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## **Alaska Air National Guardsmen Rescue Stroke Victim**

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska** – The Alaska Air National Guard rescued a stroke victim from a remote cabin on the Chatanika River northwest of Fairbanks Tuesday.

Alaska State Troopers contacted the 11<sup>th</sup> Rescue Coordination Center late Monday evening to assist in the rescue.

The RCC tasked the Alaska Air National Guard's 210<sup>th</sup> Detachment 1 and 212<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadrons out of Fairbanks.

At 6:40 a.m. the Alaska Air National Guard responded with an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter with pararescuemen onboard.

They landed on scene at 7:00 a.m. and quickly located the man inside his cabin. Pararescuemen recovered the man and safely loaded him on the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter, where pilots flew him to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

He was released to medical personnel at 7:28 a.m. and his current condition is unknown.

“Our guys did an excellent job with the rescue,” said Lt. Col. Bill Kupchin, 210<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron Detachment 1 commander. “It was a tight spot with challenging conditions, but they were still able to get in quickly and safely to assist the man.”

One save was awarded to the 210<sup>th</sup> Detachment 1 and 212<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadrons for this mission.