

REYNALDO ABONADOR-Safety 066, Crew 122A, Assistant Reefer Engineer, Normally works from 0800 to 1700. He works on Saturday and Sunday, 7 days a week. Emergency duties- he is the leader of Fire Team No. 9

Last Sunday he was in Cabin C-1163. He in the deck/engine mess at the time of the event. He had woken up around 1700. He tried to call home when he woke up. After that he went to mess. When the explosion occurred he was inside. He did not see or hear anything before, just heard a big boom. They wanted to see what was happening, they opened the door on B deck, located on starboard side, mid ships, just aft of the garbage area, but they were unable to open the door because there was a lot of steam there.

They got calm and tried to make everything clear. They opened the door three times, when they saw that it was clear they left. When they got to the gangway he heard Code Alpha, then code Bravo. When he got to Code Bravo he went to Fire Station No. 9 and suited up. His station is inside the engine control room.

He did not see who was in the engine room at the time because he was focusing on getting dressed. After he put his suit on he heard on the radio to report to the meeting place, B deck, starboard side. The six of them left the control room and went to the meeting place. All six of his team was there. The on-scene commander told them to evacuate the C deck starboard side and see if it was clear, if anyone was hurt.

He did not see any damage on the port side. When they checked the cabins they found one person who was dead, they told the environment officer and he called for the stretcher team. They waited for the stretcher team, when the victim was removed and then they returned to the meeting place.

He has been 12 years on board the Norway since 1991. He has taken advanced Fire fighting at Resolve in Pt. Everglades. He also has training from Philippines. He has not been on other ships. He was not scared during the event. As a seamen you must always be alert. He heard code Bravo, he saw smoke but not fire.

He has charged hoses on a drill. They have practiced with foam, but have not used steam hoses. He knows about the Halon, dry powder, sea water.

The meeting place was on Biscayne Deck, zone 5, port side.