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Alaska Air National Guard Responds to Plane Crash ***Guardsmen recover three uninjured Kenai Civil Air Patrol members***

CAMP DENALI, Alaska – The Alaska Air National Guard assisted three Kenai Civil Air Patrol members after their aircraft crashed into some trees near Kenai Feb. 21.

The Kenai Civil Air Patrol members used a satellite phone to request assistance, when their DHC-2 Beaver aircraft crashed 10-miles north of the Kenai Municipal Airport.

The 11th Rescue Coordination Center received the call for assistance at 3:40 p.m. and tasked the Alaska Air National Guard's 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons with the mission.

The 210th Rescue Squadron launched an HH-60 Pave Hawk with 212th Rescue Squadron pararescuemen onboard.

While the Pave Hawk was en route, the three CAP members hiked out to a clearing where one of them was recovered by a private aircraft.

The Pave Hawk arrived on scene at approximately 4 p.m. and observed that the CAP aircraft had sustained extensive damage after hitting some trees.

“They were very fortunate to come out of this crash uninjured,” said Maj. Rick Watson, a 210th Rescue Squadron pilot.

The Pave Hawk pilots landed at a nearby clearing where pararescuemen recovered the two remaining CAP members and returned them uninjured to the Kenai Municipal Airport where they were released to Alaska State Troopers.

The 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons were awarded three assists for this mission.