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# FRIENDS AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## U-PACT GRADUATES

Last Wednesday marked a proud moment for six women who graduated from the Union Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Program (U-PACT), a hands-on program that prepares adults in custody for careers in skilled trades. Upon release, each graduate will have the opportunity to join the Ironworkers, Bricklayers, or Cement Masons unions, with union dues, boots, and a filled tool belt already covered.



## FROM TRAINING TO ACTION

While attending a Special Operators' Course for DOC SWAT candidates at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution near Madras, Oregon, members of the instructor cadre were called to



## COFFEE CREEK'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Oregon Department of Corrections Director Michael Reese announced the appointment of Charlotte Thrasher as the Superintendent at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. She will join the DOC team on June 23, 2025.

Ms. Thrasher began her career in corrections in 1998 as an intern in college. In her 27 years, she has held roles in Community Corrections, Prisons, and at Washington DOC Headquarters. She began her career as a Correctional Officer and has held numerous leadership positions in several Washington facilities. Most recently, Ms. Thrasher served as Superintendent of the Washington Corrections Center for Women.

Ms. Thrasher has a strong commitment to AIC and staff safety

action—off the training field and into the real world.

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and prioritizes facility security practices.

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