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August 14, 2006

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

SUBJECT: Florida Fire Training Directors Association, Inc.

Gentlemen:

We are applying for status as a Corporation Not-For-Profit for the Florida Fire Training Directors Association, Inc.

I am the Incorporator and Treasurer and Kenneth C. Crooks, Esq., St. Lucie County Fire District Attorney, is the corporation's initial Registered Agent.

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$78.75 for Filing Fee & Certificate of Status.

Very truly yours,

Michael Dashosh
Indian River Community College
Indian River Academy
3209 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34981
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FLORIDA FIRE TRAINING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A Corporation Not For Profit Under the Laws of the State of Florida)**

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**ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be: Florida Fire Training Directors Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The corporation's principle place of business and mailing address is: 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981.

**ARTICLE III
CORPORATE NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This is a nonprofit corporation organized for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations.

To this end, the corporation shall foster cooperation among all Florida Fire Training Centers and Educational Institutions, and to assist and cooperate with all members of the Joint Council of Fire Services Organizations of Florida, the Fire Fighter Standards Advisory Council, and the Council's adhoc Committee for Training in the delivery of fire fighter training.

At all times, the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation; and

2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or

intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended; and

4. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or Director of this corporation [unless such loan program is regularly conducted as part of the activities of the organization and the qualification of the individual to participate in same is determined by a panel comprised solely of non-Board members], or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or Director of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of an Executive Board of Directors, whose election and operations in governing the corporation shall be defined by statute and by the corporation's by-laws. No member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

ARTICLE V DIRECTORS/MEMBERS/OFFICERS

The corporation shall have active voting members, institutional members, and associate members, for which the qualifications for membership shall be as defined in the corporation's by-laws. Upon the filing of the Articles of Incorporation the powers of the Incorporator shall terminate. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be not less than three (3); provided, however, that such number may be increased pursuant to the by-laws of the corporation.

The corporation's first Executive Board of Directors, who shall serve until the next annual election, shall be comprised of the following natural persons: Ron Williams, President, Lake Tech. Center, 12900 Lane Park Cut Off Rd, Tavares, FL 32778; William Klein, Vice President, Brevard Community College, 1519 Clearlake Rd, Cocoa, FL 32922; Raymond Jackson, Secretary, Gulf Coast Community College, 5230 W. US Hwy 98, Panama City, FL 32401; Michael Dashosh, Treasurer, Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave, Ft Pierce 34981; and Michael McCann, Member at Large, Miami Dade College, 11380 NW 27 Ave, Miami FL 33167.

ARTICLE VI
CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON
WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act. The Florida Fire Training Directors Association, Inc., a Florida non-profit organization, desiring to organize under the Laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated by the Articles of Incorporation in the City of Fort Pierce, County of St. Lucie, State of Florida, has named Kenneth C. Crooks, Esq., 2400 Rhode Island Avenue, Fort Pierce, Fla. 34950, as its initial registered agent to accept service of process within the State.

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator of this corporation and mailing address is: Michael Dashosh, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981.

ARTICLE VIII
INDEMNIFICATION

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation. This corporation shall indemnify any officer or Director, or any former officer or Director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION

This corporation shall exist perpetually, unless dissolved under the provisions of its constitution, by-laws or the Florida Statutes, commencing upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Department of State. This corporation shall be a non-stock corporation.

Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Executive Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, 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, 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 a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for

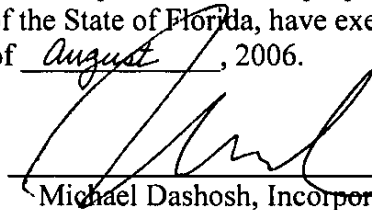
such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

As permitted under Section 617.1002, *Florida Statutes*, as may be amended from time to time, amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE OF INCORPORATOR


I, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 16 day of August, 2006.


Michael Dashosh, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE


The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day of August, 2006, by Michael Dashosh, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

KAREN J. JONES
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. exp. Feb. 24, 2010
Comm. No. DD 514512


Notary Public – State of Florida
My Commission Expires:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I am familiar with and hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity, on this 16 day of August, 2006.


Kenneth C. Crooks, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0292745
2400 Rhode Island Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34950