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Chain Saw Safety Training, 2010 Success Looking Ahead: September 2011

August 2010 training brought Kentucky agencies together for valuable Chain Saw Safety Training. Mark your calendar now for this popular program to return in September 2011.

The Technology Transfer Program brought back to Kentucky in August the Chain Saw Safety Training Program. Tim Ard of Forest Applications Training, Inc. conducted the safety training. He has trained, nationally, well over 6,000 people in chain saw use and safety in his 29-plus years as an instructor.

The extensive training included a full day demonstration course and a full day hands-on course. The Technology Transfer Program wants to thank the City of Elizabethtown and the Pendleton County Road Department for hosting these workshops.

The Demonstration Courses covered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the intricate details of saw safety features, adjustments and sharpening, making a plan, the complexity of reactive forces, and how elaborate directional felling, limbing and topping can be. In the afternoon, the classes went to an outdoor site to see the live implementation of what was learned in the classroom. Tim Ard “helped me understand different types of cuts and the proper way to maintenance a saw.”

The Hands-On courses replicated what the participants had viewed the day before and what they would be doing on the job. Everyone in the class participated in various hands-on activities, including cutting down a tree under the watchful eye of the instructor. Each hands-on activity allowed the instructor and the other participants to evaluate each person’s technique in cutting down a tree or sawing a log and point out their successes and mistakes. Mr. Ard scored everyone based on their performance of each activity and gave prizes at the end of class.

Several local agencies that participated last year chose to send more employees this year. The hands-on training gives valuable experience in handling a chain saw properly and cutting a tree down safely. This training is “especially helpful during storm cleanup,” commented a Mead County Road Department employee.

For those who weren’t able to participate in this training, both Chainsaw Safety Demonstration and Hands-On Training will be held September 2011. We are currently looking for at least two local agencies to host this training. The basic requirements are indoor meeting space and outdoor space (such as a park) with about 20 trees to cut down. Each hosting agency will receive a set number of free registrations to send employees to this training.

Please visit www.kyt2.com for additional information and registration.

Look for training information on our website at www.kyt2.com and in upcoming Link newsletters. If you are interested in hosting these important safety classes or for further information, please contact Dina Johnson, Conference Coordinator, 800-432-0719 toll-free, 859-257-5086 direct or djohnson@enr.uky.edu.

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