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To: Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations

P.O. Box 6327, Tallahassee, Florida 32314

From: Paul Wren

President, East Manatee Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc.

3200 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton, Florida 34211

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Subject: **East Manatee Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc.**

Dear FDOS, Division of Corporations,

Enclosed you will find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the East Manatee Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$87.50 for the filing fee, a certified copy, and a certificate of status.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PW', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Wren

President – EMFBA

Date 4-7-15

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
East Manatee Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc.  
(Not-For-Profit Corporation)**

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Fla. Stat., the undersigned hereby acts as the incorporator in adopting and following the following articles of incorporation for the purpose of organizing a not-for-profit business corporation.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is: EAST MANATEE FIREFIGHTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

The principle place of business and mailing address of the corporation is: 3200 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Bradenton, Florida 34211.

**ARTICLE III**

The objects and purposes of the corporation are charitable, educational, fraternal, civic, and social; the corporation will conduct activities necessary or expedient to carrying out the charitable purposes and objects of the corporation; the corporation will solicit charitable contributions for distribution to nationally-recognized and locally-recognized bonafide charitable organizations and/or directly to persons in need of charity; and the corporation will, in general, do any and all things necessary to carry out further the charitable and educational purposes and objects of the corporation in accordance with the duly adopted By-Laws of the corporation.

**ARTICLE IV**

The qualifications for membership in this corporation shall be as follows:

- A. Active Membership: Those employees actively employed by the East Manatee Fire Rescue District and those persons who are active volunteers with the East Manatee Fire Rescue District shall be eligible for active membership in the corporation.
- B. Inactive Membership: Active members who have completed at least one year of continuous membership in the corporation shall be eligible for inactive membership in accordance with the duly adopted By-Laws of the corporation.
- C. Life Membership: Active members who have completed at least 60 months of active membership in the corporation, have rendered distinguished service to the corporation, and separate from active membership in good standing may be eligible for life membership in the corporation in accordance with the duly adopted By-Laws of the corporation.

- D. A member of the corporation who shall cease to be a member for any reason shall not be deemed to have acquired or continued to hold or maintain by virtue of his or her membership in the corporation any right, claim, or interest in or to the corporation or any of the property, either will or personal, tangible or intangible, or otherwise acquired by the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

The initial board of directors shall consist of three members. This number may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the duly adopted By-Laws of the corporation, but shall never be less than one. The members of the board of directors shall be elected by the members of the corporation in accordance with the duly adopted By-Laws of the corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who will serve on the initial board of directors are:

NAMES	ADDRESSES
Paul Wren, President	3200 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard Bradenton, FL 34211
Derek Parker, Vice President	3200 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard Bradenton, FL 34211
Richard Dunkum, Secretary/Treasurer	3200 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard Bradenton, FL 34211

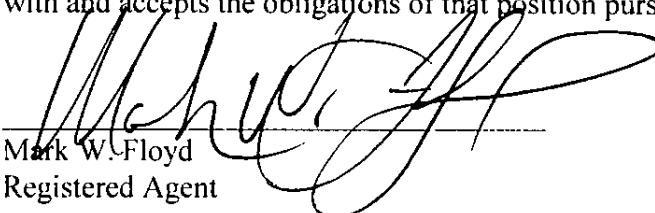
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#### ARTICLE VI

The name and address of the registered agent for service is: MIERZWA & ASSOCIATES, P.A., with its office located at 3900 Woodlake Boulevard, Suite 212, Lake Worth, FL 33463.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the East Manatee Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc., at the place designated in the articles of incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to Section 617.0501, Fla. Stat.

  
Mark W. Floyd  
Registered Agent

04-03-2015  
Date

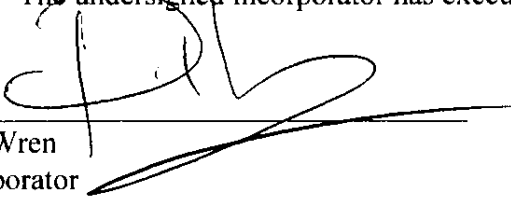
**ARTICLE VII**

The name and street address of the person signing these articles of incorporation is:

Paul Wren, President  
3200 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard  
Bradenton, FL 34211

The undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation.

Paul Wren  
Incorporator



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