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Fire Destroys Treatment Center at Pendleton Correctional Facility



PENDLETON, IN – Pendleton Correctional Facility Warden, Dushan Zatecky reported one staff person and three Firefighters were injured while battling a fire that occurred at the facility this morning. The staff person, who works in the Maintenance Department, was sent to outside medical for smoke inhalation. One Fire Fighter was hospitalized for smoke inhalation and two were treated and released at the scene.

At approximately 8:15 a.m. a fire alarm activated in the facility's Treatment Center, which is adjoined to the Auto Body center. All offenders and staff in the Treatment Center and Auto Body were evacuated from the immediate area and the offenders were returned to their housing units. An immediate emergency count of all offenders and a staff accountability check was conducted to ensure the safety of everyone inside the facility.

At approximately 8:24 a.m. the first of twelve local fire departments arrived at the facility to extinguish the fire. The fire was contained to the treatment center resulting in a complete loss of the area.

The State Fire Marshall's Office is currently investigating the cause of the fire. The facility is currently on lockdown status.

“I would like to recognize that because of the professionalism and quick response from staff in the Treatment Center and from our First Responders, our facility remained secured and there were no immediate injuries. Additionally, I would like to commend all of the local Fire Departments, EMS and Public Safety Officials for their rapid response. Most importantly, we all wish a speedy recovery for those who were injured during the incident,” stated Warden Zatecky.

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