

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings once again from the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. We have reached the one-week mark in our countdown to Christmas and there are several breaking stories to cover as we now track the hours until Santa's launch. From North Pole Flight Command we connect once again with Elf Crash Murphy, Santa's eye in the sky reporter. Crash, what are the big stories that concern us right now?

Elf Crash Murphy: Frank, we have many areas of concern but the two biggest things going on right now are the crisis in Santa's workshop and the weather. Everything else appears to be just where we need it to be.

Elf Frank: The Weather? Good grief, what next? What's up with the weather?

Elf Crash: The usual, Frank. The Weather Department here at Flight Command is warning today of a major North Pole blizzard forecast for December 22nd.

Elf Frank: Well, that's not so bad. How long is it supposed to last??

Elf Crash: Until February.

Elf Frank: Oh. Wow. Okay, but there have been Christmas blizzards before at the North Pole. What's so bad about this one?

Elf Crash: We are right now witnessing history with the very early launch of Operation Air Lift at the North Pole, Frank. Right now, every day, history is being made as thousands of sleighs launch to deliver wrapped presents to staging areas all over the world. They are carrying the catchup work of Santa's workshop, which has been in crisis since late summer. They've been at it for weeks, launching sleigh after sleigh of stuff Santa will deliver on Christmas Eve, away from the North Pole and it's big storm coming in. They have made good progress but they need to make a lot more...and the weather could get in the way. By the time December 23rd gets here, Operation Air Lift will be sending tens of thousands of sleighs out by the hour. The weather isn't going to make doing that very easy, Frank.

Elf Frank: Ok, what else is going on? Are there problems with the sleigh?

Elf Crash: Nope. She's ready to go.

Elf Frank: Are there problems with the reindeer?

Elf Crash: No, they're all healthy and ready to go.

Elf Frank: What about Santa? Is everything okay with him?

Elf Crash: Santa is a model of readiness, fitness and jolliness, Frank. He's all good to go.

Elf Frank: Ok...then we're good to go right?

Elf Crash: Yes, put the cookies in the oven. Santa's coming.

Elf Frank: Thanks for that optimistic outlook, Crash. From the North Pole, where we ain't afraid of no snow, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.