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Coffee Creek Correctional Facility inmates called to first fire

After attending an Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) fire school in July to qualify as wildland firefighters, a crew from Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (CCCF) was called to its first fire Thursday, Aug. 4.

The crew of 10 was called to a quarter acre fire off Big Rock Loop Road outside of Mulino. Along with the CCCF crew, the Molalla Fire Department and ODF responded to the fire, which was in the mop-up stage by the end of the afternoon.

The Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) has a longstanding partnership with ODF. Last year marked the first time women in custody were trained as firefighters. Although they saw limited action in 2015, this year, in addition to being on standby for firefighting, they will also be used for fuel reduction projects.

The firefighter training program is part of CCCF's ongoing efforts to offer opportunities that help build skills and boost self-confidence. ODF has praised the dedication and professionalism of the women's crew.

CCCF is a multi-custody prison in Wilsonville accommodating all of Oregon's female inmates (approximately 1,260). The prison has cell and dormitory housing, inmate work programs, skills training, treatment programs, health services, religious services, physical plant, a central records unit, and administrative areas. CCCF participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises, including a contact center, auto CAD, and document scanning. In addition, CCCF houses the state's intake center, which provides intake and evaluation of all inmates committed to state custody by the courts. The intake center houses approximately 400 male inmates. CCCF's minimum facility opened in 2001, and the medium facility opened in 2002.



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