



COMMANDING OFFICER  
U.S. COAST GUARD AVIATION TRAINING CENTER  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36608

*November 4, 2019*

*Dear Mr. Troyer,*

*Thank you for your exemplary response to a downed aircraft near Jay, Florida on August 13, 2019. As the aircrew aboard CG6556 departed Mobile Regional Airport for an afternoon training mission, they received an urgent request to assist Pensacola TRACON with a possible downed aircraft. As the crew promptly diverted for the Pensacola area, your approach controller began passing vital amplifying information about the accident. While maneuvering other aircraft through the extremely busy airspace, the controller coordinated a landing site, vectored CG6556 around multiple thunderstorms, and provided precise instruction for the aircrew to land near the crash site. The controller also established communications with another on scene aircraft, impressively coordinating communications between that aircraft and CG6556. As CG6556 landed to pick up the survivor from the crash site, your controller de-conflicted nearby traffic as CG6556 maneuvered to land in an unfamiliar area. While CG6556 was en-route to the hospital, the controller provided vectors around poor weather conditions, coordinated landing at a local trauma hospital, and facilitated communications with a local EMS helicopter for landing guidance at the unfamiliar hospital. The professionalism and expertise of your team helped my aircrew to safely navigate numerous hazards through the duration of the mission. Your controllers' were directly responsible for saving a life. I commend your team for their hard work, dedication, and expertise! Bravo Zulu and Semper Paratus.*

*Sincerely,*

  
*W. E. Sasser, Jr., CAPT*  
*Commanding Officer*