

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings from the North Pole News Desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. Santa's reindeer have been in isolation the past ten days and just yesterday got out of dodge for a little field trip with Elf Crash Murphy, Santa's eye in the sky reporter and the International Director of Santa trackers. Elf Crash joins us now after returning to North Pole Flight Command late last night. Crash, what's up with all this travel?

Elf Crash Murphy: Frank, as reported at SantaTrackers.net, the elf resources at North Pole Flight Command have been affected by the crisis in Santa's workshop. We have at least until Tuesday, moved full command of flight operations to the SS Jingle Bell, the flagship of the North Pole Navy anchored right now in the Pacific. Santa's reindeer took me there to oversee the linkage of the regional tracking centers to the Jingle Bell. We got that done and came back.

Elf Frank: Do you often get to fly with Santa's reindeer?

Elf Crash: No, Frank, I rarely get that privilege and let me tell you they made quick work of it. We used Santa's sleigh from last year for this trip and it was likely the closest I've ever had to being sick on a sleigh in a dozen years. They were more than ready to hit the skies and let me tell you, that's not an experience you soon forget.

Elf Frank: So you're saying Santa's reindeer are ready for Santa?

Elf Crash: No doubt about it, Frank. And I noticed that Flight Command published the list of backup reindeer too and let me tell you, that's a fast team too. I can't believe with all we've got going on that those reindeer are going to be sitting the whole time we're trying to get sleighs launched, Frank. But that's the Kringle Plan and we're sticking to it.

Elf Frank: Crash, do you have a feeling for how Operation Airlift is going and what the next couple of days are going to be like?

Elf Crash: I don't think we have clue, Frank. Flight Command has pushed the total number of reindeer already involved to more than 32,000 and it's not even Christmas Eve yet. I think the 23rd and the 24th are going to set a record for sleighs and reindeer in the skies – which makes the work you'll be doing on the radio this year will be super busy, Frank.

Elf Frank: We look forward to it, Crash. We're happy to hear all the reindeer are healthy and we're looking forward to your chat later today in the North Pole Chat room. From the North Pole news room, where we have more news than normal to report, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.