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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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RE: FALLEN FIREFIGHTER SURVIVOR'S FOUNDATION, INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the abovereferenced corporation. Also enclosed please find our firm's check in the amount of Seventy-Eight and 75/100 Dollars (\$78.75).

Please file the Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to our office.

If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. If I am not available, please feel free to speak with my legal assistant, Ms. Juanita George.

Thank you for your kind and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN H. ARTMAN

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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FALLEN FIREFIGHTER SURVIVOR'S FOUNDATION, INCLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, does hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Corporation shall be: FALLEN FIREFIGHTER SURVIVOR'S FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this Corporation shall be: 5847 Breakwater Drive, Winter Haven, Florida 33884.

ARTICLE III

Purpose(s)

This corporation is organized for the specific charitable purposes of soliciting and accepting voluntary donations to assist families and survivors of firefighters who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. These donations will then be held in an account established solely for that purpose. Funds will then be disbursed to the families and dependents of firefighters who have given their lives while in the call of duty as a form of temporary assistance until such time as other benefits can be established and insurance proceeds are received by these families and dependents.

ARTICLE IV

Manner of Election of Board of Trustees

The manner in which the members of the Board of Trustees are elected or appointed shall be stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Officers

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the Corporation's Bylaws. Each officer shall be elected by the Board of Trustees and may be removed by a majority vote of such trustees.

ARTICLE VI

Limitation of Corporate Powers

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes. In addition, this Corporation will have the power to take any other lawful action necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes described in Article III.

ARTICLE VII

Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is STEPHEN H. ARTMAN at 925 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33803.

ARTICLE VIII

Net Earnings

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, or Officers, but 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 described in Article III.

ARTICLE IX

Non-stock Basis

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a non-stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act and shall not have the power to issue

shares of any type or class of stock or other certificates or writings evidencing an ownership or proprietary interest in the Corporation.

ARTICLE X

Tax Exempt Status

It is the intention of this Corporation at all times to apply, qualify and remain qualified as exempt from Federal and Florida income taxes as same may from time to time be amended. Accordingly:

- A. The Corporation is not to have authority to issue capital stock.
- B. The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit.
- C. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall the Corporation participate or intervene, by publishing or distributing statements or otherwise, in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- D. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or termination, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, all of the property or assets of the Corporation remaining after discharge of valid obligations, including costs and expenses of dissolution, shall be distributed among organizations which are qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, for a public purpose, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or director of this Corporation.
- E. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these Articles, this Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (I) a Corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or (ii) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal

Revenue Code or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE XI

Indemnification

A. Right to Indemnification. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, (each of such matters is considered a "proceeding" as that term is used throughout this Article), by reason of the fact that he or she, or a person of whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was a trustee or officer of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a trustee, director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a trustee, director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a trustee, director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by Florida law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than said Law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment) against all expenses, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, appeals, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith; provided, however, that the Corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnity in connection with an action, suit or proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if such action, suit or proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the board of trustees of the Corporation. Such right shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation for expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that, the payment of such expenses incurred by a trustee or officer in his or her capacity in which service was or is rendered by such person while a trustee or officer (including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding, shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such trustee or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it should be determined ultimately that such trustee or officer is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section or otherwise.

B. Right of Claimant to Bring Suit. If a claim under paragraph A. is not paid in full by the Corporation within ninety (90) days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. It shall be a defense to any such action (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition where the required undertaking has been tendered to the Corporation) that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct which make it permissible under Florida law for the Corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Corporation. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its Board of Trustees, independent legal counsel, or its members) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the law of the State of Florida, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its Board of Trustees, independent legal counsel, or its members) that the claimant had not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that claimant had not met the applicable standard of conduct.

- C. <u>Non-Exclusivity of Rights</u>. The rights conferred on any person by paragraphs A. and B. shall not be exclusive of any other right which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaw, agreement, vote of members or disinterested trustees or otherwise.
- D. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any such trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any such expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under Florida law.

ARTICLE XII

Bylaws

The bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Trustees, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Trustees. The provisions of Section 607.0206, Florida Statutes (1989) as amended from time to time, shall govern the bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

<u>Amendment</u>

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the members, trustees and officers are subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE XIV

Incorporators

The name and street address of the incorporator for these articles of incorporation is Stephen H. Artman, Esquire, 925 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, 33803.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 13th day of August, 2008.

Stephen H. Artman

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of August, 2008 by Stephen H. Artman, Esquire, who is personally known to me.



Karen L. Jones

Notary Public, State of Florida

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, STEPHEN H. ARTMAN, being appointed in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as the registered agent for FALLEN FIREFIGHTER SURVIVOR'S FOUNDATION, INC., hereby states that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations as registered agent for said Corporation this the <u>\32</u> day of August, 2008.

STEPHEN H. ARTMAN

SECRETARY L'STATE.