

NIGEL THORN-Security Officer, has been with the Norway since 97, then worked on the Norwegian Sky and Norwegian Sea. He has been on the vessel for three week since coming back from vacation.

His job is to investigate all accidents and report to Staff Capt. and Capt. He leads a team of 10, 8 Gurkas and two from Nepal. Woke up at 0530 on the day of the accident, then at 0600 went to crew gangway, there were two other Ghurkas at the crew gangway at the time in port. One would stand by the green doors and one by the Fidelio system (swipe system)-then when the signal was given private contractor would come with X-Ray equipment.

He went to the gangway, then at that time he heard the explosion, then saw the black smoke and the pressure threw them off the gangway and onto the pier. He heard it and felt the pressure. The one security guard by the green door got pushed and was slightly burned by the steam, the other one got pushed off and was covered by black something.

He was conscious throughout. He didn't remember getting pushed onto the pier but he remembers being on the pier. He cleared his eyes, then heard bunch of codes on the ground, they he told all of the guards to get people off as quickly as possible. No crewmembers were waiting at the gangway at the time. He tried to get people off the gangway as quick as possible. He did not remember people getting off the crew gangway until emergency services.

Crew gangway is Biscayne Deck by the engine control room. Most of the crew members who came off got off the aft gangway. He would estimate that between 80 and 100 got off that gangway. Some got off at his direction and others got off at the direction of the security guards he oversaw.

It didn't take long for EMS people to come. One of the Ghurkas got taken by ambulance because he was injured by the steam. The codes that he heard were Code Alpha and Code Bravo. He believes that the codes were heard almost immediately. Later on he talked to the Staff Capt. and briefed him on the location of crew on the grass.

He directed crew ashore since they were gathering on the gangway and he felt that they should not get back to their cabins. He wanted to get them out of the danger zone as quickly as possible. At the beginning it was just a group that was gathering there. At that time three gangways were out. He called Code Bravo at the crew gangway.