

Elf Holly Berry: Greetings! I'm Elf Holly Berry reporting from the Special Assignment Desk for North Pole Radio News. The Workshop Management Task Force has just released the latest data from Santa's Workshop and shows 13 days behind with 5 days remaining until Santa's launch. That is not the result they were looking for last week, an improvement of just 8 days. Joining us from Santa's workshop is Elf Rodney Stapleton, an efficiency expert from the Distribution Department to explain what needs to happen now. Rodney, thanks for joining us. We have five days, how are we going to get this done?

Elf Rodney Stapleton: We have turned some ancillary spaces near Santa's workshop into workshop space and we're producing toys in these spaces. We have expanded production into the Sleigh Barn, the North Pole Events Center and even the woodshop and the gym at North Pole High School.

Elf Holly: Can you tell if that is helping?

Elf Rodney Stapleton: Yes, it's relieved some pressure and congestion on traditional production lines at the workshop. We're moving along at 165% of normal there now, but we have no way of gauging how well these other sites are doing.

Elf Holly: What about elf power? How is all this affecting the work of other departments?

Elf Rodney Stapleton: All elves in all departments are working around the clock, Holly. That's not altogether unusual for this date on the calendar, but enough elves are missing from their usual jobs that we're seeing some challenges we normally don't, especially at the North Pole Post Office and over at North Pole Flight Command.

Elf Holly: North Pole Flight Command? Really?

Elf Rodney Stapleton: We're hoping tracker elves working remotely can pick up some of the slack there, honestly. Elf Crash is communicating that to them now.

Elf Holly: Ok, Rodney, thank you for that critical update. From the North Pole, where working under pressure is what we do best, I'm Elf Holly Berry reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.