

Miracle on the Hudson

NY Governor Patterson's words are an understatement after the news of an A320 landing in the Hudson was heard Thursday afternoon. Fears of the worst were soon eliminated as we learned of the brilliant landing conducted by the Captain....a landing approach that required him to maneuver the A320 – without power – over Manhattan, above the GW Bridge and finally ditching onto the Hudson River. Getting the plane down in one piece was the first part of the miracle. The second part was to get everyone off safely; Air Cruisers products were on this plane and helped fulfill the miracle.

Similarly to 9-11 the people of NY and NJ pitched in without being asked – ferry operators and boat operators arrived at the scene before emergency help to get people off the plane. The outstanding capabilities of the pilot along with the responsiveness of the marine rescue were the truly remarkable events. We are humbled to have been part of this success. Thankfully all aboard were saved and without any serious injury. Air Cruisers works with outstanding aircraft manufactures to provide the safest means of travel in the world. We don't look forward to seeing our product being used but are confident that it will be ready when necessary – as it was yesterday.

We do not make our products alone; a major part of our product's success is due to our suppliers. You make the components that enable us to assemble lifesaving products. Yesterday once again reminded us of why we are all in this business. You should share the same sense of pride we at Air Cruisers have in helping to make the “Miracle on the Hudson” a reality.

Air Cruisers would like to take this time to thank you for your quality and delivery performance which enables us to develop and manufacture world class emergency evacuation systems. I ask that you pass along our thanks to all of your employees that contribute to the products that you supply to Air Cruisers. Keep up the good work to ensure success in the event our products are needed again in the future!

John O'Donnell

