

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings from the North Pole News Desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. The test flights of Santa's sleigh are drawing a lot of attention in the early news of Operation Merry Christmas 2026. Reindeer Operations announced today that Donner and Blitzen of Santa's team have been recalled for duty, something that has never happened in the month of June before. Here with more on this situation is Elf Crash Murphy, who joins us from Flight Command today. Crash, there are rumors all over the place that this new sleigh design isn't doing well, is this why Donner and Blitzen are reporting early?

Elf Crash: Oh, the sleigh is just getting started with the test flights, Frank. Nothing is in trouble or not doing well in the month of June, Frank. Please tell everyone to calm the heck down. I think there are very practical reasons for Donner and Blitzen right now.

Elf Frank: Okay, explain it to me like I'm five years old.

Elf Crash: Donner and Blitzen are the biggest of all reindeer. They're the big leagues, Frank. The fastest. The strongest. They're the heavy hitters. Since this sleigh design is being rushed I think the big things they want to know is if the new sleigh can handle the horsepower of Santa's biggest reindeer. They need to get these sleighs to top speed under the heaviest payloads and in adverse conditions as quickly as possible. If that sleigh is to make it, it needs to survive Donner and Blitzen.

Elf Frank: Are you saying Donner and Blitzen are there to make the sleigh perform worse than it already has?

Elf Crash: Well, yeah, that's kind of it. Over the course of the several months ahead of us that sleigh has to be pushed to every limit and I can guarantee Donner and Blitzen are not here to mess around, Frank. They will be able to tell Santa more about that sleigh than any test pilot or engineer. They will know, Frank.

Elf Frank: So is it possible we will be getting worse news about the sleigh as Donner and Blitzen get involved?

Elf Crash: Oh, I think the rumors are going to go wild, Frank. Donner and Blitzen are serious firepower so whoever the lead designer is of this sleigh is going to be sweating bullets as long as those two are involved. So yeah, everyone, brace yourselves for all kinds of bad news about Santa's sleigh for a while.

Elf Frank: Wow, Crash. I had no idea how crucial these test flights are to Santa's efforts. Thanks for that report and we'll check in again with you soon. From the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.