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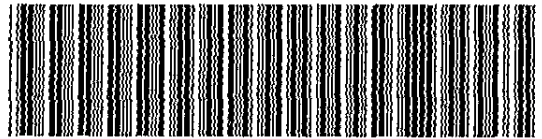
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SUBJECT: HERNANDO COUNTY C.E.R.T. ASSOCIATION
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We have received your document for HERNANDO COUNTY C.E.R.T. ASSOCIATION and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - HERNANDO COUNTY C.E.R.T. ASSOCIATION, Inc.

ARTICLE I: NAME

1. The name of this organization is the Hernando County C.E.R.T. Association, Inc. C.E.R.T., as used in the name of this organization stands for Community Emergency Response Team.

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ARTICLE II: DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

1. **Primary Purpose:** The primary purpose of this organization is to develop an organized and trained group of volunteers to assist State, County, and City Emergency Services in any and all emergencies and to assist the general public in such emergencies as trained. This primary purpose will be accomplished by fulfilling the objective stated in the by-laws which will be updated from time to time to meet current needs within the county.
2. **Operation As A Nonprofit Corporation:** The Hernando County C.E.R.T. Association, Inc. will act and operate exclusively as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, and act and operate as a charitable organization. This includes but is not limited to:

Engaging in any and all other lawful purposes, activities and pursuits, which are substantially similar to the foregoing and which are or may hereafter be authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are consistent with these powers described in the Florida Nonprofit Corporation and Cooperation Association Act, as amended and supplemented.

- A. Solicit and receive contributions, purchase, own and sell real and personal property, to make contracts, to invest corporate funds, to spend corporate funds for corporate purposes, and to engage in any activity "in furtherance of, incidental to, or connected with any of the other purposes."
- B. To receive and administer all funding received by Hernando County for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the operations of a C.E.R.T. program.
- C. No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein;

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- D. 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 except as authorized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
- E. The corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS/STOCK

Membership requirements for the organization shall be enumerated and described in the By-laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V: BY-LAWS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI: TRUSTEES

The number of trustees of this Corporation shall be three, or more than three, as fixed from time to time by the By-Laws of the Corporation. The number of trustees constituting the present Board of Trustees of the Corporation is three, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as trustees until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

Terence T. Gorski
6139 Deltona Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34606
352-596-8000, 352-279-3068

Mark Steingart
6025 Hope Hill Road
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-232-6275

Patricia Theroux
8852 High Point Blvd
Brooksville, FL 34613-5683
352-596-8671

ARTICLE IX: PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The office and principal place of business shall be:

16127 Sandusky St.
Brooksville, FL 34604
352-797-9259

The business of the Corporation may be conducted in all counties of the State of Florida and in all states of the United States and in all territories thereof, and in all foreign countries as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

ARTICLE X: DISTRIBUTIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or supplemented, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or supplemented.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or sdupplemented, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Donald L. Harris
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352-797-9259

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Brooksville, FL 34601
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ARTICLE VIII: REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the corporation's initial registered office shall be:

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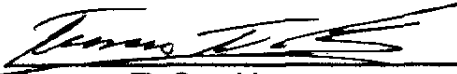
3. The Board of Trustees may change such office at any time without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.
4. The corporation's initial registered agent at such address shall be:

Donald L Harris
5. I hereby acknowledge and accept appointment as corporate registered agent:

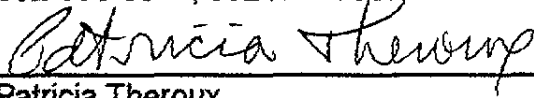
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In Witness Whereof, We, Terence T. Gorski, Patricia Theroux, and Mark Steingart have executed these Articles of Incorporation in duplicate this March 5, 2003, and say: That they are all incorporators herein; that they have read the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation; know the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of their knowledge and belief, excepting as to matters herein alleged upon information and belief and as to those matters they believe to be true.



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