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Firefighters Rescue Woman, Dog from Willamette River

Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's Wilsonville Station 52 rescued a woman and her dog from the banks of the Willamette River this evening.

Jackie Janopolo called 911 from her cell-phone just before 5:00 p.m. and said she and her dog were stuck in the mud on the Willamette River at Memorial Park in Wilsonville. As firefighters from TVF&R approached the park, TVF&R Captain David Allen called the woman's phone.

"We worked with her on the phone to try to pin-point her position on the river-bank," Captain Allen says, "before long we found the woman and her dog down the embankment near the rivers edge."

Firefighters used a rope to gain access and carefully pulled Janopolo and her 150 pound Burnese Mountain Dog, named Bernie, to safety.

"The woman was soaked up to her waist," Captain Allen says, "she had waded into the Willamette to push her dog out of the water. We're glad they're both OK."

Both Janopolo and her dog were uninjured.