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SUBJECT: Maitland Professional Firefighters Benevolent Fund, 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
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Brandon Lawrence
Name (Printed or typed)

884 North Lake Sterling Court
Address

Casselberry, Florida 32707
City, State & Zip

407-968-4376
Daytime Telephone number

blawrence@local3590.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

DONNELLY & GROSS, P.A.

Labor & Employment Lawyers

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Gainesville, FL 32606
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March 31, 2014

Brandon Lawrence
Maitland Professional Firefighters Benevolent Fund, Inc.
884 North Lake Sterling Court
Casselberry, Florida 32707

Re: State of Florida - Non-Profit Corporate Initial Filing

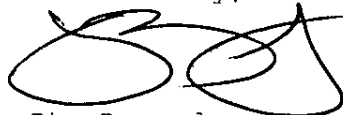
Dear Brandon,

Enclosed is all the paperwork you will need to complete and forward to the State to finish your next step of getting your non-profit benevolent fund established.

1. In the presence of a notary public, please have each of the officers sign the last page of the Articles of Incorporation.
2. Then you sign the last page accepting designation as the registered agent for service of process for the corporation.
3. Then make three copies of the completed Articles of Incorporation (2 to send to the State and 1 to keep).
4. Scan and email me a copy of the completed, signed and notarized Articles of Incorporation.
5. Make out a check to Department of State in the amount of \$ 87.50.
6. Put the original signed and notarized Articles of Incorporation AND two copies of them, along with the cover letter and your check in the enclosed envelope and mail it to the State of Florida.

Once we have the registration back we will start work on the IRS forms. Call me if you have any questions.

Fraternally,



Jim Brantley

EIN # 59-3651514

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
MAITLAND PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS
BENEVOLENT FUND, INC.
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation is the **MAITLAND PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC.**

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal physical address of the corporation is 884 North Lake Sterling Court, Casselberry, Florida 32707 while the mailing address for the corporations is P.O. Box 947651, Maitland, Florida 32794. The County in the State of Florida where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located is the County of Orange.

ARTICLE III – STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a non-profit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit laws set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IV – TERM

The date when corporate existence will commence is upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation in accordance with Section 617.0203 of the Act. The Corporation will have perpetual existence thereafter.

ARTICLE V – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts or obligations of this corporation, the directors, or persons in charge of liquidation, shall grant, convey, assign and transfer the remaining assets of this corporation unto:

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- 1) A corporation, trust, or community chest fund of the foundation:
 - (a) Created or organized in the United States or in any possession thereof, or under the law of the United States, any state or territory, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States;
 - (b) Organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals;
 - (c) No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and
 - (d) No substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- 2) The State of Florida, or any political subdivision; to be used exclusively for public purposes.

The assets transferred to any organization listed above shall be used within the State of Florida exclusively for the purposes specified in subparagraph (b).

No such organization listed above shall qualify for distribution unless such organization shall be an organization, association, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific or educational purposes which is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation under the United States Internal Revenue Code, and which is recognized as such by the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue.

If the corporation holds any assets in trust at the time of dissolution thereof, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court in the county in which the dissolved corporation had its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General, or any person concerned in the liquidation.

ARTICLE VI – IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

- (a) The name and address of this corporation's registered agent is
Brandon Lawrence
884 North Lake Sterling Court
Casselberry, Florida 32707

ARTICLE VII – PURPOSES

The corporation 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of Directors. The authorized number and qualifications of members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessment and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – INCORPORATORS

The names and residence addresses of the incorporators of this corporation is:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Addresses</u>
Brandon Lawrence	884 North Lake Sterling Court Casselberry, Florida 32707
Patrick Hale	872 Huckelberry Lane Winter Springs, Florida 32708
Dustin Moore	1641 Sand Key Circle Oviedo, Florida 32765

ARTICLE X – MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- (a) **Board of Directors.** The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of Directors. The board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the corporation included within the elected Directors, provided, however, that such number may be changed to any number which is not less than three (3) by a bylaw duly adopted by its members.

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The Directors named herein as the first board of Directors shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the membership.

The subsequent boards of Directors shall be elected at the annual meetings of the membership in the manner and for the term provided in the bylaws. Annual meetings shall be held on the Third Tuesday in January of each year, UNLESS CHANGED WITH 30 DAYS NOTIFICATION.

The names and addresses of such first members of the board of Directors are listed immediately below::

(b) Corporate Officers.

The membership of the corporation shall elect by majority vote the board of Directors at the annual meeting of the corporation. At the first meeting following the annual meeting the Directors shall select from among themselves the 3 principle officers which shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Secretary/Treasurer. Until such election is held the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

Title	Name	Address
Chairperson	Brandon Lawrence	884 North Lake Sterling Court Casselberry, Florida 32707
Vice Chairperson	Patrick Hale	872 Huckelberry Lane Winter Springs, Florida 32708
Secretary/Treasurer	Dustin Moore	1641 Sand Key Circle Oviedo, Florida 32765

Annual Audit

There shall be an annual audit conducted at the end of each fiscal year which shall be from January 1st to December 31 of each respective year.

ARTICLE XI– BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not-For-Profit Laws of the State of Florida concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation. Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, by a resolution of the Board of Directors following the procedure set forth therefore in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XII – DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes described in Article III and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any trustee, officer, or member thereof, or as excepted within the By-Laws of this corporation.

ARTICLE XIII – LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof., or as excepted within the By-Laws of this corporation.

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 publication and distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); or

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(b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers which are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation or which are prohibited by Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (1979).

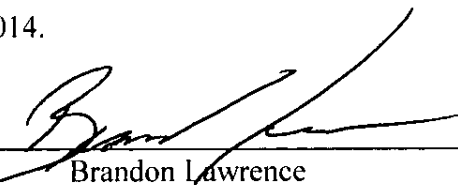
ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

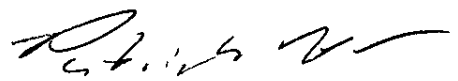
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, provided written notice of such a meeting shall have been given the members at least (2) weeks prior to the meeting. There shall be no voting by proxy or absentee ballot.

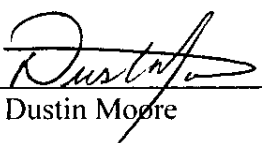
Neither these Articles of Incorporation nor any amendments thereto shall become effective until filed with and approved by the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. We are 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... For the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida we have executed this Articles of Incorporation on

the 10 day of April, 2014.


Brandon Lawrence


Patrick Hale


Dustin Moore

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10 day of
April, 2014, by Brandon Lawrence, Patrick Hale, and Dustin Moore, who are
personally known to me or have furnished proper identification.

Signed [Signature] Notary,
my commission expires June 17 2014



**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT
AND STREET ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
WITHIN FLORIDA**

Pursuant to Florida Statute §48.091, MAITLAND PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC., desiring to organize under the
laws of the State of Florida, hereby designates Brandon Lawrence, 884 North Lake
Sterling Court, Casselberry, Florida 32707 as its registered agent to accept service
of process within the State of Florida.

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

Having been named as registered agent, the undersigned hereby accepts the
above designation as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-
named corporation, at the place designated above, and agrees to comply with the
provisions of Fla. Stat. §48.091 (2) relative to maintaining an office for the service
of process.

[Signature]
Brandon Lawrence