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Firefighters injured in boating incident on Salcha River

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Three firefighters working on the Ninetyeight Fire southeast of Fairbanks were injured in a boating incident on the Salcha River this morning. The injured firefighters were transported to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for further treatment. The extent of the injuries is yet to be determined. The cause of the boating incident is under investigation.

More details about this incident will be released as they become available.

Firefighters working on the Ninetyeight Fire are primarily concentrating on protecting structures along the Salcha River. The fire was discovered on the Yukon Training Area east of Eielson Air Force Base on June 19 and merged with the nearby Brigadier Fire to burn a total of approximately 15,600 acres. There are 100 firefighting and support personnel assigned to this fire. Additional information on the fire is available on the [Alaska Fire Information webpage](#).

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