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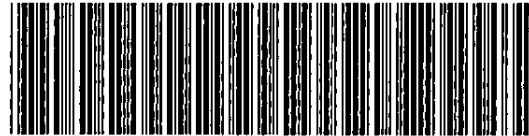
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October 8, 2012

Florida Secretary of State  
New Corporations Division  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, Fl 32301

Re: FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
INC.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the Articles of Incorporation on the above. Please  
file and issue a certified copy. Enclosed is my check for \$78.75.



Randall N. Thornton

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
INC.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office of the corporation is 4522 CR 691, Webster, FL 33597, and the mailing address is 4522 CR 691, Webster, FL 33597.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

(a) To enter into, make, and perform contracts and agreements; to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, lease, encumber, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange or otherwise dispose of any real, personal, or intangible personal property in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural person might do exclusively for the enhancement, benefit and in furtherance of the charitable purposes allowable under the Internal Revenue Code, including exclusively charitable, literary, scientific and educational purposes, specifically, but not limited to, owning and operating a Christian ministry and any other legal purpose.

(b) To carry on or engage in any activity which the Corporation may deem proper or convenient in connection with the purposes hereinabove stated and to use any and all of its assets from whatever source obtained, either the principal or income therefrom, either immediately or in the future, for the furtherance of the corporate purposes and objects.

(c) All assets and earning of this Corporation shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove stated including the payment of expenses incident thereto, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private person, entity or individual.

(d) 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 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court for Sumter County, Florida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively

for such purposes.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as it now exists or as amended in the future.

(f) Specifically, but without limitation, this organization is formed and established to promote professionalism among uniformed and civilian fire and EMS members; to influence the youth of Sumter County to combat delinquency; and to further Fire & EMS -Community relations.

#### ARTICLE IV DURATION

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE V DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have three directors initially, who shall be known as directors and who shall be elected as per procedures established in the by laws of the corporation. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by the by-laws adopted by the membership of the corporation, but shall never be less than three (3). The initial directors are:  
Jerry Rhoden 2906 S. Hwy 301 Bushnell, Fl 33513  
Frank Ennist 12267 SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Terr. Webster, Fl 33597  
Amy Snow 4522 CR 691 Webster, Fl 33597

#### ARTICLE VI REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The registered office of this corporation shall be at 2031 North C-470 Lake Panasoffkee, Fl 33538. The board of directors may from time to time move the registered office to any other address in Florida. The registered agent for the corporation whose place of residence is the principal office thereof, shall be Randall N. Thornton.

#### ARTICLE VII SUBSCRIBERS

The name, post office address and residence of each subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Jerry Rhoden 2906 S. Hwy 301 Bushnell, Fl 33513  
Frank Ennist 12267 SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Terr. Webster, Fl 33597  
Amy Snow 4522 CR 691 Webster, Fl 33597

#### ARTICLE VIII BY-LAWS

The by-laws of this corporation shall be made, altered or rescinded by action of 2/3 vote of the membership of the

corporation.

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ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members for approval of the amendment.

ARTICLE XIII INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

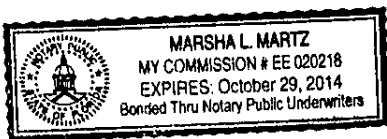
Jerry Rhoden  
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Frank Ennist  
Frank Ennist

Amy Snow  
Amy Snow

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SUMTER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, by Jerry Rhoden, Frank Ennist, and Amy Snow.



Marsha L. Martz  
Notary Public, State of FLA  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

I, Randall N. Thornton, whose mailing address and street address are set forth above, hereby accepts the herein designation as registered agent of this corporation.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

Randall N. Thornton  
Randall N. Thornton

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SUMTER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the  
27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, by Randall N. Thornton.



Marshal L. Martz  
Notary Public, State of FLA  
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