

Tornado Oral History Audio Recording Release

I, Sherri Cunningham, hereby give and grant my audio recording to Dr. Erin Rider and Dr. Chongming Wang of the JSU Center for Disaster and Community Resilience, and authorize them to make them available for scholarly research purposes and the oral history collection of the JSU Houston Cole Library.

Interviewee Sherri Cunningham

Interviewer Jane Kushma

Date of Interview 3/13/19

Signature of Interviewee Sherri Cunningham

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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

TITLE: Jacksonville, AL Tornado Stories of Resilience – Oral History Project

I, Sherri Cunningham have been asked to participate in an oral history project under the auspices of Jacksonville State University.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this project is to collect stories of resilience for disaster survivors of the Jacksonville, AL tornado on March 19, 2018. According to the national Oral History Association, “Oral history refers both to a method of recording and preserving oral testimony and to the product of that process. It begins with an audio or video recording of a first-person account made by an interviewer with an interviewee (also referred to as a narrator), both of whom have the conscious intention of creating a permanent record to contribute to an understanding of the past. A verbal document, the oral history, results from this process and is preserved and made available in different forms to other users, researchers, and the public.”

DURATION:

My interview is expected to last approximately two hours.

PROCEDURES:

I have been told that, during the interview, the following will occur:

1. I will be asked to provide an in-depth account of my personal experience with the tornado, my reflections about resilience, and what I will carry forward from the experience.
2. I agree to the audio recording of the interview portion of my participation. I understand that the recording will be transcribed and archived by the JSU Houston Cole Library. I also understand the recording(s) will be stored in a locked location accessible only to the researchers until the completion of the project.

PARTICIPANTS:

I will be one of approximately 50 participants to be interviewed for this study.

RISKS/DISCOMFORTS:

I have been told that the study described above may involve the following risks and/or discomforts:

1. I may find it uncomfortable to speak openly about my experience or may have memories of difficult or traumatic experiences that happened from the tornado.
2. I may be sharing personal experience that will be audio recorded.
3. The public availability of the audio recording may diminish confidentiality.
4. The interview may last a maximum of two hours.
5. There also may be risks and discomforts that are not yet known.

The interviewer will take every possible precaution to diminish or eliminate these risks.

POSSIBLE BENEFITS:

This oral history project will be used by researchers to connect to the larger historical narrative of the tornado and better understand the nature of resilience, with the hope that the research may give us knowledge and provide inspiration to help people in similar situations in the future.

RIGHT TO REFUSE OR WITHDRAW:

I understand that my participation is voluntary, and I may refuse to participate, or may discontinue my participation at any time with no adverse consequences.

INDIVIDUALS TO CONTACT:

If I have questions about my treatment or research procedures, I may discuss them with the Principal Investigator, Erin Rider at 256-782-8477 or CDCR@jsu.edu.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

I have read this entire form and I understand completely. All my questions regarding this form or this study have been answered to my complete satisfaction. I agree to participate in this study.

Name: Sherry Cunningham Signature: Sherry Cunningham

Address:

Date: 3-13-19