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## **Alaska Air National Guard Rescues Boy from Remote Cabin** *Guardsmen assist when boy's insulin pump fails during Resurrection Pass hike*

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska**—The Alaska Air National Guard successfully rescued a 15-year-old boy suffering from type-one diabetes insulin shock, from a remote cabin on the Resurrection Pass Trail, after his insulin pump failed.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Rescue Coordination Center received a call for assistance from the Alaska State Troopers at approximately 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and immediately sprang into action.

The Alaska Air National Guard was tasked with the mission and launched a 210th Rescue Squadron HH-60 Pave Hawk with 212th Rescue Squadron Pararescuemen onboard from Kulis Air National Guard Base at 8:40 p.m.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. the Pave Hawk arrived on scene and lowered pararescueman Tech. Sgt. Leo Claunan and pararescueman team leader Staff Sgt. Zach Kline, the primary medic, by Stokes litter to assess the situation.

Claunan and Kline located the boy, his father, and his brother at a cabin on the east side of Swan Lake, 15 miles from the Resurrection Pass trail head. The pararescuemen confirmed contact with the ailing hiker and radioed the Pave Hawk, which was able to land on the lake shore nearby.

Kline provided emergency medical treatment the boy, who was then safely transported with his family to Providence Medical Center where he was released to hospital staff in stable condition.

“They were fortunate enough to be able to use the satellite-phone of a hiker passing by to call for assistance,” said Claunan. “They made the right decision and were smart to seek help early rather than later when things could have been much worse.”

The 210<sup>th</sup> and 212<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadrons were awarded one save for this mission.