



Creating Safe, Ethical Hunters: Dick Tracy, Hunter Education Instructor

Dedicated and passionate are two words that come to mind when I think of volunteer hunter/bowhunter education instructor Richard Tracy of Deerfield. “Dedicated” is defined as committed to a task or purpose. Dick’s service to program would definitely qualify. He has continuously volunteered his time to the programs for 34 years. To remain an active instructor and gain longevity, an instructor must, at a minimum, attend a professional development workshop every year and teach at least one course in a two-year period.

“Passionate” means showing or caused by strong feelings or a strong belief. Dick shows his passion by not just meeting the minimum standards, but far exceeding them. He is a chief instructor responsible for all the organizing and administration that goes along with hosting a course. In any given year, Dick teaches between four and eight courses totaling 200 or more hours. Just last year, he taught three hunter education courses, two bowhunter education courses, attended the annual banquet, participated in a chief



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In addition to teaching four to eight courses a year, Chief Instructor Dick Tracy also educates the public about Hunter Education.

instructor meeting and helped other teams teach three additional courses.

Dick’s belief in our mission of producing safe, ethical and responsible hunters doesn’t end with teaching courses. Dick and his team also volunteer to educate the public about hunter education at Fish and Game’s Discover Wild New Hampshire Day and the fall Hunting & Fishing Expo. They are a tremendous asset to our program and to the Department, always willing to help and actively seek out new instructors to mentor.

Along with his work schedule, home life and his volunteer service to the Hunter Education program, Dick finds time to volunteer at the Londonderry Fish and Game Club, where he is currently the vice president. The Hunter Education program would like to thank Dick, and the nearly 500 other instructors, for their countless hours of volunteer service. Thanks to them, hunting is safe and getting safer.

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