limit cuts? This course covers the elements of sustainable harvesting practices and how to assess a stand. It focuses on the forest that remains as a result of the harvest.

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