

JOSE RENALDO JABELOSA-Crew No. 170A, Safety 054, Forward engine room engineer, job is maintenance working on main engine problems. Emergency is fire team. Cabin No. 02021 Pool deck.

Has been on the ship 7 months, At the time of the incident he was in the port side bunkering station waiting for the barge, about 0640. He heard the boom, then felt some air pressure pushing air out. Then he heard Code Alpha then less then one minute later Code Bravo.

He went to his station on the Caribbean deck, Fire Team 6. It took him about two minutes to get there. When he got there, too many people were outside. Three members of his time were there. He put on his fire suit and went to the Biscayne Deck to report to on-scene command. He then waited on scene until Miami fire fighters, he saw them go into the engine room. There is there report area. Three of them went from his team, there are six in all. The other three did not report. One of the three was stayed behind to help people on the Caribbean deck. He never did see the other two and did not find out why they did not report.

He was told that some of his scene were already on the scene. He saw crew firefighters carrying out a victim, this was the chief firefighter and chief engineer. This was before the Miami FD arrived. About 30 minutes later, he estimates, that MIA FD showed up. Then he went forward on the Biscayne deck and all the other firefighting teams. About 1100 they started searching the area port to starboard side, from Dolphin to Sun, searching with other team members for casualties.

He has been on the team for four months. Every Wednesday or Thursday they get training. He is the team leader. He has had advanced fire fighting training in the Philippines in 1999.

He has not been through a real fire. He saw sprinklers on the Caribbean deck on. He never saw if the hoses were turned on or not.