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IN MEMORY

1,464 people perished as a result of Katrina. To date, a complete list does not exist. Here, 817 names are listed.

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year after Hurricane Katrina claimed the lives of 1,464 people in southeast Louisiana, state officials have released the names of about half of the victims and say that without continued federal support, it could be months before they publish a comprehensive account of those who died in the epic storm.

The names still being withheld are mostly tucked away in a stack of more than 500 death records from parish and out-of-state coroners being culled single-handedly by state medical examiner Dr. Louis Cataldie, who said FEMA has rejected his requests to hire additional staff to help him determine whether the deaths should be counted among Katrina's official toll.

A lack of federal money also has triggered the shutdown of a coordinated effort to locate 135 people still listed as missing, Cataldie said. The project, financed through FEMA, has resulted in the resolution of more than 13,000 reports of missing people.

FEMA and the state Department of Health and Hospitals announced this month that the Find Family National Call Center, which also counsels relatives waiting to learn whether their loved ones are among the corpses awaiting identification, would close Aug. 14. Though health department has kept a reduced staff on hand since then, the money soon will run out, Cataldie said.

"I wasn't excited about it," he said. "I lobbied to keep it open through the anniversary date because of 'anniversary trauma.' But the feds made up their mind and said the mission was complete."

Cataldie said the circumstances are the direct result of wan-

ing federal resources available for primary relief efforts, which continue to drag on for some families, even as most residents are busy rebuilding their lives.

Unidentified bodies

Fifty-two nameless corpses were still being held last week by Orleans Parish Coroner Frank Minyard, and a trove of DNA samples provided by relatives searching for loved ones also were transferred in recent weeks from the investigations center to State Police, said Kristen Meyer, a spokeswoman for the health department. A telephone hotline for the center will be suspended Thursday, she said.

A FEMA spokesman did not respond to several requests for comment about the agency's role in the developments.

"We turned over the remaining missing persons cases to local law enforcement authorities," Meyer said, noting that 107 of the cases were sent to New Orleans. "These cases are still open."

Meanwhile, Cataldie has been plodding through the death records of more than 500 people whose cases were handled by parish coroners or out-of-state officials. He is trying to determine, based on the date and conditions of a death, whether each person died as a result of the storm before Oct. 1, though exceptions might be made for deaths that occurred later.

Cataldie said he is still receiving documents from coroners, such as autopsy reports and death certificates, and intends to compile a complete list of the dead, in part to provide an authoritative source for relatives seeking insurance benefits.

Perhaps more important, he wants to create a final roll for

the sake of the historical record and to properly memorialize those who died.

"Each person is as important as the next one," he said. "I think it's important for us to realize at a truly personal level just what's happened here. I'm not a numbers person. Until the last person is identified, I don't think the mission is complete."

Staffing crunch

Cataldie said the process would have been further along had he been allowed to use employees at the national call center — most of whom were hired to field calls — to also scrutinize death records. "But I was told by FEMA that it didn't fall within the contract," he said.

FEMA spokesman Ronnie Simpson said he could not comment immediately on the terms of the agency's financing of the project or on recent efforts to name the dead.

He did provide a report, however, showing that the agency received more than 13,000 missing person reports after the storm. Of those, 10,746 Louisiana residents were found alive, 821 were confirmed dead, and 1,495 missing cases were referred to other jurisdictions, mostly in Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. The report also showed that efforts to locate the missing saved \$7.2 million in tax dollars that might have been spent on DNA testing of the potential victims' families.

The call center will operate at least through Thursday. Residents seeking to locate missing survivors and families of dead victims can call (866) 326-9393.

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