



## **Evac+Chair, has been inducted (placed) in the World Trade Center Museum**

The original Evacuation Chair, manufactured by Evac+Chair, has been inducted (placed) in the World Trade Center Museum, on display for saving the lives of several individuals that were confined to a wheelchair. Evac+Chair of North America is now part of American History for saving lives during the World Trade Center Attack in New York City.



Prior to the World Trade Center Twin Towers attack, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has purchased well over 125 Evacuation Chairs (Rescue Chairs) manufactured by Evac+Chair of North America. When the World Trade Center Twin Towers were attacked on September 11, 2001; Several disabled workers (with impaired mobility) were prepared to put the Stair Chairs by Evac+Chair of North America into action. These disabled workers were aided by fellow employees utilizing the Stair Chairs of Evac+Chair, including John Abruzzo, who in the aftermath contacted Evac+Chair of North America for a special thanks for the rescue chair (evacuation chair) by Evac+Chair of North America.

John Abruzzo (9/11 survivor), a staff accountant for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, was working at his computer on the 69th floor of One World Trade Center when the first hijacked jet sliced into the tower. "It felt like the building was punched," he says. "My desk faces north the side the airplane hit. Paper was just coming down. Worse, the building swayed--and only in one direction says John.

By the time John Abruzzo, a C5-6 quad, had maneuvered his power wheel chair into the hallway, he saw only 10 of his coworkers--everyone else had already evacuated. A co-worker located one the the many EVAC+CHAIR's located throughout the building and transferred John Abruzzo out of his new, customized Arrow into the Evacuation Chair of Evac+Chair of North America rescue device, which resembles a sled-like component that takes their place when going down stairs.



The survivors and their rescuers reported that they were able to make their way down the stairs as firefighters came up without any interference. It doesn't take a level of disaster such as the Twin Towers attack to keep in mind the importance of getting all occupants out of any multi-story building or large venue to safely. Anyone who needs assistance down a stair case for any reason, in any building, in any situation that requires evacuation, can be helped to safety with an Evac+Chair.



The Evac+Chair are of unique construction which makes it easy for anyone with any type impaired mobility (permanent and/or temporary) to be navigated up and/or down a staircase in time of need. More than six occupants were rescued to safety during the World Trade Center Towers attack on September 11, using the evacuation chairs of Evac+Chair of North America.

The narrow profile, design and very light weight construction of the Evac+Chair stair chair means that its use as an evacuation chair does not interfere with the ascent and/or descent of first responders sharing the very narrow stairwell of the World Trade Center. The stair chair manufactured by Evac+Chair is engineered to maneuver smoothly and consistently using a patented continuous rotating V belt that ensures safety and allows the user to have total control of the chair's descent speed down the stairs with relative ease, regardless of the passenger's weight or size.

