

**Ms. Pamela Williams
Hammond, La
Katrina Evacuee**

**“Post Katrina Temporary Housing: Dilemmas and Solutions”
Statement
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KATRINA

- Evacuated in a school bus with 250. Ms. Williams was the driver
- Went to a shelter in Washington Parish, Franklin, La. and then later on to Tangipahoa Parish, Hammond, La.
- Lived in shelter for 3 months, and then moved into a trailer in late October
- Has worked for Plaquemines Parish government throughout the aftermath of Katrina

YORKSHIRE TRAILER HOME

- Lived there since October 2005
- Lived there with two teenagers and two children under the age of 2
- Conditions at the Yorkshire
 - Landlord required tenants to put down grass peat down and water the lawn
 - Close knit group, 48 families
 - FEMA maintained a shuttle for the Trailer Park, the shuttle went to the doctor, the pharmacy, grocery stores.
- There was a significant portion of the people were elderly and disabled.
- Most people that worked drove to work.
- No public transportation available in the city

- Some raw sewage in the ditches, especially after a long rain. The back of the park often flooded. Residents would complain about sewage and the landlord would tell residents to complain FEMA.
- The first power outage was nine hours. The second power outage in terms of time was less. The third outage was the shortest.
- Found out expected to move by FEMA on Friday 3 p.m. and required to move by Sunday evening. FEMA provided movers.
- All the residents were scattered throughout the area.
- Ms. Williams was moved five minutes away.
- Was moved from a 3 bedroom mobile home to a travel trailer that had one bedroom and a bunk bed. Everything was significantly smaller. Was given a second travel trailer for storage. FEMA put some things in storage close to Ms. Williams permanent home.
- The move for Ms. Williams was actually closer to the schools of children and FEMA managed to keep the family together. Ms. Williams four families managed to stay together which included her two daughters, your brother, sister-in-law.
- Some people were not so lucky and they were unable to stay in the immediate area Hammond. Children had to move to schools. Ms. Williams was pleased with the outcome of the move.
- It has also been difficult for some trailer park residents to receive mail.

WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO GET BACK TO PORT SULPHUR

- You want how you can get the help you need to get back to your permanent residence.
- You own the land and would like some assistance in rebuilding.
- Previously, I owned a five bedroom home.
- I would like to transition from temporary housing to permanent housing and am looking forward to working with FEMA to return to my life.