in preparation for space shuttle

endeavour's final launch the sts-134

despite veteran astronauts flew t-38

training jets to NASA's Kennedy Space

Center on the afternoon of March 29th

eyes came to the Florida launch site to

conduct the standard week-long

pre-launch training and countdown dress

rehearsal officially known as the

terminal countdown demonstration test TC

DT or terminal countdown test is when

the processing and the training kind of

comes together after being parallel

things for a very long period of time
commander Mark Kelly and pilot Greg Johnson got down to business the next morning with practice landings in shuttle training aircraft the entire crew received instruction and practice driving the m113 armored personnel carrier as part of its emergency exit training at launch pad 39a where endeavour is undergoing final preparations the astronauts inspected the payload for the mission which is already tucked inside the shuttles cargo bay severe weather closed in on the Space Coast for 24 hours covering the
area with heavy winds rain lightning and hail while the storms caused no significant damage at the launch pad. Weather conditions caused some delays and reshuffling of training activities. This included moving the media QA normally held at the launch pad into Kennedy's television auditorium every time you strap on a space shuttle there is some intimidation among the crew members knowing that there's just an awesome amount of power and something that's going to be a milestone in their in their life whether it's the...
first time

00:01:51,560 --> 00:01:55,790
the fourth time and mark and I were

00:01:53,899 --> 00:01:59,239
talking about it today how excited we

00:01:55,790 --> 00:02:02,479
are to be flying endeavour in a couple

00:01:59,239 --> 00:02:04,459
weeks with the sun shining again the

00:02:02,478 --> 00:02:07,039
crew participated in the centerpiece of

00:02:04,459 --> 00:02:08,929
the week's activities a launch dress

00:02:07,039 --> 00:02:11,080
rehearsal and practice countdown with

00:02:08,929 --> 00:02:13,610
the look and feel of a real launch day

00:02:11,080 --> 00:02:15,680
the crew members also rehearsed

00:02:13,610 --> 00:02:18,019
Launchpad emergency evacuation

00:02:15,680 --> 00:02:20,390
procedures with the launch site

00:02:18,019 --> 00:02:22,969
exercises behind them the astronauts

00:02:20,389 --> 00:02:25,369
return to their home base NASA's Johnson

00:02:22,969 --> 00:02:27,379
Space Center in Houston where they will
continue training before returning to Florida for their targeted April launch at the launch pad technicians will continue to prepare space shuttle Endeavour for its final flight a 14-day mission to the international space station