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Governor Christie: This Region Has Developed A Resilience Admired By The World

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: Let me just add, let me just add to what Governor Cuomo said so people can feel assured by this not just by our words, but by our actions. The fact is that over the last six years that Governor Cuomo and I have served in these positions together, we have gone through Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Sandy, and a number of terrorist attacks. What that has done for our relationship and for the relationships of our staffs has been, these folks know how to deal with a crisis. That's why the first call that I received this morning after getting the call from my staff about this accident was from Governor Cuomo, who was preparing to go to Israel and cancelled his trip in order to be here to help manage this crisis with me. So what the people of this region need to be assured of is, I do not remember a time in the history of the state, when I have been observing it, when you have had a better and more tested relationship between the governor of New York and the governor of New Jersey and their respective staffs. And so when we say we are going to get this up and running as quickly as possible, people have a track record to watch from Irene, from Sandy, and from terrorist attacks that the governor and I know how to do that and our staffs know how to do it because we have been tested, as have the people of New York and New Jersey been tested. That's one of the things you saw in there this morning. That regular commuters left the safety of where they were standing to rush to the train to help first responders evacuate injured people off the train. This region has developed a resilience that is admired by the rest of the world because of the way we've been tested. And so, we have

challenges, as the governor said, and we both believe that. But we have a system in place between the two of us and our administrations and an incredibly resilient people that allow us to be able to confront these things very directly. So, when we have more information to give, we will hold another briefing. Whether it is directly by the governor and I, or whether it is by our folks who are in charge of the minute to minute operations of this, we'll let you know. We appreciate you coming out today, informing the public. We will continue to provide information regarding the evening commute if there is anything to add to what Commissioner Hammer and Chairman Prendergast already told you.

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