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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
RETIRED SEMINOLE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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We, the undersigned, natural persons of the age of 18 years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation not-for-profit, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapters 617 and 607 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation RETIRED SEMINOLE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and its principal office or mailing address is 11783 Ashely Court, Seminole, Florida 33772.

ARTICLE 2: CORPORATE PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated primarily for the purposes of providing social and fraternal opportunities for retired firefighters from Seminole Fire Rescue, their beneficiaries and families, and to enhance and secure their future, together with all other purposes permitted by law.

ARTICLE 3: RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporation shall possess all powers granted corporations not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida and shall be subject to all restrictions imposed upon such corporations and in addition thereto the following restrictions shall pertain:

3.01 Net Earnings. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make expenditures in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2 hereof.

ARTICLE 4: DURATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. Corporate existence shall commence on the date of filing of these Articles.

ARTICLE 5: DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, shall dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for such purposes and to such entities as are authorized for corporations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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ARTICLE 6: MEMBERS

6.01 Eligibility. Membership shall be open to all natural persons over the age of 18 years who are interested in furthering the purposes of this Corporation as set forth in Article 2. Membership status, qualifications and manner of admission shall be determined by the Board of Directors in the adoption of Bylaws and Amendments thereto from time to time and may embrace the qualifications for active, inactive, honorary, sustaining, associate, support and lifetime membership, and establish membership fees therefor.

6.02 Classes of Membership. Unless and until changed by the Board of Directors in the adoption of the Bylaws and amendments thereto from time to time, the initial classes of membership shall be

(a) Active - open to any person who has retired from Seminole Fire Rescue, now known as the City of Seminole (Florida) Fire Rescue Department, and the surviving beneficiaries of any deceased retired Seminole Fire Rescue firefighter. The term "beneficiaries" shall be as defined in the City of Seminole (Florida) Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund.

(b) Sustaining - open to any current member of the City of Seminole (Florida) Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund, and the beneficiaries of any person qualified for active membership as defined above.

(c) Associate - open to any person or entity not otherwise qualified for membership as defined in (a) or (b) above who is actively interested in the purposes and activities of the corporation.

(d) Sponsor - open to any person or entity who, although not an active participant in the activities of the Corporation, supports its purposes through contributions, whether financial or in-kind.

All applicants or nominees for membership shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

6.03 Dues. Dues for the various classes of membership shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors in the adoption of Bylaws and Amendments thereto.

6.04 Meeting. Membership meetings shall be held as scheduled and notice shall be given each member in advance of such meeting as determined by the Board of Directors in the adoption of Bylaws.

ARTICLE 7: SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation who constitute the founding members of the Corporation are:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Robert Beim	13485 - 88 th Avenue North Seminole, FL 33776
Bernard Cramer	20781 SW 90 th Loop Dunnellon, FL 34431
Richard L. Long	11783 Ashley Court Seminole, FL 33772

ARTICLE 8: OFFICERS

8.01 Defined. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a president, a secretary and a treasurer who shall perform the usual functions of said offices together with such additional officers as may be from time to time constituted and appointed by the Board of Directors or as may be provided in the Bylaws.

8.02 Election. Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors at annual meetings of the Board of Directors. All officers shall continue to serve until the election of their successors.

8.03 Initial. The names and addresses of the officers who are to serve until the first annual meeting of the Directors are:

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Robert Beim	President	13485 - 88 th Avenue North Seminole, FL 33776
Bernard Cramer	Secretary	20781 SW 90 th Loop Dunnellon, FL 34431
Richard L. Long	Treasurer	11783 Ashley Court Seminole, FL 33772

8.04 Vacancies. Any vacancy appearing in any office prior to the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be filled by action of the Board of Directors and any vacancy occurring after the first annual meeting shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 9: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.01 Defined. The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors each of whom shall be members of the Corporation and shall be elected by the membership in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors may be increased or decreased as

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provided in the Bylaws but in no case shall the number of Directors be less than three.

9.02 Term. Directors shall hold their offices for one year or such other period as the Bylaws shall determine and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.

9.03 Number. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors are 5 persons and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors until the first annual meeting of the Corporation and the election and qualification of their successors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Robert Beim	13485 - 88 th Avenue North Seminole, FL 33776
Bernard Cramer	20781 SW 90 th Loop Dunnellon, FL 34431
Richard L. Long	11783 Ashley Court Seminole, FL 33772
Barbara L. Meyer	11915 - 81 st Avenue North Seminole, FL 33772
Daniel H. Graves	7630 Carver Court Seminole, FL 33772

**ARTICLE 10: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, DEVISES AND BEQUESTS;
APPLICATION THEREOF**

10.01 The officers or Directors of the Corporation may accept on its behalf any designated contribution, gift or devise consistent with the general purposes of the Corporation. Where consistent with the needs of the Corporation designated contributions by donors will be accepted and designations honored as to special funds, purposes or uses. The Corporation at all times reserves all rights over, interest in and control of such contributions in the full discretion as to the ultimate expenditure or distribution of the contribution in satisfaction of any specified fund, purpose or use. The Corporation shall, at all times, have full control over all donated funds and discretion as to their use so as to ensure that all contributions will be used to carry out its purposes as set out in Article 2. In the event the Corporation shall be beneficiary of any gift, devise or bequest, subject to conditions subsequent with respect to the administration or alienation of said property, the Corporation shall, at all times, act in a manner consistent with such conditions and the purposes to be served by such conditions.

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ARTICLE 11: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be as adopted by the first Board of Directors. The Bylaws may thereafter be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting thereof provided that notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed Bylaw amendment is furnished to each member at least five days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

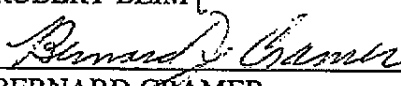
12.01 By Directors. Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall be subject to ratification and approval by two-thirds of the membership voting at any regular or special meeting in which a quorum is present, provided that written notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed amendments be furnished each member not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

12.02 By Members. Amendments may be proposed by any member and may be considered at the annual or any regular meeting of the membership, provided that written notice of any such amendment or amendments shall be given in writing to all members at least ten days prior to the meeting at which such amendment or amendments is or are to be considered. An amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members voting, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE 13: REGISTERED AGENT

The Corporation's initial registered agent maintains an office at 9075 Seminole Boulevard, Seminole, Florida 33772, and the registered agent thereat shall be Timothy C. Schuler.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 30 day of May, 2002.


ROBERT BEIM
BERNARD CRAMER
RICHARD L. LONG

INCORPORATORS

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED to accept service of process for the above stated nonprofit corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

DATED this 8 day of May, 2002.


TIMOTHY C. SCHULER, Registered Agent

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