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AUXILIARY & VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF METRO NEW YORK INC.

5600 Devonbriar Way Unit 207 Orlando, FL 32822 OFFICE & FAX: (407) 736-9336 E-mail: <u>currentofferings@gmail.com</u>

FEDERAL TAX ID: 26-4641142

April 26, 2009

Ms. Valerie Herring Regulatory Specialist II Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Ms. Herring,

Pursuant to your letter dated April 16, the following changes were implemented to our filing to make it clear for effectiveness in the Sunshine State.

- (a) I was more specific on our activities for the corporation that is being organized.
- (b) Amended the area for the election of executives and directors; two-year terms with a maximum amount of time that one can serve is three consecutive terms.

This should help clear up any confusion or omissions from the original document filed with your office.

Thank you,

President, CEO & Treasurer

Jeffrey R. Hirschkorn



April 16, 2009

JEFFREY HIRSCHKORN 5600 DEVONBRIAR WAY UNIT 207 ORLANDO, FL 32822

SUBJECT: AUXILIARY AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF METRO NEW

YORK INC.

Ref. Number: W09000017944

We have received your document for AUXILIARY AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF METRO NEW YORK 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 purpose contained in your articles of incorporation should be more specific. Please correct your articles to reflect the specific purpose for which the non profit corporation is being organized.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6962.

Valerie Herring Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

AHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal street address and mailing address, if different is:

5600 Devonbriar Way Unit 207 Orlando, FL 32822

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

To provide disaster emergency services to the general public through Florida and New York affiliated entities.

To help raise monies for local area charities that has engaged in social activities for the sole welfare of children affected by disaster.

Providing training services for membership to become immerse in fire prevention and training activities.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

Executive Officers and Directors are elected to a two-year term and a limit of three consecutive terms is the maximum one can serve in a particular position.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

Jeffrey Hirschkorn, President, CEO & Treasurer 5600 Devonbriar Way Unit 207 Orlando, FL 32822

Jacob R. Goldstein, Chairman of the Board 10-14 Nielson Street 2E West Lawrence, NY 11691

APPROVIDE AND FILED

Gerard M. Harris, Secretary 10-14 Nielson Street 2E West Lawrence, NY 11691 9 APR 29 PM 3: 23
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The <u>name and Florida street address</u> (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Jeffrey Hirschkorn 5600 Devonbriar Way Unit 207 Orlando, FL 32822

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Jeffrey Hirschkorn 5600 Devonbriar Way Unit 207 Orlando, FL 32822

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 accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Original Submitted: April 13, 2009

First Revision: April 26, 2009

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

It is hereby certified that that under in compliance with Florida Statute 617, the aforementioned corporation is organized under the Not-for-Profit regulations.

The name of the corporation is Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York Incorporated. [Federal Tax ID: 26-4641142]. It is further designated that the corporation has been deemed a not-for-profit entity as recognized by Section 617 of the Florida State Statute. The principal place of business for the corporation is 5600 Devonbriar Way 207, Orlando, FL 32822 in the county of Orange. All New York branch activities are conducted through a satellite office located at 10-14 Neilson Street 2E, West Lawrence, NY 11691.

The corporation has no present bank account, but will establish one shortly after these Articles of Incorporation are accepted for filing by the Department of State. Such account will be used to house the annual dues by membership and any donations received by the corporation. Authorized signers on corporation accounts will be Jeffrey R. Hirschkorn, President and Jacob R. Goldstein, Chairman of the Board.

Principal owners of the corporation are Jeffrey R. Hirschkorn, President (51%) and Jacob R. Goldstein, Chairman (49%).

The Board of Directors for the Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York include no specific limit on official capacity. Translation: the only ways a board seat may change hands is through the resignation of a board member or death of such executive. Members of the Board of Directors include Jeffrey R. Hirschkorn, President, CEO & Treasurer, Jacob R. Goldstein, Chairman of the Board and Gerard M. Harris, Secretary. No other positions have been (or, will be) designated for the foreseeable future.

Annual dues for a member of the corporations wholly owned association: AAVF of GNY, will be \$40, which includes an organizational ID card, vehicle placard to established members, ability to participate in gatherings, organization functions and toward funding of activities. All dues payments are non-refundable. The only accepted method of dues membership will be via personal check or money order. Such dues are to be payable to the parent company of the association: Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York.

Whereas certain rules and regulations are necessary for the well being of an organization, in order to establish authority, define duties, maintain disciple and fully promote the object for which this organization is created: Therefore, the members should adopt the following constitution and bylaws for our regulation and government and pledge ourselves to support our offices in the discharge of their duties and to cheerfully submit to the legally expressed will of the majority. Under no circumstance, will the corporation discriminate against any new or active member based upon creed, race, religion or sexual orientation provided that advance notice is given for special observances.

This not-for-profit corporation was initially formed in 1989 under the
auspice of NYS Corporation rules and regulations. It was formed to act as
a fraternal and social organization. The association was geared to the
needs of all auxiliary and volunteer firefighters within the Greater New
York area. The successor entity, which has its principal operations in
Orlando, Florida, will extend its operations to New York State, for the sole
purpose of providing disaster relief services in Florida and New York.

Formed as a club for all active, associate, lifetime and honorary members, the main purpose of the organization is to conduct meetings, lectures, drills, trips, social gatherings and providing assistance at emergency operations. It is further understood that members of the association will not fight fires, but provide assistance at operations, that may include manning and staffing various weather stations and handling crowd control at emergency scenes. Training will be conducted to promote the practice of fire prevention and safety.

The organization, with headquarters in Orlando, FL, maintains a branch office known as Operations Command in West Lawrence, New York, where it does conduct substantial official business within the boundaries of the City of New York. Right now, we're in the midst of scoping out the potential for purchasing (with donated fund – when available) an emergency response apparatus. The principle purpose of this apparatus will be used to participate in a support role at fire rescue operations and to assist at weather station emergencies. A secondary role for this apparatus will be used to engage training drills and canteen setup at organization functions. This vehicle will be driven only by an appropriately licensed (minimum CDL class C) member.

Our organization also spearheads charitable functions, including, but not limited to, assisting the NYC Fire Department with events during Fire Prevention Week

It is further understood that the Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York, will obey and abide by the rules and regulations that govern fraternal and social not-for-profit organizations in the State of Florida. A web site for the corporation will be established within a reasonable time frame. Further details on the web site will be available at a later date.

The corporation and its organizational subsidiary will make arrangements for members (in all status classes) to obtain uniforms from an approved vendor. Patches and other memoranda will be available for distribution to all members. Each member is required to display such patches on the uniform shirt and jacket. The official uniform for a staff chief is a white collared shirt, blue uniform pants and a coat. Hat is white dress uniform. For regular members, the official uniform is a blue collared shirt, blue uniform pants and coat. Hat is blue dress uniform. Badges will be distributed by the Chief Executive Officer or his designate. No new member will receive an organization badge until 90 days of membership have elapsed and a performance review is conducted by the CEO or his designate.

Duties of the President & Chairman of the Board: It shall be the duty of the President & Chairman of the Board to preside over all meetings, to preserve order, to decide all points of order, see that each subordinate officer does his or her duties. It shall be the duty of the President or his designate to call special meetings of the corporation and the organizational affiliate. The President shall give a casting vote in cases of a tie and to carry out and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization to the best of his or her ability.

Disciplinary Actions: Such will be taken by against members via the President or his designate for those who act without appropriate authority and jeopardize the well being of the corporation's status as a not-for-profit in the State of Florida. Members shall receive a written notice for failing to attend required meetings. After failing to attend (4) four meetings, drills, turnouts or group participation, will be terminated from the organizational affiliate. Failure to act in the best interest of the organization and its members is grounds for immediate board removal and can be done so through a majority voting in quorum call.

Contact with Media: No member is permitted to speak with the media or public officials without the express written consent of the President and his designate. It is necessary for the Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York to coordinate all media & press inquiries in an orderly fashion and may do so through Florida headquarters or Operations Command in West Lawrence, New York. Failure to abide by such policy will necessitate in a removal from an active role for the organization.

These set forth the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York. Any additional amendments shall be

done in writing and filed as such with the Florida Department of State within 30 days of effectiveness.

Executed this 25th day of April 2009 by Jeffrey R. Hirschkorn, President & CEO, of the Auxiliary and Volunteer Firefighters of Metro New York.

Jeffrey R. Hirschkorn