

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings from the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. The crisis in Santa's workshop has dominated the news from the North Pole for the better part of a month. With less than 3 months now until Christmas, believers around the world are starting to get a little anxious about it and they are communicating those concerns and questions to the North Pole. To answer a few of those questions is our answer man, the International Director of Santa Trackers, Elf Crash Murphy. Crash, you've spent part of your weekend talking to your Elf Supervisors stationed at various places around the world. What are they asking you?

Elf Crash Murphy: Well, they are elves, Frank. They are charged with helping Santa get around the world through the largest network of tracker elves in history. So they are in the know, so to speak. Their questions are a bit different and each one of them wants to know if tracking Santa will be different this year because of what's going on. And the answer is yes.

Elf Frank: So how is tracking Santa going to be different?

Elf Crash: The mission of tracking Santa begins by getting the workshop caught up and as you have reported in the news all last week there's a massive effort to do that. There are more ships of the North Pole Navy on the water and now a large fleet of super sleighs are being dispatched from the North Pole. Tracking Santa begins with tracking them, and reporting weather and other critical things to North Pole Flight Command so all those vessels and sleighs can work as fast as possible.

Elf Frank: Speed seems to be on everyone's mind because all can see how far behind the workshop is. How do we get things to move along faster?

Elf Crash: Watch that counter on the crisis page on SantaUpdate.com, Frank. It's moving slowly down now. But in the coming weeks we're going to see that deficit made up. And it's going to move at a speed nobody right now can see coming.

Elf Frank: Are there chances that Santa could delay his flight time, say from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day, to do his part to help in this crisis?

Elf Crash: Not a chance of that, Frank. Santa has made it abundantly clear he's launching on time. I can tell you that in all the years I've followed Santa behind him every Christmas there's not a chance Santa would ever want to do this other than a night. It would be a nightmare, Frank, and maybe in a future podcast when we have time to talk about this in detail I can explain it. But take this to the bank: Santa's launching exactly when he says he is. It's a hard deadline and it's not negotiable.

Elf Frank: Okay, Crash, thank you for that clarification and we look forward to doing a podcast where you can answer more of these questions of concern. For North Pole Radio News, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.