

## CSAW Chainsaw Training

The CSAW chainsaw safety program is designed to provide up-to-date and thorough chainsaw training to all participants, offering the most current technology and safety information to the participants.

OFA strives to make the CSAW program worthwhile and affordable for everyone involved. The CSAW instructors are knowledgeable, experienced and well-respected in their field.

- **Ryan Redoutey** of Redoutey Logging located in McDermott, OH, a professional logger, has been teaching chainsaw safety since 1998 and was trained directly by Soren Erickson, founder of the Game of Logging. Ryan has taught over 1,000 students ranging from loggers to landowners. Ryan and his family business Redoutey Logging, are the 2009 National Loggers of the Year.
- **Brock Couture** of Couture Forestry Services located in Newton Falls, OH, a professional logger, has been teaching since 2005 and in that time he has taught over 500 students.
- **Ed Faris** of Millfield, OH, a retired sawyer and logger employed for 28 years by ODNR—Division of Forestry, became a certified CSAW instructor in 2012.

OFA requires that its instructors meet training standards and that the same information is provided to all participants.



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## CSAW— Chainsaw Safety Awareness that Works



### Chainsaw Safety Training

... Conducted by professionals for  
loggers, landowners and everyone in  
between.



## Chainsaw Safety Education for Every Need

The Chainsaw Safety Awareness that Works or CSAW program was established in 2008 by the Ohio Forestry Association, Inc. (OFA). The program is designed to provide



quality chainsaw safety education for anyone operating a chainsaw from professional loggers to land-owners, city/county workers, emergency response teams, volunteers and anyone else using a chainsaw for work or casual use. The CSAW program offers several levels of classes which include in-depth tree felling and bucking to general chainsaw maintenance and safety.

The cost of the class is on a per-person basis. The amount depends on the level of the class and membership in the Ohio Forestry Association. The classes are open to all, but OFA members receive a discounted registration fee.

All class participants are required to wear the proper safety equipment when operating the chainsaw. Participants may bring safety equipment or safety equipment will be available to borrow from the instructor. All participants are required to wear a hard hat at all times while in the field.

**All CSAW training programs, safety equipment, and class materials meet OSHA logging standards. (29CRF 1910.266)**



## Training Classes

### CSAW Level I

Level I is a full day class with lecture in the morning and hands-on chainsaw use in the afternoon.

Topics covered in The Level I lecture include: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Safety features of the chainsaw head; Five point safety check; Maintenance of the power head and guide bar; and components of the saw tooth, angles and their functions, proper filing, and the reactive forces of the chain and guide bar.

Topics covered in the field section include: Benefits of open-face felling; Benefits of using a hinge & bore method; Five step pre-felling plan; Tree felling demonstration; and Participant tree felling.

At the end of the program participants should be able to list and discuss all topics covered in the morning lecture as well as demonstrate felling a tree using the five step pre-felling plan, open face felling, and the hinge & bore method.

### CSAW Level II

Level II is a full day class with lecture in the morning and hands-on chainsaw use in the afternoon. Participants must have completed CSAW Level I in order to take Level II.

In CSAW Level II, individuals are taught a variety of felling techniques. The primary focus of Level II is to advance the skills participants were taught in Level I by demonstrating how to safely limb and buck felled timber. This phase often involves dealing with the safety hazards that are created when a tree is felled, such as spring poles. Many of these situations are parallel to those that arise when dealing with timber that is downed by uprooting, so this level can be valuable to those dealing with storm damage, trail maintenance, etc.

Other topics discussed in Level II deal with larger trees, wedging, efficiency, and timber quality issues.

Level II can cover a broad range of topics, and curriculum focus will be determined based on group demographics.

### CSAW Custom

CSAW Custom is a half day class designed to cover the same lecture topics as Level I but not as in-depth. This class can be taught indoors only, however if the group would like a field portion it will focus on trees that are already on the ground. This class is geared toward land-owners, volunteers and people who need the skills to saw downed trees. CSAW custom may be tailored to a specific group's needs. It also meets the requirements to operate a chainsaw as a volunteer on State Forest Lands.

### Weather Statement

Classes are not cancelled due to weather; however, OFA reserves the right to change or modify the curriculum according to instructor judgment for any weather-related or other safety concern.



### CSAW Training Cost

	OFA Member **	New Individual Member**
Level 1*	\$100	\$150
Level 2*	\$100	\$150
CSAW Custom *	\$50 (15 ppl. Min.)	

\* Lunch may or may not be included.

\*\* Rates subject to change without notice.

For registration information and dates of upcoming classes please visit [www.ohioforest.org](http://www.ohioforest.org) or contact the Ohio Forestry Association at (614) 497-9580.