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January 26, 2011

Secretary of State c/o Corporation Division P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re:

Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters' Benevolent Association, Inc.

Florida Non-Profit Corporation

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed an original and two copies of the above referenced non-profit corporation's Articles of Incorporation. We have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$87.50 to cover the required filing fees, the cost of issuing a Certificate of Status and also a Certified Copy of the Incorporation Document. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Please send the above referenced certifications to my electronic mail address which is <a href="mbraswell@sugarmansusskind.com">mbraswell@sugarmansusskind.com</a>. Thank you for your consideration and anticipated corporation in this matter.

Sincerely,

D. MARCUS BRASWELL, Jr.

Enclosures

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION for the

## METRO-BROWARD PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation not-for-profit-pursuant Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The Corporation shall be named Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters Benevolent Association, Inc. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office of the Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters Benevolent Association, Inc. 304 N.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33060. The mailing address of the Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters Benevolent Association, Inc. is also 304 N.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

#### ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

The general purpose of the Benevolent Association shall be to engage in activities which are exempt from federal taxation within the meaning of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, including, but not limited to:

make donations to recognized charities; provide grants and donations to members in need, their families, other firefighters, and not-for-profit local unions affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters; provide payment of premiums for long-term disability insurance for members of the Benevolent Association, fund charity events, as well as to promote all other non-profit purposes that are consistent with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS**

The members of the Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters Benevolent Association, Inc. are the fire department employees of the Broward County cities that negotiate with IAFF Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters, Local 3080 as the exclusive bargaining agent for those employees and also, certain retired employees of those cities elect to pay dues to this Benevolent Association. There shall be five Directors/Officers, who shall be appointed in the manner specified in the bylaws of the Metro-Broward Professional Fire Fighters Benevolent Association, Inc. The Directors may establish by-laws, records, notices, and/or any other corporate documents as they deem appropriate, and as are necessary by law.

#### **ARTICLE V: DURATION**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence. However should the Corporation be dissolved, upon said dissolution assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the purposes 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.

#### **ARTICLE VI: CORPORATE POWERS**

The Benevolent Association shall not exercise any powers inconsistent with the provisions of §617.0302, Florida Statutes or 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(2). No article, by-law, or corporate document shall limit or be interpreted to limit the powers of the Benevolent Association that are authorized by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any of its members, directors, officers, or other private individuals, except that 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 set forth above in Article III. No private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Benevolent Association.

#### **ARTICLE VII: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The Initial Registered Agent is:

D. Marcus Braswell, Jr. Esq. Sugarman & Susskind, P.A. 100 Miracle Mile, Suite 300 Coral Gables, Florida 33134

#### **ARTICLE VIII: INCORPORATORS**

The names and street addresses of the incorporators for these Articles are:

John McNamara 304 N.E. 1st Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Scott Brackney 304 N.E. 1st Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Dan Debrecht 304 N.E. 1st Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Chris Chung 304 N.E. 1st Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Jim Reid 304 N.E. 1st Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060

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.

This Ast day of January, 2011.

D. MARCUS BRASWELL, JR.

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18th day of January, 2011.

> METRO-BROWARD PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

JOHN K. MCNAMARA