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Guardsmen Rescue Mount Marathon Hiker

CAMP DENALI, Alaska – The Alaska Air National Guard rescued a female hiker on Mount Marathon in Seward Sunday.

Alaska State Troopers contacted the 11th Rescue Coordination Center at 7:55 p.m. to assist in the rescue after the Seward Fire Department requested support to find the hiker who called in on her cell phone “lost and tired”.

The RCC tasked the Alaska Air National Guard’s 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons out of Kulis Air National Guard Base and they responded with an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter with pararescuemen onboard.

The Guard arrived on scene at 9:00 p.m. and quickly located the distressed hiker. Pararescuemen were immediately lowered via hoist to a suitable position on the mountain, hiked up to her location and successfully hoisted the hiker and pararescuemen up to the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter.

Safely onboard the Pave Hawk, pilots transported the hiker to Alaska State Troopers in Seward at 9:30 p.m. Her current condition is unknown.

One save was awarded to the 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons for this mission.