

BERNARD LAZO-Safety 048, Crew 1668, Cabin C-1081, he is an oiler, generally works midnight to 0400, and 1200 to 1600. He works the same hours whether at sea or in port. This is his 2nd contract, they last 9 ½ months. He has only been on the Norway.

On the day of the accident, he was in the boiler room, works from the forward stabilizer to aft auxiliary.

The ship was coming into port while he was on duty. He finished his duty day, then went to his cabin, ate in the engine mess, about 0430 to 0500. The one victim was with him. Then at 0500 he went to his cabin to watch television because he was unable to sleep. He slept about an hour, he had a stomach ache, went to the rest room about 0630. When the explosion occurred he was still in the restroom. He heard an explosion he saw an air duct and something hot came on his back, steam, then after that he heard some shouting. When he opened the rest room door he felt it was very hot, steam starting coming in. He closed it and stayed for 5 or 10 seconds then opened the door again, he went out, he did not see the victim but the victim called him. The bathroom was on C deck, starboard side.

The victim was in the hallway, cabin 1175. He needed help, Bernard told him to come, but the victim asked him to hold him. He went over and saw that his skin was coming off. He helped him, took him to B deck to the main galley on B deck. Then some people were there, he called them and said that they needed a medical team. They called the bridge and then he heard the Code Alpha call to the main galley. He stayed with his friend until the medics came, a stretcher team. They attended to him and took the victim to the Viking Deck.

He went back to C deck and there was one person shouting because there was another burn victim there. He stayed on C deck only a minute or two. Then he went to the B deck, to the control room, to wait for further instructions. He did not get dressed because his station was the control room. Only two members of his fire team, Fire Station 5, showed up, but he does not know the other members of his team. He duties are, when there is a Code Bravo to go to Station No. 5 and get dressed. He is the team leader. There were two others and him at the time, two showed up. He does not know what happened to the others, except that one was in the garbage room and another went with another team. The sixth one was a victim.

He became a team leader when the previous team leader was relieved because he was overweight, and because he lack physical fitness, which is necessary to be a successful team leader. This happened about a month ago when the fire chief told him that he was making him a team leader. He has been through 4 drills since then, this occurred about a month ago.

There was a total blackout, the sprinklers were on in the B deck, but it was coming out slowly. The water was a little hot. The on-scene commander did not direct him.