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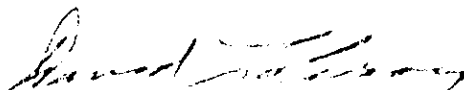
Re: Punta Gorda Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing are Articles of Incorporation for Punta Gorda Volunteer Fire Association, Inc., including a designation of registered agent and acceptance, along with my office check in the amount of \$70.00. (No certified copy is requested.)

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,



David La Croix

Enc.

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6/11/96

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

PUNTA GORDA VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.

A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to Section 617 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby make, subscribe, and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation, as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be PUNTA GORDA VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual; and the corporate existence will commence on the filing of these articles by the Department of State.

ARTICLE III

EXEMPT STATUS

The Corporation is constituted so as to attract substantial support from contributions, directly or indirectly, from the community in which it operates and has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of, its directors or officers except to the extent permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any 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, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal

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

ARTICLE IV

NONPROFIT PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Corporation is to be formed are scientific, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and, in this connection, to provide volunteer assistance to the City of Punta Gorda Fire Department in providing fire protection, rescue services and other related benefits to the general public, and, to these ends, to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, real personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value; to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income thereof in such manner as, in the judgement of the directors, will best promote the purpose of the corporation without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, this Certificate of Incorporation, the By-laws of the Corporation, or any laws applicable thereto; and to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purpose or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers except as permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in Section 617.0302 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of Florida.

ARTICLE V

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Corporation shall have the powers, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further, accomplish, foster,

or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the regulations thereunder as the same now exists or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VI

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE VII

PLACE OF OPERATION

The operations of the Corporation are to be conducted principally in the City of Punta Gorda in the County of Charlotte, Florida.

ARTICLE VIII

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the Corporation's principal office, and its initial registered office, is 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

ARTICLE IX

ADDRESS FOR NOTICE

The address to which the secretary of State shall mail a copy of any notice required by law is 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

ARTICLE X

REGISTERED AGENT

The Corporation designates Roy J. Noble, who resides at 515 Tarpon Way, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950, and whose business address is 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950, as its initial registered agent.

ARTICLE XI

INCORPORATORS

The name and place of residence of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>
Roy J. Noble	515 Tarpon Way	Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
John E. Palmer	2600 Carmellia Terr.	Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
Charles Kapudjija	1250 Taylor Rd., #321	Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

ARTICLE XII

DIRECTORS

There shall be three members of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>
Roy J. Noble	515 Tarpon Way	Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
John E. Palmer	2600 Carmellia Terr.	Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
Charles Kapudjija	1250 Taylor Rd., #321	Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

ARTICLE XIII

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Directors of the Corporation shall be elected in the manner provided by the By-laws.

ARTICLE XIV

MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation is to be organized upon a nonstock membership basis. Such memberships shall be nonredeemable, nontransferable, and nondividend bearing. Membership shall be limited as provided in the By-Laws and shall be subject to approval of the Chief of the Punta Gorda Fire Department.

ARTICLE XV

DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Upon the dissolution or other termination of the Corporation, no part of the property of the Corporation or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the members of the Corporation, but all such property and proceeds, subject to the discharge of valid obligations of the Corporation, and to the applicable provisions of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, shall be distributed as directed by the members of the Corporation among one or more corporations, trusts, community chests, funds, or foundations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private shareholder, member, or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which does not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate or public office; or to other entities of the type which qualify for Federal Income Tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names this
20 day of May, 1996.

Roy J. Noble
Roy J. Noble, Incorporator

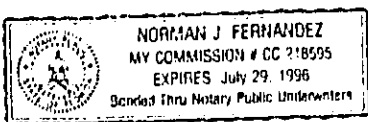
John E. Palmer
John E. Palmer, Incorporator

Charles Kapudjija
Charles Kapudjija, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned officer, duly authorized to take acknowledgements and administer oaths, personally appeared ROY J. NOBLE who, being first duly sworn and upon his oath, stated that he signed the above Articles of Incorporation for the conditions and purposes therein expressed this 30 day of May, 1996.



Norman J. Fernandez
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

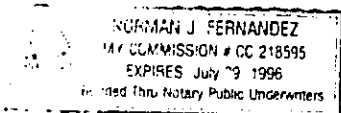
NORMAN J FERNANDEZ 218595
PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY; COMMISSION
NUMBER AND EXPIRATION OF COMMISSION

Personally known to me ✓
or produced the following identification: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned officer, duly authorized to take acknowledgements and administer oaths, personally appeared JOHN E. PALMER who, being first duly sworn and upon his oath, stated that he signed the above Articles of Incorporation for the conditions and purposes therein expressed this 30 day of May, 1996.



Norman J. Fernandez
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

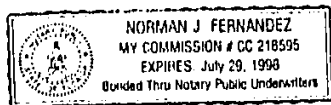
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NUMBER AND EXPIRATION OF COMMISSION

Personally known to me ✓
or produced the following identification: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned officer, duly authorized to take acknowledgements and administer oaths, personally appeared CHARLES KAPUDJIJA who, being first duly sworn and upon his oath, stated that he signed the above Articles of Incorporation for the conditions and purposes therein expressed this 30 day of May, 1996.



[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

N. J. Fernandez 2-27-96
PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY; COMMISSION
NUMBER AND EXPIRATION OF COMMISSION

Personally known to me ✓
or produced the following identification: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE: [Signature]
ROY J. NOBLE

ADDRESS: 515 Tarpon Way
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

DATE: May 30, 1996