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NewsChannel 4 Chopper Crashes In Brooklyn

POSTED: 6:32 pm EDT May 4, 2004 UPDATED: 7:19 pm EDT May 4, 2004

NEW YORK -- A NewsChannel 4 helicopter covering a shooting Tuesday in Brooklyn crashed on a rooftop.

Three occupants are in serious condition, but reportedly did not suffer life-threatening injuries.

Reporter Andrew Torres escaped the crash, but the fate of the pilot was unknown, WNBC said. Police said three people were aboard and none had life-threatening injuries.

The crash occurred at about 6:21 p.m. Callers to 911 reported seeing the helicopter "fall from the sky" and onto a rooftop, police said.

The shooting had been reported in the Flatbush section.

Police and emergency officials at the scene said the crew exhibited great skill in landing the disabled craft without causing injuries on the ground.

All onboard are employees of Heli-Net of California.

In 1986, Jane Dornacker, a traffic reporter for WNBC radio in New York, was killed when her helicopter crashed into the Hudson River. The pilot was critically injured.

As the chopper plunged toward a pier, listeners heard Dornacker scream at the pilot, "Hit the water! Hit the water!"

The Federal Aviation Administration later accused the helicopter company of making faulty repairs on the chopper. Dornacker's daughter reached a \$325,000 settlement with the owner and manufacturer of the helicopter.

WNBC debuted television news via Chopper 4, April 18, 1995, on "Live at Five." It provides NewsChannel 4 with live aerial shots for up-to-the-minute coverage of breaking news.

It appears that there are no fatalities at this point thankfully. My question is to the FDNY guys what is protocol for something like this?

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