

Elf Holly Berry: Greetings! I'm Elf Holly Berry reporting from the Special Assignment Desk for North Pole Radio News. Santa Claus has assembled a high-powered team of elves to oversee the crisis management of the situation in Santa's Workshop. For those of you new to this story, as of today, the team announced that Santa's workshop is approximately 141 days behind schedule with just 89 days left until Santa launches. Joining us from North Pole Flight Command to take a few questions about the road ahead for this crisis team and, indeed, for the entire North Pole, is Elf Roger Star. Roger, first of all, why does the head of Flight Command need to be involved with the crisis in Santa's Workshop?

Elf Roger: Thanks for that question, Holly, it's a good one. In order for the Workshop to catch up we need to speed up the schedule of not only how fast supplies roll into the production but also how fast things move out, especially in the weeks leading up to Christmas. As you know, better than any one, there's usually an airlift effort launched by Flight Command of thousands of sleighs ahead of Santa's launch to position supplies and things Santa will need as he delivers. That schedule is disrupted now, at least as far as we know, and we're going to have to assist by stretching that schedule over weeks and months.

Elf Holly Berry: This sounds very complicated. So if you're involved at Flight Command, I would assume this is likewise disrupting the schedule for other departments.

Elf Roger: It is and there are many elves and even reindeer who are involved.

Elf Holly: Reindeer? How are Santa's reindeer affected?

Elf Roger: We're moving more things at different times and from different places. We're not only going to need special transport sleighs to assist with that but also reindeer to pull those sleighs. I would say every department at the North Pole will be affected and elves of all types, not just workshop elves, will be under some added pressures as we work this problem.

Elf Holly: Thank you, Elf Roger Star for that clarification. We look forward to talking to you again in the weeks and months ahead as we countdown the time to Santa's launch. For North Pole Radio News, I'm Elf Holly Berry reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.