

## Personal stories of Hurricane Harvey survivors, first responders in new exhibition

*Unsinkable: Voices from the Storm* opens November 10 at the Bullock Museum

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017 (AUSTIN, TX)** - In conjunction with *Texas Monthly*, the exhibition *Unsinkable: Voices from the Storm* will open at the Bullock Texas State History Museum on Friday, November 10, 2017. Based on *Texas Monthly's* October 2017 cover story, "Voices from the Storm," the exhibition shares the personal, first-hand accounts of 16 individuals who survived, witnessed and assisted others during the five days that Hurricane Harvey battered the Texas coast in August 2017.

"Partnering with the Bullock Museum allows us a unique opportunity to commemorate what happened and how Texans responded," *Texas Monthly* Editor-in-Chief Tim Taliaferro said. "We want people to remember not just the damage Harvey caused, but also the incredible human spirit that the storm revealed, and that has long been central to the Texas identity."

Through 16 individual story panels, an original audio soundscape, and exclusive photographs taken on the scene, the exhibit will immerse visitors in the experiences captured by more than a dozen staff members at *Texas Monthly*. Included in the stories is the personal account of *Texas Monthly* writer R.G. Ratcliffe, who rented a car and headed to the Texas coast as Hurricane Harvey was developing.



Tyree Finley, whose story is featured in the exhibition, assists with flood rescue efforts. Courtesy of Darren Braun.

"We're so pleased to partner with the team at *Texas Monthly* to bring *Voices from the Storm* to our visitors and honor these incredible, poignant stories of hope and caring," said Bullock Museum Deputy Director Margaret Koch. "It showed the world Texan resilience and the humanity that crossed economic, race and cultural boundaries."

The exhibition includes a traditional Eastern Shawnee dress and shawl gifted to the people of Texas by artist Sherry Hamby as a symbol of hope, comfort and solace. Visitors will also have the opportunity to view letters of support that Governor Abbott's office received, as well

as leave their own messages that will be shared with the communities hit hardest by the storm following the exhibition's run.

*Unsinkable: Voices from the Storm* will be on view on the first floor of the Bullock Museum through Sunday, December 10, 2017. For more information, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com) or call (512)936-8746.

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