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00:00:00,680 --> 00:00:06,640

\h Music

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00:00:06,640 --> 00:00:11,420

\h Commander Dom Gorie, Pilot Greg Johnson and Mission Specialists Rick Linnehan,

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00:00:11,420 --> 00:00:17,840

\h Bob Behnken, Mike Foreman, Garrett Reisman and Japanese astronaut Takao Doi

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00:00:17,840 --> 00:00:22,030

\h are looking to rocket into orbit on March 11 aboard space shuttle

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\h Endeavour on the STS123 mission.

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\h Before they can do that, though, they have to practice.

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\h That's why they flew to NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida

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\h for intense launch training on February 23 to the 25th.

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\h The seven climbed into the same orange suits they will wear on launch day and

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\h took a ride in the Astrovan to Launch Pad 39A.

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\h They crawled into Endeavour's hatch and took their places.

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\h The emphasis is on doing the same things they will do on the real launch day,

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\h so technicians were on hand to strap them in and remove equipment covers,

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\h just as they will for the ride into orbit.

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\h The session also included something they hope doesn't happen on launch day:

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\h getting out of the space shuttle during a potential emergency.

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\h The crew ran across the deck and climbed inside baskets that would zip them to

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\h safety in an unlikely real-life crisis.

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\h Crew members also practiced driving armored personnel carriers called M113s

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\h that would be called on in an emergency.

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\h The astronauts looked over the Kibo lab segment and Dextre as they stood

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\h inside Endeavour's cargo bay.

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\h For Gorie and Johnson, who will be at the controls of Endeavour during launch

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\h and landing, the practice reached into the skies above Kennedy.

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\h Both took turns piloting the Shuttle Training Aircraft along a steep flight path identical

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\h to that of a shuttle returning from space.

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\h With all their practices concluded safely, the astronauts took their seats in