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June 1, 1995

Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE

Gentlemen:

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I enclose herewith Articles of Incorporation for the above not-for-profit corporation. My check in the amount of \$35.00 is enclosed covering the filing fee.

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June 30, 1995

Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, I return herewith corrected Articles of Incorporation with attached registered agent acceptance for the above not-for-profit corporation together with my check in the amount of \$35.00 representing the balance of funds due.

Yours very truly,

RSF/glf

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

June 12, 1995

RICHARD S. FITZPATRICK, ESQUIRE 213 N. APOPKA AVE. INVERNESS, FL 34450-4296

SUBJECT: CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE

Ref. Number: W95000011836

SECRETARY OF SIGNAL OF ALLAHASSEE.

We have received your document for CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The money in your account is insufficient to cover the cost of filing this document. The account balance is \$35.00 and a total of \$70.00 is needed. Please send an additional amount of \$35.00.

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

According to section 607.0202(1)(b) or 617.0202(1)(b), Florida Statutes, you must list the corporation's principal office, and if different, a mailing address in the document. If the principal address and the registered office address are the same, please indicate so in your document.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6926.

Sheldon Bream Document Specialist

Letter Number: 995A00028617

Articles of Incorporation of Florida Nonprofit Corporation

ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME, PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is:

CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE, INC.

The principal office of this corporation is:
One South Park Avenue
Inverness, Florida 34450

The mailing address of this corporation is:
One South Park Avenue
Inverness, Florida 34450

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ARTICLE II CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general educational and charitable purposes pursuant to Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- A. For the advancement of charity, education and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to assist the sheriff's Office when the use of horses is advantageous and to provide an organization wherein the Equestrians of Citrus County can assemble and provide a variety of services to Citrus County.

C. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954c, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

A. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) persons. The initial number of Directors of the corporation shall be 6, provided, however, that such number may be changed by a Bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be held. Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. The annual meeting shall be held in Citrus County, Florida, on the first Tuesday in February.

B. <u>Corporate Officers</u>. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Initially such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President: 1st Vice President: Corresponding Secretary: Recording Secretary: Treasurer:

Charles Simmons Steven Vitt Elena DeMaio Elena DeMaio Deniese Clements

ARTICLE VI EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered

to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

- B. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United states Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue (Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE VIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP

The qualification for members and the manner of their Admission shall be regulated by the bylaws for the organization.

ARTICLE X SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residence addresses of the Subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Name	Residence	Address
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Charlie Simmons 5951 South Garfield Way Homosassa, Florida 34446

Steven Vitt 30 South Kensington Avenue Lecanto, Florida 34461

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The address of the corporation's registered office is One South Park Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The name of the corporation's registered agent at said address shall be Charles Simmons.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of this corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the corporation, for the purpose of forming of the State of Florida, have executed day of, 1995.	g this nonprofit comparette	
WITNESSED BY: Barlet Barler	Stock of Somm	(√ ° 3
Karhleen Mockhart	Charles Simmons	Subscriber
	Steven Vitt	Subscriber
	Charles Simmons Re	agistered Agent

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE, INC., at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

By: Harly A Marine

SECRETARY OF STATE