RISK MANAGEMENT



Chainsaw Training – Safety and PPE Felling, Limbing, and Bucking Trees

Brewster

Meeting Location: 1000 Freemans Way, Brewster MA (Captains Golf Course) Cutting Site: 1000 Freemans Way, Brewster, MA Date: Monday, October 17, 2022 Sign-in 7:45 a.m. End 3:00 p.m.

Classroom Portion

Tim Ard will do a brief review of the training video as a refresher before the hands on training.

Field Day

This training involves each individual participant felling a tree and then working as a team in a storm debris removal situation. It has an emphasis on safety and planning.

"9 trees each 12"-16" in diameter are needed for the hands-on portion of the class. The trees will be felled and left in place. "

The hands-on day in the field will be led by instructor Tim Ard of Forest Applications. Field topics addressed will re-inforce and illustrate video content including potential hazards; side or weighted lean; escape routes; hinge size and creating the hinge; cutting plan; PPE; reactive forces; directional felling; limbing and bucking; spring poles; use of wedges; and storm damage and removal/clean-up

In Addition

Students are required to bring and wear the following ANSI approved personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Instructor-led demonstration: hard hat, safety glasses and/or face screen or shield, hearing protection, hi-visibility clothing, safety footwear, appropriate weather-related work clothing. Additional considerations-Bug spray, sunscreen, knowledge of physical and biological hazards and a first aid kit. Ability to walk and navigate through outdoor terrain including vegetation, underbrush, downed trees, and light forestry conditions.

A "Certificate of Attendance" will be issued to each student completing the video and quiz and the full day of training. MIIA members qualify for 1% credit under the FY23 Rewards Workers Compensation category.

Instructor

Tim Ard

Tim Ard, President of Forest Applications Training, Inc. is a nationally known chainsaw instructor. Tim has worked in the outdoor power industry for over 36 years. He started on the bench working with lawn mower ad saw repairs. Tim became an expert with technical service working national for about 9 years. For the past three decades, Tim has instructed loggers, tree care, utility, forester, parks and recreation, DOT and homeowners in the safe operation and care of chainsaws.



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