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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the Articl	es of Incorporation and a	check for:
\$70.00 Filing Fee	▼ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED
FROM:	TIMOTHY D. BACKER Name (Prin	ited or typed)	
	10 S. DESOTO AVE., SUITE 201 Address		
ARCADIA, FL 34266 City, State & Zip			-
	863-494-7075 Daytime Tele	ephone number	-

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

> Article I. Name.

The name of the Corporation shall be: Arcadia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Article II. Principal Office.

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

10 S. DeSoto Avenue, Suite 201 Arcadia, FL 34266

> Article III. Purpose(s).

The general nature and objects of this non-profit corporation shall be to promote and encourage fire safety among the citizens of Arcadia and DeSoto County, to assist the paid fire departments in the city and county with fire suppression and emergency services, as well as to provide education opportunities for firefighters, EMS personnel, and the general public.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as objects and powers and the foregoing purposes enumerated are intended as illustrative and not restrictive and this corporation shall have the power to handle such other things necessary or expedient for carrying out the said objects and purposes of said corporation and in general to possess all rights, privileges and immunities pertaining to like corporations granted under the laws of the State of Florida.

Said corporation/organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

No part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons,

except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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, the corporation/organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

Upon the dissolution of this corporation/organization assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

Article IV. Manner of Election of Directors.

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is:

A Nominating Committee, appointed by the chair and approved by the members, shall convene for the purpose of certifying the eligibility of candidates for Director and to prepare an official slate of nominees. Any person so nominated shall have given prior consent to nomination and election as a Director. Nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee.

Each elected Director shall take office at the end of the annual meeting where they will be installed and shall serve until a successor is duly qualified and elected.

If an office is vacated prior to the completion of a term, a member in good standing may be appointed by the Chair and approved by the members to fill the vacancy until the term ends.

Article V. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all corporate liabilities shall be conveyed to (1) such organization or organizations as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations must be recognized as exempt from federal income

taxation under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law: or (2) to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

Article VI. Initial Registered Agent and Street Address.

The name and Florida street address of the initial Registered Agent are Vincent A. Sica, P.A., 10 South DeSoto Avenue, Suite 101, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

Article VII. Incorporator.

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

The		5/18/06
TIMØTHÝ D.	BACKER, CHAIRMAN	Date
Signature/Ind	corporator	•
Address:	10 S. DeSoto Ave., Suite 201 Arcadia, FL 34266	
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ROBERT L. I	BUSH, VICE-CHAIRMAN	Date
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,	Arcadia, FL 34266	
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	Arcadia, FL 34266	
stated corpo appointment with the provi	ration at the place designated as registered agent and agree to ac isions of all statutes relating to the	accept service of process for the above in this certificate, I hereby accept the it in this capacity. I further agree to comply proper and complete performance of my gations of my position as registered agent. $\frac{5}{23}/06$
Signature/Re	gistered Agent	Date