

FLORENTINO POBLACION-Has been on the Norway 9 years, all on NCL, and only on this ship. Safety No. is 30, Crew No. is 072, current position is the AB, but he works in the fire brigade. As an AB, he works in the fire department to check and maintain all the fire equipment. He has had this position for a long time, since he came to this ship. His main position on board is assistant fireman. One person works for him, he is on vacation.

He was in his cabin asleep. Then he heard the boom, thought it was dream, then he heard code Alpha three different locations. This was about 0650. Then he stood up in his bed, the lights were out, then he heard the Code Bravo, he got dressed and left to go to the station, to put on his equipment.

His station is Fire Station No. 2, is in front of cabin 1017 same deck. His cabin is B-1015, starboard side. When he got there his fire chief was there. They put on their fire equipment, the chief was already wearing it. The chief told him to stay and wait for the team. There are six people on his team. All the team members showed up. He was there only about two minutes. On the PA system, they told all fire teams to go the midships gangway. He left at that point. It did not take long for his team to get to that gangway, maybe one minute.

Then he arrived at the station, the scene commander and MIA fire department were there. The on-scene commander was Magnus, the chief engineer or something like that. He was talking to the fire department. He is the team leader of his firefighting team.

He has had basic training in fire fighting. He took training at the Miami/Port Everglades fire department. This was ½ fire training. They taught to use the breathing apparatus, to attack big fires. They fought a real fire in this training. This was about two years. He attended the training all three times at the same place. This occurred the last time that he was in Port Everglades. All firefighters and some crew members took this training. About 20 people. To extinguish it. No additional advanced training. He did not ask to become team leader, he was assigned to it.

He has responded to other small emergencies such as Code Alphas, also Code Poppa, the response was good. Radio announcements told all people to go to the scene commander. On his way to the scene the sprinklers on the starboard side were working. Many were on, he could not count.

He also checks the fire box, changes hoses when necessary, paints it when needed, pin the equipment, repair it if needed.

He was told to go to the Boiler Room, they started to go there but the Miami FD told them not to, the Miami FD only needed one guy. Four Miami FD when with him, others waited for guidance. He was the one who was told to go with the FD. He went with them together. They told him to open the door, they wanted him to open the door but he told them that this was by the boiler and there might be steam there. He told them to get in there by way of the aft engine, it was another way in.

Then they all went in to search the boiler room. He saw platform that was raised. They were checking the area, then he saw one of his friends sitting in the boiler room. He called the Miami

FD, they checked him and said that he was dead. Two Miami FD went over to check the person. He called on the bridge to send a stretcher port side to remove his friend. He met some of his crew and told him that the person was dead. He went back in with the stretcher and helped to remove him. He was the only one that he noticed inside the area.

Then the MIA FD said they needed to back out of the area. They may have heard steam so that is why they left.