

ALAN EDANG-crew No. 130, Safety 031, duties is engine oiler. Cabin was C-1073 up to the incident. Safety duties at the time of the accident, was the vice leader of fire team No. 2. He has been on the order almost 3 months. This is his first time on a cruise ship. He served almost two years on container ships. His was first an engine wiper, then promoted to an oiler. They had steam engines, but only for heating.

He was sleeping at the time of the explosion. His cabin mate woke him up, he never heard the explosion. His duties were not to begin until 0800 so he was asleep at the time. His cabin mate told him that an explosion had occurred. He opened the door and saw that only the emergency lights were on, and the sprinklers were operating. He heard the victim in the cabin shouting (indicated pain). He saw the cabin, and saw his co-engine worker try to help the victim.

Then he said to himself that he should go there and help. He then heard the Code Alpha and it seemed like a second later, Code Bravo, then they called for fire team 2 to report to their respective fire station. He went to Biscayne Deck, starboard side, to his station, Fire Stationj 4. He suited up there. He then followed his instruction of the Fire team leader, Alex, to go to the Caribbean deck and assist the MIA FD. The six team members went there with a MIA firefighter. Then the MIA firefighter told them to follow them.

They went to the main engine stairway. The MIA firefighters told them that only the team leader should accompany them because there were too many of them. Then his team leader directed them to go to the starboard side stair around the deck, and they went to the other side of the engine room.

The person who was killed was in the stairway, like he was holding the stairwell. HE was killed in the stairwell, on the Caribbean Deck, port side, near Frame 128. The stairwell leads to the boiler room. It is across from C-1076. Someone made a call for the stretcher team, most likely Alex, the team leader and another person with safety no. 032. After 3 minutes the stretcher team came and the team leader directed him and another to join the stretcher team to retrieve the body.

When he saw the body he got very upset. He helped the put the body on the stretcher in the stairwell and the stretcher team took the body from the passageway on the Caribbean deck starboard side and he stayed there, waiting for further orders. They were told then to inspect the cabins in zone 4, from Biscayne deck to the Sun Deck, just the Starboard side.

The bridge then instructed them to muster at their abandon ship stations. They gathered there.

When he first left his cabin, he passed near the engine room, on the C deck. The sprinklers were on when he left his room, they stopped several hours later. He walked through the sprinklers to his station. It was flooded. He went and suited up, then returned to the Caribbean deck. When he got there the MIA FD were there. A lot of fire teams quickly followed, they were among the first ones to get there.

All the fire chiefs and commanders were there. His team leader was Alex (Florentiono) Poblacion. He felt that in the actual event he was more nervous than in the drills. He said that

during the drills he was told to act the right way during an event. They are strict, so that is the way he acted in the real event.

He felt that gear and communications went well. He found that in the real thing the “presence of mind” of key individuals is important for all.

He went to a Iloilo Maritime Academy, a provincial academy about 320 miles S. It is an island, can only get there by ship or plane from Manila. He went there for two years.