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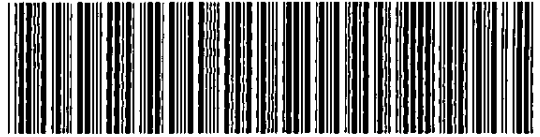
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Florida Department of State
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Re: PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF MATION COUNTY
BENEVOLENCE FUND, INC.

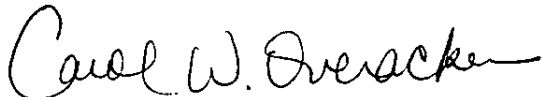
Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-captioned proposed not for profit corporation. Kindly file these Articles and return a certified copy to this office.

A check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed to cover the cost of said filing.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,



Carol W. Overacker
Paralegal

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF MARION COUNTY
BENEVOLENCE FUND, INC.

(A Corporation Not for Profit
organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes)

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ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this Corporation shall be **PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS OF MARION COUNTY BENEVOLENCE FUND, INC.**

ARTICLE II

ADDRESS:

The initial post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be **1826 NE 2nd Avenue,
Ocala, Florida 34471**. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE:

The specific and primary purposes for which this Corporation is formed are:

(a) To receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(b) As a manner of accomplishing the foregoing purposes, and subject to the Bylaws of this corporation, as from time to time are duly adopted, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

1. To accept, acquire, receive, take and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever kind, nature, or description and wherever situated.

2. To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the Corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law.

3. To borrow money, and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other obligations of the Corporation for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property rights or privileges of the Corporation wherever situated, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.

4. To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property as its Board of Directors shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant or gift.

5. In general, to exercise such other powers which now are, or hereafter may be, conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth, or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the

attainment of the purposes of the corporation, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.

(c) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, directors or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes herein set forth. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the corporation 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 shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

(e) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed 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 IV

GENERAL POWERS:

The corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers that are permitted by the laws of the State of Florida for Not for Profit Corporations.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP:

The members of the corporation shall consist of those persons who comprise the elected members of the Executive Board of PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF MARION COUNTY, LOCAL 3169. Any person shall remain a member only so long as he or she continues to serve as a member of the Executive Board of PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF MARION COUNTY, LOCAL 3169.

ARTICLE VI

EXISTENCE:

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1. The business affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of not less than three (3) persons, nor more than seven (7) persons. Membership of the Board of Directors shall be for such period of time as prescribed by the Bylaws of the corporation and said Bylaws shall prescribe the method by which the members of the Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected, and the

qualifications necessary for nomination and election to said Board of Directors.

Section 2. The following persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors until the first appointment of the Board of Directors made in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
ROBERT GRAFF	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478
CHRIS COLE	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478
ROBERT BURNETT	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478
MIKE FELTON	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478
PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS:

Section 1. All officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation. This corporation shall have as many officers as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate from time to time. At a minimum, there shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers of this corporation shall have the rights and duties of officers under the Florida Business Corporation Act and the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as amended from time to time.

Section 3. The names of the officers who shall serve until the first election at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>POST OFFICE ADDRESS</u>
PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA	President	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478

BRENT MURRAY	Vice-President	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478
TOM SEMIDEY	Secretary	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478
ROBERT BURNETT	Treasurer	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATORS:

The name and post office address of each incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POST OFFICE ADDRESS</u>
PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA	P. O. Box 6767 Ocala, FL 34478

ARTICLE X

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT:

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 3001 SE Lake Weir Avenue, Apt. 608, Ocala, Florida 34471, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA.

ARTICLE XI

BYLAWS:

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall also have the power to make, alter or rescind any Bylaws on behalf of the corporation.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

These Articles may be altered, amended or repealed by resolution of the Board of Directors, passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Section 1. The corporation hereby indemnifies any director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:

A. Whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as director or officer of the corporation, or in his capacity as director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the corporation or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

B. Such persons shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of negligence or misconduct by the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such

action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

Section 3. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the corporation to indemnify under applicable law.

ARTICLE XIV

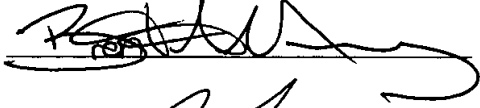
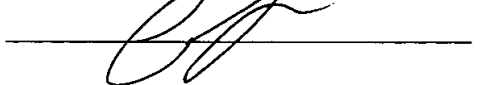
TRANSACTION IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED:

Section 1. No contract or transaction between the corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. No director or officer of the corporation shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

Section 2. Interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said subscriber has hereunto set his hand and seal this 5th day of May, 2009.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in our presence as witnesses:

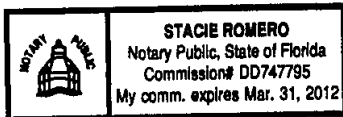
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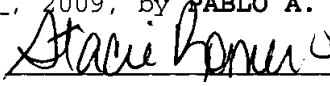


PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARION

5 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this
5 day of May, 2009, by PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA.




NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name: Stacie Romero

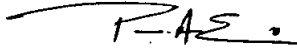
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for **PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF MARION COUNTY BENEVOLENCE FUND, INC.** at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties, and acknowledges he is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position as registered agent.



PABLO A. ECHEVARRIA

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