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## **National Guard Rescues Snowmachiners near Dillingham**

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska** – The Alaska Air National Guard successfully directed a ground search and rescue team to three distressed snowmachiners, near Dillingham, early Thursday morning.

The 11th Rescue Coordination Center dispatched the 211th and 212th Rescue Squadrons from Kulis Air National Guard Base after receiving a call from Alaska State Troopers at 7:23 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Troopers received the distress call from a handheld radio after a snowmachiner and two children became lost, cold and wet, during a fast moving winter storm, 12 miles northeast of Dillingham.

An Alaska Air National Guard HC-130 Hercules with pararescuemen onboard launched and was able to spot a campfire built by the distressed party at 1:15 a.m.

The HC-130 aircrew relayed their position to a ground team searching the area and assisted them by dropping illumination flares to the distressed snowmachiners location. The ground team successfully reached the party at 3:34 a.m.

Uninjured and not hypothermic, the snowmachiner and children were given dry clothes and a chance to warm up, before Guardsmen helped guide the team back to Dillingham.

They arrived in Dillingham at 4:45 a.m. and were released to Alaska State Troopers in good condition.

The 211th and 212th Rescue Squadrons were awarded three saves for this mission.