

SHAUN HALLETT, Gift shop sales assistant, (S. Africa) Crew 852, Safety No. 288, Cabin No. D Deck 002.

He was in a cabin awake and lying in bed. He felt a large jarring motion and then heard a loud bang, and felt the pressure change in his ears. He knew right away that it was an explosion. Later he explained that as a S. African resident, he experienced an explosion very near to his home. He put on the TV to see what was going on, by looking through the bow camera. However, the power went out. He heard Code Alpha and then Code Bravo. His emergency assignment was Station Leader, Muster Station No. 20, Port side, international deck.

He got dressed, opened the cabin door into the port passageway, and went up stairway No. 6 (located directly across his cabin). He proceeded up crew stairway to Viking deck, then a regular passageway, but found it congested.

He arrived at his station, and sent a supernumerary to his cabin to get his clipboard. The clipboard contained the muster list of passengers at his muster station. The SN returned to the muster station and he began accounting for the passengers and crew that were to report to the station.

One couple arrived considerably later, about 30 minutes, then the passengers and he said to the passengers, "I'm grateful that you showed up." The male passenger told him, "If you don't get out of my face, and stop being sarcastic and I going to punch your lights out." He responded, "If you don't get in line, I am going to call security." The passenger did comply.

He later learned that the passengers did not leave their cabins right away, but instead remained packing their belongings. The passengers were ordered to leave the cabin by a search team, then reported to incorrect station before they reported to the proper station.

He explained that he had not received training in crowd control, but believed, on his own, that the situation called for a quick resolution and that reference to security was necessary. He had graduated college, but joined the cruise line because he believed that his major, performing arts, did not enable him to readily earn a living

0900 pax told to disembark as soon as possible. Between 0900 and 1000 he heard the .abandon ship signal crew started to disappear and needed to be rounded up an announcement was made to muster in the saga theatre.

The Captain gave a briefing at the theater and a roll call was taken. The roll call of crew safety numbers determined that approx 100 crew members were missing