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DNA tests help identify 8 victims

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DNA testing has turned up matches for eight Twin Tower disaster victims, and Mayor Giuliani yesterday urged relatives to submit samples to help identify their loved ones.

Chief Medical Examiner Charles Hirsch said DNA samples are crucial in identifying most of the victims — including the estimated 8,000 body parts recovered.

He said he believes DNA identification will soon "dominate the process we're involved in."

Hirsch didn't release the names of the victims found through DNA because the families have not been notified. About 2,600 families have turned in samples so far.

As of yesterday, the number of missing at the World Trade Center site stood at 4,339. Of the 478 victims confirmed dead, 425 have been identified.

Rescuers recovered the body of a police officer yesterday.

The remains were found near those of Officer Vincent Danz, whose body was found — along with his credit card and a patch from his uniform — on Monday.

And the city shrank the frozen zone by one to two blocks on its east and west borders and by a block on its northern border, improving access to the World Financial Center and lower Broadway.

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