



NASA  
*Expedition 35*

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00:00:07,430 --> 00:00:05,829  
there have been hundreds of

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:07,440  
investigations performed onboard the

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00:00:10,470 --> 00:00:09,120  
space station and while the astronauts

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00:00:12,310 --> 00:00:10,480  
are living there it's part of their job

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00:00:13,990 --> 00:00:12,320  
to ensure that researchers on the ground

6  
00:00:15,430 --> 00:00:14,000  
get the scientific results on the

7  
00:00:16,950 --> 00:00:15,440  
experiments that many of them have

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00:00:18,550 --> 00:00:16,960  
worked years on

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00:00:20,150 --> 00:00:18,560  
lori meigs is joining us now from

10  
00:00:21,590 --> 00:00:20,160  
marshall space flight center where those

11  
00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:21,600  
experiments or payloads as they're

12  
00:00:26,230 --> 00:00:24,720  
called are planned mori it's kind of

13  
00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:26,240

mind-boggling when you think about all

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00:00:30,470 --> 00:00:28,320

the things that go into training for one

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00:00:32,069 --> 00:00:30,480

expedition add on top of that all of the

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,079

science experiments these astronauts

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00:00:37,030 --> 00:00:34,320

have to learn how to perform we recently

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00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:37,040

caught up with expedition 3435 astronaut

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00:00:40,869 --> 00:00:38,800

tom marshburn while he was here at

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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:40,879

marshall speaking with researchers about

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00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:43,520

payloads processes and procedures we're

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00:00:49,270 --> 00:00:47,039

up to nearly 300 per expedition 300

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00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:49,280

experiments payloads

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00:00:52,630 --> 00:00:51,280

how do you keep that all straight

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00:00:54,389 --> 00:00:52,640

really it's the the job of the ground

26  
00:00:56,470 --> 00:00:54,399  
control team they do a wonderful job of

27  
00:00:58,709 --> 00:00:56,480  
keeping that straight every five minutes

28  
00:01:01,510 --> 00:00:58,719  
on board is blocked out for an astronaut

29  
00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:01,520  
so we are do as directed we go from from

30  
00:01:06,070 --> 00:01:03,440  
payload to payload the challenge of

31  
00:01:07,750 --> 00:01:06,080  
being an astronaut is is to switch gears

32  
00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:07,760  
in between payloads

33  
00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:09,360  
to remember what's special about this

34  
00:01:13,109 --> 00:01:11,360  
one based on work we've done maybe the

35  
00:01:15,109 --> 00:01:13,119  
day before or so and otherwise we just

36  
00:01:17,109 --> 00:01:15,119  
have to rely on the procedures

37  
00:01:18,550 --> 00:01:17,119  
what's helpful to you in procedures i

38  
00:01:20,149 --> 00:01:18,560

know you you came to this meeting to

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00:01:22,630 --> 00:01:20,159

talk about uh some of the things that

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00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:22,640

might help another crew member out

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00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:23,759

the uh

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00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:25,360

things that are most helpful about it

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00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:27,280

since the astronauts are a checklist

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00:01:30,469 --> 00:01:29,280

driven group of people

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:30,479

we survive

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00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:32,960

and train on our spacecraft launching

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00:01:36,870 --> 00:01:35,280

and landing using checklists so we're

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00:01:39,670 --> 00:01:36,880

very used to that we find they're very

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00:01:41,510 --> 00:01:39,680

efficient and time efficient and often

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00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:41,520

very accurate so we

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00:01:46,710 --> 00:01:43,920

rely on those or to the extent a

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00:01:50,550 --> 00:01:46,720

procedure can match a checklist we love

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00:01:53,030 --> 00:01:50,560

that now if narration is required so

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00:01:55,109 --> 00:01:53,040

hopefully the people or developers can

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00:01:57,270 --> 00:01:55,119

keep the narration short in a procedure

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00:01:58,950 --> 00:01:57,280

and if not then a video is a wonderful

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:01:58,960

way to get through those those tricky

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:02,240

sticky parts of payloads procedures

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00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:03,600

what stood out to you what was your

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00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:05,520

favorite to work on

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00:02:09,430 --> 00:02:07,280

one of my favorites was the capillary

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00:02:10,949 --> 00:02:09,440

flow experiment part of that

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00:02:13,110 --> 00:02:10,959

because very visual

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00:02:15,510 --> 00:02:13,120

astronauts without being specialists in

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,520

the area can make visual observations

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00:02:19,910 --> 00:02:17,440

that are meaningful to the ground team

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00:02:21,670 --> 00:02:19,920

and also we get to to talk to the

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00:02:23,589 --> 00:02:21,680

principal investigators and the

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00:02:25,270 --> 00:02:23,599

developers on the ground directly so we

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:25,280

can all marvel at the same time of what

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00:02:28,550 --> 00:02:26,480

we're seeing we can all make

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00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:28,560

observations and contribute

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00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:30,319

a lot of back and forth that's wonderful

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:32,400

to the extent that we can talk to the

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00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:34,160

lead scientists and the

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00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:35,519

principal investigators that's what's

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:36,800

the most fun and i think the most

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00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:38,640

productive i love talking to them and

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00:02:42,470 --> 00:02:40,239

then when we come back from flight any

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00:02:44,869 --> 00:02:42,480

chance we get to have a personal contact

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00:02:47,270 --> 00:02:44,879

say thank you and even talk more about

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00:02:49,030 --> 00:02:47,280

their experiment we love that chance

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00:02:50,309 --> 00:02:49,040

now a lot of them you're performing the

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00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:50,319

experiment but a lot of them are being

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00:02:53,830 --> 00:02:52,239

performed on you what's that like to be

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00:02:56,150 --> 00:02:53,840

on the other side to be the subject yep

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00:02:57,589 --> 00:02:56,160

so uh humans are definitely subjects in

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:57,599

the experiments

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00:03:00,550 --> 00:02:58,400

uh

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00:03:02,710 --> 00:03:00,560

it ranges quite a bit in terms of the

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00:03:03,990 --> 00:03:02,720

impact of our day-to-day life we

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00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:04,000

understand that one of the reasons we're

93

00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:05,760

there is to learn about being in space

94

00:03:10,229 --> 00:03:08,319

so we take the hit in that regard

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00:03:12,309 --> 00:03:10,239

sometimes you got stuff stuck all over

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00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:12,319

your chest ekg electrodes sometimes you

97

00:03:16,229 --> 00:03:14,480

do a lot of blood draws collecting your

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00:03:18,630 --> 00:03:16,239

own urine which in

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00:03:21,750 --> 00:03:18,640

zero g can be a challenge

100

00:03:23,030 --> 00:03:21,760

so it it does impact your day

101  
00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:23,040  
quite a bit

102  
00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:24,640  
impacts the way you eat the way you go

103  
00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:27,120  
to the bathroom all of that but you know

104  
00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:28,560  
how important this is because there's no

105  
00:03:32,869 --> 00:03:30,319  
other way to get this information unless

106  
00:03:34,309 --> 00:03:32,879  
it's done on a person and i'm frankly

107  
00:03:36,390 --> 00:03:34,319  
very happy to be the person that's in

108  
00:03:38,789 --> 00:03:36,400  
space doing it why did you want to go to

109  
00:03:41,190 --> 00:03:38,799  
space i've cut my teeth on the apollo

110  
00:03:43,190 --> 00:03:41,200  
program seeing what had happened with

111  
00:03:45,589 --> 00:03:43,200  
going to the moon and

112  
00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:45,599  
figuring out how to go to the moon

113  
00:03:50,550 --> 00:03:48,560

and just an intense uh curiosity and

114

00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:50,560

desire my whole life to know what's out

115

00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:51,920

there beyond the atmosphere and to

116

00:03:56,229 --> 00:03:54,000

understand better what's going on how

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00:03:57,509 --> 00:03:56,239

people can live in space for as long as

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00:03:58,390 --> 00:03:57,519

possible

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00:04:00,229 --> 00:03:58,400

so

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00:04:02,070 --> 00:04:00,239

that human element of space flight is

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00:04:03,990 --> 00:04:02,080

what attracted me so i became a doctor

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00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:04,000

and then a flight surgeon and and i was

123

00:04:07,110 --> 00:04:05,599

lucky enough to get a chance to

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00:04:08,470 --> 00:04:07,120

experience it myself

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00:04:10,630 --> 00:04:08,480

there's one thing you could tell people

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00:04:13,030 --> 00:04:10,640

here on earth of why the space station

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00:04:14,949 --> 00:04:13,040

is so important what would you tell them

128

00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:14,959

it's actually uh the space station is

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00:04:19,270 --> 00:04:16,560

important on several levels number one

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00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:19,280

we are finding out uh things that are

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00:04:23,430 --> 00:04:21,359

groundbreaking uh for physiology and for

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00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:23,440

physics you simply cannot do a lot of

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00:04:26,790 --> 00:04:24,320

this

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00:04:28,230 --> 00:04:26,800

or any of it really on earth taking

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00:04:30,150 --> 00:04:28,240

advantage of the radiation environment

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00:04:33,030 --> 00:04:30,160

the weightlessness the vacuum

137

00:04:34,790 --> 00:04:33,040

the earth based platform earth viewing a

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00:04:36,950 --> 00:04:34,800

platform you get the astronomy platform

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00:04:39,030 --> 00:04:36,960

you get from the space station

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00:04:41,270 --> 00:04:39,040

has been opened up a lot of

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00:04:43,270 --> 00:04:41,280

possibilities for not only launching

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00:04:45,749 --> 00:04:43,280

many satellites but also getting

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00:04:47,510 --> 00:04:45,759

continual real-time observations of our

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00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:47,520

universe like the uh

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00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:49,680

looking for dark matter can't do that

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00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:51,840

anywhere else except the space station

147

00:04:55,510 --> 00:04:54,320

for me though the the prime benefit

148

00:04:57,030 --> 00:04:55,520

comes from

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00:04:59,350 --> 00:04:57,040

nations coming together for one of the

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00:05:01,830 --> 00:04:59,360

first times in history to

151  
00:05:04,230 --> 00:05:01,840  
to work together not for our survival

152  
00:05:06,070 --> 00:05:04,240  
not for our self-defense not even for

153  
00:05:07,510 --> 00:05:06,080  
commercial reasons but to do it because

154  
00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:07,520  
we want to know what's going on out

155  
00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:09,520  
there and i think it's a huge step

156  
00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:11,440  
forward in human evolution really

157  
00:05:15,189 --> 00:05:13,440  
what's next for you you going back would

158  
00:05:16,469 --> 00:05:15,199  
love to go back into space don't know if

159  
00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:16,479  
it's going to happen there's a lot of

160  
00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:18,800  
very good smart people that haven't gone

161  
00:05:22,230 --> 00:05:20,240  
yet that need to go

162  
00:05:25,590 --> 00:05:22,240  
so to the extent that i can help them go

163  
00:05:27,749 --> 00:05:25,600

and and maybe uh help lead a group

164

00:05:29,909 --> 00:05:27,759

if ever that opportunity arises in any

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00:05:31,430 --> 00:05:29,919

capacity i would love to go

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00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:31,440

a little jealous of that scott kelly

167

00:05:35,270 --> 00:05:33,120

getting to stay for a year stay for a

168

00:05:36,790 --> 00:05:35,280

year uh he's he's going to be good as

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00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:36,800

being the first to uh to break the

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00:05:41,270 --> 00:05:39,600

barrier there it's been done before and

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00:05:43,830 --> 00:05:41,280

yeah we're all a little jealous he's

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00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:43,840

getting to do that

173

00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:46,320

we're all jealous now taking a live look

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00:05:49,670 --> 00:05:47,919

into the payload operations integration

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00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:49,680

center a busy day for the team here led

176  
00:05:53,110 --> 00:05:51,440  
by craig cruz and today

177  
00:05:55,350 --> 00:05:53,120  
they've been supporting the astronauts

178  
00:05:57,110 --> 00:05:55,360  
as they work on the fur ace and and

179  
00:05:59,510 --> 00:05:57,120  
delivered the first sample in there for

180  
00:06:01,430 --> 00:05:59,520  
a 72 hour run

181  
00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:01,440  
they've also performed helped perform

182  
00:06:05,510 --> 00:06:03,360  
the annual checkout of the microgravity

183  
00:06:07,029 --> 00:06:05,520  
science glove box and so good news it's

184  
00:06:09,350 --> 00:06:07,039  
good to go for another year everything

185  
00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:09,360  
checked out fine and the marshall pros

186  
00:06:12,870 --> 00:06:10,960  
the payload rack officers they've been

187  
00:06:14,790 --> 00:06:12,880  
loading updates to the elc's those are

188  
00:06:16,950 --> 00:06:14,800

the outside payloads for new

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:16,960

capabilities for new experiments and

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00:06:20,309 --> 00:06:18,479

that'll do it for us here at the payload