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Alaska Air National Guard Rescues Man From ATV Accident

210th, 212th Rescue Squadrons locate, rescue injured man

CAMP DENALI, Alaska—The Alaska Air National Guard’s 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons saved a man who was badly injured in an all terrain vehicle accident near Sutton Oct. 4.

In response to a request for assistance from the Alaska State Troopers, the 11th Rescue Coordination Center called on the 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons for assistance at 2:13 p.m. The 210th Rescue Squadron responded with an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter carrying pararescuemen from the 212th Rescue Squadron.

The rescue squadrons were tasked with locating and rescuing a 58-year-old man suffering from severe head and chest injuries sustained from an all terrain vehicle accident.

“It took approximately two hours from the time we were called to the time he was back at Providence receiving medical care,” said Capt. Brian Kile, 11th Rescue Coordination Center, senior controller. “It was a relatively quick rescue considering the bad weather conditions and that the crew had to search for the man.”

“Upon locating the individual approximately 100 feet from the falls at Eska Creek near Sutton, there were no landing areas,” said Lt. Col. Tom Bolin, HH-60 Pave Hawk pilot. “We decided to execute a one-wheel landing on the side of the rock trail to expedite the loading and unloading of the patient on the stokes litter.”

“Due to the remote location and the injuries he suffered, it was very important that he was rescued and brought in for medical attention in a timely manner,” said Kile. “Our rescue squadrons were the perfect ones for the mission because they train for this type of situation every day.”

“When you are out in back country enjoy yourself, but carry the proper gear with you; it’s also a good idea to carry a Personal Locator Beacon, and when you ride your ATV, wear a helmet,” Bolin added.

The 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons were awarded one save.

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