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February 14, 2008

Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
409 East Gaines Street
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the Articles of Incorporation of North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association, Inc. for filing, together with a copy for certifying.

Also, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75, representing the filing fees - \$35.00, certified copy - \$8.75 and registered agent designation - \$35.00.

Please forward the Certificate of Incorporation, together with a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation, to the undersigned at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

John C. Dent, Jr.

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cc: Kristy Halvorson

Enclosures

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NORTH PORT FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the Office of the Secretary of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, as by law provided.

ARTICLE I

Name

1.1. The name of the Corporation shall be North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation," and the principal office shall be 3415 Magic Oak Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34232.

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Powers

2.1 Purposes. The purposes for which the Corporation is to further the welfare of members of the North Port Fire Department, their families and to promote their public relationship and good will with the North Port community.

ARTICLE III

Membership

3.1 General Membership: General membership shall be limited to full time employees of the North Port Fire Rescue Department, retired employees and their adult family members.

3.2 Voting Membership: Voting membership shall be limited to employer and retired employees of North Port Fire and Rescue Department.

ARTICLE IV

Period of Duration

4.1 The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, no part of the Corporation's assets shall inure to the benefit of any member, but shall instead be distributed to such other charitable organization or organizations selected by the final Board of Directors of the Corporation which organization or organizations must qualify as charitable organizations under Sections 170 and 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code as the same may be amended.

ARTICLE V
Board of Trustees

5.1 The affairs and property of the Corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three persons.

5.2 Qualifications and provisions for electing of members of the Board of Directors shall be set by the Bylaws.

5.3 The names and addresses of the persons to serve as initial Directors are:

Kristy Halvorsen	4631 Kennett Street, North Port, Florida 34288
Dave Ingalls	2527 Alling Terrace, North Port, Florida 34288
Trent Ferguson	2251 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, Florida 34228
Gerardo Rodriguez	6510 Callaghan Lane, North Port, Florida 34286

ARTICLE VI
Officers

6.1 The names of the officers who shall serve until the first election are as follows:

Kristy Halvorsen	President
Dave Ingalls	Vice President
Trent Ferguson	Secretary
Gerardo Rodriguez	Treasurer

6.2 The qualifications and provisions for election of officers shall be set by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII
Bylaws

7.1 The Bylaws of the Corporation may be made, altered, amended or rescinded by vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting called for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII
Amendments

8.1 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, but may not be adopted until published before the

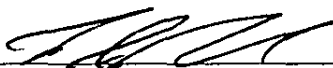
membership at two consecutive Sunday services prior to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors and the members called for such purpose, by vote of a majority of the members attending such meeting.

ARTICLE IX
Subscribers

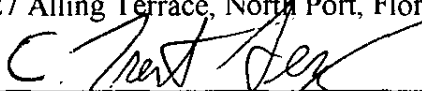
9.1 The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:



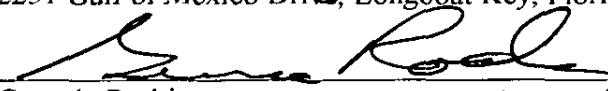
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**NORTH PORT FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATION CERTIFICATE**

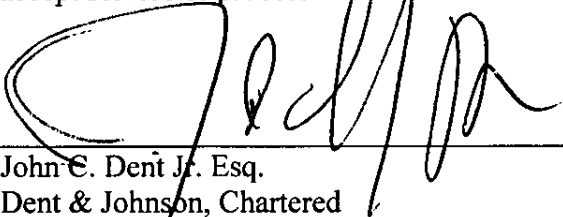
The undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 607.325 and as an officer of North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association, Inc., authorized to sign this designation on behalf of the corporation, hereby states:

I.

The address of this corporation's registered office, where service of process within the State of Florida may be served upon this corporation's registered agent, shall be:

II.

The name of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's registered agent, to accept service of process within the State of Florida, at that address is:



John E. Dent Jr. Esq.
Dent & Johnson, Chartered
3415 Magic Oak Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34232

ACCEPTANCE

Having been named as the registered agent, to accept service of process for the above named corporation, within the State of Florida, at the registered office address indicated above, for North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association, Inc., I hereby accept the designation as the registered agent and agree to act and serve in that capacity on behalf of North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association, Inc., and I further agree to comply the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and particularly to comply with Section 607.325, Florida Statutes.