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## **NASAO STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRAGIC GENERAL AVIATION ACCIDENT IN MANHATTAN**

NASAO President extends condolences to victims – cautions rush to judgment.

The National Association of State Aviation Officials which represents the men and women who serve the public interest, through their work in state government aviation agencies, regrets the tragic accident that occurred in Manhattan on Wednesday afternoon. NASAO president Henry Ogrodzinski extended the association's sincerest sympathies to the families and friends of the victims.

However, Ogrodzinski said, "We must resist the urge to rush to judgments about this isolated tragedy. Despite this event which, sadly, reminded us all of the 9/11 attack, General Aviation remains one of the safest and most secure forms of transportation. It is far too premature to reach any conclusions about the causes of this accident. I am, confident that the National Transportation Safety Board will conduct its usual intensive investigation into this event. When the NTSB issues its report, we will all be able to more clearly understand and be able to evaluate the causes of this accident. In the meantime we must reject any calls for additional restrictions, regulations or legislation which would not genuinely enhance the security or safety of General Aviation."

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