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**Daimler trucks will soon be hiring**

Here's some great news to start the year with: the opportunity for a union job with benefits. Western Star truck plant general manager Mike Foley announced Dec. 19 that Daimler Trucks North America plans to increase Western Star truck production from its current level of 20 trucks a day to 27 trucks per day starting in March 2018. That means the Portland truck plant will be able to bring back laid-off union members who are on seniority-based recall lists, and hire about 100 new members. All four unions at the plant will likely be able to welcome new members: Machinists Lodge 1005, Teamsters Local 305, Sign Painters & Paint Makers Local 1094, and Service Employees International Union Local 49.

Those hired as production assembly workers, the most common classification, would start at about \$15 an hour and rise to \$28.05 after five years. The jobs also come with medical, vacation, and retirement benefits.

The plant, located in the Swan Island Industrial Park, produces heavy-duty Western Star brand trucks for use in mining, logging, oil field, and construction, plus on-highway trucks and specialized vehicles.

More information about when the recalls and new hires will take place — and where to apply — was expected some time after workers return from the annual holiday shutdown on Jan. 2. Job openings for Daimler Trucks North America are posted online at <http://dtna.jobs>.

**AFT staffer killed in Christmas Day crash**

AFT-Oregon staff member Deirdre Mackey and her daughter were killed Christmas Day in a car crash on Highway 26 in Wasco County. Mackey, a resident of Lake Oswego, was driving east-bound when her Nissan Versa lost traction and crossed into the path of an oncoming Subaru Outback. Deirdre, 48, and her daughter, Grace, 12, died at the scene. Two people in the Subaru were taken to a Portland hospital for treatment of injuries not considered life-threatening. Highway 26 was closed or limited to one lane for more than 10 hours. Investigators believe driving too fast for the wintry conditions was a factor in the crash. Mackey was a program coordinator and financial specialist at American Federation of Teachers-Oregon. She also was a volunteer for Labor's Community Service Agency's annual Presents from Partners holiday party.



Deirdre Mackey

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