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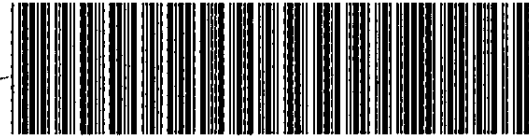
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Duette Fire And Rescue Association, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: David Walker  
Name (Printed or typed)

35800 State Road 62  
Address

Duette, Florida 34219  
City, State & Zip

941-713-2707  
Daytime Telephone number

duettefd@msn.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Of

DUETTE FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC

(A Florida Not-For Profit Corporation)

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom citizens of the United States, desiring to form a non-profit corporation under the non-profit laws of the State of Florida, do hereby certify the Corporation is formed for the following purposes:

Article I

The name of the Corporation is Duette Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., a Not-For Profit Corporation.

Article II

The principal office of the Corporation is located in Manatee County at: 35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219.

Article III

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable religious, education 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 provision of any future federal tax code. The period of its duration is perpetual.

To improve humankind's knowledge base of educational and scientific information with regard to fire prevention and fire and rescue protection to the public.

To engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida Business Corporation Act.

In general, to possess and exercise all the powers and privileges granted by the Florida Business Corporation Act or by any other law of Florida or by the Articles of Incorporation together with any powers incidental thereto, so far as such powers and privileges are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the business or purposes of the Corporation.

Article IV

The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any net earnings, gains, profits or dividends to its trustees, directors, officer, member or private persons thereof, or to any individual except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

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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.

The business and purposes specified in the foregoing clauses shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from, the terms of any other clause in the Articles of Incorporation, but the business and purposes specified in each of the foregoing clauses of this article shall be regarded as independent business purposes.

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 and State income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future 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.

#### Article V

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 public purposes. 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 VI

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is fifteen (15). The number of Directors of the Corporation as hereby authorized shall constitute the authorized number of Directors until changed in the manner provided in the Bylaws as they may exist from time to time. The qualifications for Directors and Officers shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

#### Article VII

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Officers until the first annual meeting or until successors are elected and qualified in accordance with the Bylaws are

President: John O'Connor, 35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219  
Vice President: Donna Keen, 35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219  
Secretary: David Walker, 35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219  
Treasurer: David Walker, 35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219,

#### Article VIII

The name of the initial registered agent is Jim Leonard. The street address of the initial registered agent is 35800 State Road 62, Duette, Florida 34219.

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Article IX

Indemnification: Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrations of such person) made or threatened to be made party to any action, suit or proceeding's by reason of the fact that he/she is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him/her (or by heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceedings, or in connection with an appearance therein,, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable to negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

Article X

The name and address of the Incorporator is: John O'Connor, 11075 Taylor Grade Road, Duette Florida 34219.

We the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a Corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, endorse these Articles and certify that these facts are true.

We have signed this on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 2013 .

State of Florida  
County of Manatee

John O'Connor  
John O'Connor, President (Incorporator)

*adopted 2/18/13*

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*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*

*Jan S. [Signature]*  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

*02/19/2013*  
Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

*John O'Connor, Jr.*  
Required Signature of Incorporator

*02/19/2013*  
Date