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## Participant Invitation Letter and Informational Flyer

Center for Disaster and Community Resilience, Jacksonville State University

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Dear Jacksonville Resident,

We are inviting residents in Jacksonville who experienced the March 2018 tornado to share their story. This project is organized by the Jacksonville State University's Center for Disaster and Community Resilience. The purpose of this project is to collect stories of resilience for disaster survivors of the Jacksonville, AL tornado on March 19, 2018. We are particularly interested in how people were affected by the tornado and how they coped with the aftermath in ways that helped them to adapt and adjust to the "new normal." We hope that in collecting these stories they give us greater knowledge and provide inspiration to help people in similar situations in the future.

On the backside of this letter, we have our informational flyer. We anticipate the interview lasting an hour. If you are interested in learning more about the project and sharing your story, please contact us at: 256-782-8477 or via email at [cdcr@jsu.edu](mailto:cdcr@jsu.edu).

Sincerely,

The Center for Disaster and Community Resilience  
Project Team, Erin Rider, Chongming Wang, Jane Kushma, and Tanveer Islam

# JACKSONVILLE TORNADO ORAL HISTORIES

## Project Coordinators:

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Erin Rider, Sociology  
Chongming Wang, Emergency  
Management

## Project Information

- Participation is voluntary.
- You will be asked to provide an in-depth account of your personal experience with the tornado.
- Interviews will take place at the JSU Houston Cole Library. They will be conducted in private and last approximately 90 minutes.

## For More Information Contact Us:

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CDCR@jsu.edu  
(256) 782-8477

## An Opportunity to Share Your Story

- Jacksonville State University's Center for Disaster and Community Resilience is collecting oral histories of disaster survivors of the March 19, 2018 Jacksonville, AL tornado.
- The purpose of our project is to collect, preserve, and share these stories as well as to provide inspiration to help people in similar situations in the future.

