

INFORMATION SHEET

Project Title: Rapid Acquisition of Pre- and Post-Incident Disaster Data (RAPIDD) Study

**You are invited to take part in a research study being conducted by Dr. Garrett Sansom, researcher from Texas A&M University School of Public Health. The information in this form is provided to help you decide whether to take part. No personal identifying information will be collected, and you can decide not to participate and leave the study at any time. If you decide you do not want to participate, there will be no penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits you normally would have.**

**Why Is This Study Being Done?**

We are gathering information about the mental and physical health of community members affected by the disaster to identify ongoing needs resulting from the disaster and to understand how response and recovery activities can be improved for future disasters.

**Why Am I Being Asked To Be In This Study?**

You are being asked to be in this study because individuals who live in this area, and are at least 18 years of age, are needed to assess mental and physical health.

**How Many People Will Be Asked To Be In This Study?**

An attempt to collect a representative sample of the population impacted will be attempted.

**Are there Alternatives to being in this study?**

No, the alternative to being in the study is not to participate.

**What Will I Be Asked To Do In This Study?**

You will be asked to complete a 10 to 15 minute survey with me right now.

**Are There Any Risks To Me?**

The things that you will be doing are no greater than risks than you would come across in everyday life.

**Will There Be Any Costs To Me?**

Aside from your time, there are no costs.

**Will I Be Paid To Be In This Study?**

No.

**Will Information From This Study Be Kept Private?**

The records of this study will be kept private. No identifiers linking you to this study will be included in any sort of report that might be published other than zip code. Research records will be stored securely and only the Principal Investigators of this study will have access to the records.

**Who may I Contact for More Information?**

You may contact the Principal Investigators, to tell them about a concern or complaint about this research. Garrett Sansom, DrPH at (979) 436-9387 or at [Sansom@tamu.edu](mailto:Sansom@tamu.edu).

## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HUMAN SUBJECTS PROTECTION PROGRAM

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For questions about your rights as a research participant, to provide input regarding research, or if you have questions, complaints, or concerns about the research, you may call the Texas A&M University Human Subjects Protection Program office by phone at 1-979-458-4067, toll free at 1-855-795-8636, or by email at [irb@tamu.edu](mailto:irb@tamu.edu).

#### **What if I Change My Mind About Participating?**

This research is voluntary and you have the choice whether or not to be in this research study. You may decide to not begin or to stop participating at any time. If you choose not to be in this study or stop being in the study, there will be no effect on your relationship with Texas A&M University.