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### Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers

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February 9, 2006

Department of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

Enclosed is one (1) original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

\$87.50 for Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate

FROM: Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

PO Box 358582

Gainesville, FL 32635-8582

352-339-2807

If there are any questions or other information needed, please contact Tracy Burger at 352-339-2807. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tracy Burger

Program Coordinator



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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL EMS PROVIDERS ATTN: TRACY BURGER PO BOX 358582 GAINESVILLE, FL 32635-8582

SUBJECT: FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF TURAL EMS PROVIDERS, INC.

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We have received your document for FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF TURAL EMS PROVIDERS, INC. 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 registered agent must have a Florida street address. A post office box, personal mail box (PMB), or mail drop-box address is not acceptable.

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

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# Articles of Incorporation of FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL EMS PROVIDERS, IN A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation is Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office is 1015 NW 56th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605

The business address of the principal office is Post Office Box 358582, Gainesville, FL 32635-8582.

#### **ARTICLE III: PURPOSE**

The specific purpose for which this corporation is formed is to improve access to timely, high quality emergency medical services for residents of Florida's rural communities by ensuring support for rural emergency medical service providers.

The general purpose for which this corporation is formed is to operate exclusively for charitable purposes including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTION**

The officers of the Association shall be designated as the Board of Directors of the Association. Officer positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Regional Representatives. The President shall be designated as the Chair of the Board and the Vice President shall be designated as the Vice Chair of the Board.

The officers of the Association shall be elected by the membership at the regular annual meeting of the Association as provided in the bylaws of the corporation. Each officer shall hold office for a term of three years and may not serve more than three consecutive terms in the same position.

#### ARTICLE V: INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Initial Officers of the Board of Directors are:

President
David A. Duke
Florida Rural Health Association
PO Box 366
Frostproof, FL 33843

Vice President H. Nelson Green, Jr. Bradford County EMS 945-C N. Temple Avenue Starke, FL 32091

Secretary Mike Patterson Putnam County EMS 120 Orie Griffin Palatka, FL 32177

Treasurer Rusty Noah Columbia County EMS PO Drawer 1529 Lake City, FL 32056-1529

Regional Representative Cliff Chapman Alachua County Fire Rescue 913 SE Fifth Street Gainesville, FL 32601

Regional Representative Steven Zavalney Monroe County EMS 490 63<sup>rd</sup> St Marathon, FL 33050

Regional Representative Jamison Rogers Wakulla County Ambulance Service PO Box 608 Crawfordville, FL 32326

#### ARTICLE VI: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The initial registered agent is David A. Duke, 607 W. H Street, Frostproof, FL 33843.

#### ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are the same as the names and addresses of the initial directors listed in Article Five of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES**

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 payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Three of these Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence federal 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, 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 IX: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, to a Florida not for profit health care program or programs serving rural areas selected by the Board of Directors. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.	ss for the al	bove stated accept the	06 MAR 11	<u> </u>
David Duke/Registered Agent	March Date	8. 200 FLURID	AM 9: 28	EU

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation.

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David A. Duke, President	Date
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Steven Zavalney, Region III Representative	Date