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Division of Corporations
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Firefighters Benevolent Association
12040 South West 26th Court
Davie, Florida
33330

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April 1, 1998

Secretary of State,

Enclosed is a copy of the Articles of Corporation for the Firefighters Benevolent Association and a check for \$61.25 together with \$8.75 for a certificate of status. We request approval for a non-profit certificate for the organization.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (954) 474-1644.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Downs

Jack C. Downs
President

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE
FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
UNDER FLORIDA CORPORATIONS NOT FOR PROFIT ACT

We, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF THE State of Florida being at least eighteen years or more of age, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the statutes of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

The period of duration of this non-profit Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at 12040 S.W. 26 Court, Davie, Florida 33330.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are scientific, educational, and charitable within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and in this connection to promote and develop educational programs to enhance the individual's capability of protecting his person and property, and the persons and properties in this local community from hazards by fire; to develop local concern and awareness in the community in an effort to reduce the loss of property by fire; to raise the standards in fire safety in cooperation with the local fire departments. To help abate crime with the use of fire through the cooperative

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efforts of members within the community. To offer and promote local meetings, seminars, public discussions, lectures and community training programs geared to develop individual and community techniques for prevention and immediate reporting of suspected criminal acts.

In furtherance of its purpose the Corporation shall:

- a) Establish suitable facilities in Florida where the activities of the Corporation may be directed and where representatives of various educational, civic and fire personnel may meet and discuss areas of concern in local fire prevention;
- b) Provide a means through which interested people involved in fire protection, may educate local neighborhoods in the techniques of fire prevention;
- c) To make public the knowledge of how to make a residential structure safe from fire;
- d) To accept contributions, to be applied solely for programs and activities which qualify within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE V

EXEMPT STATUS

The Corporation is constituted so as to attract substantial support from contributions, directly or indirectly, from persons in the community in which it operates. The Corporation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation will be distributed to, or inures to the benefit of its directors, officers or members. The directors and/or officers may receive reasonable compensation for services rendered which promote the purpose 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 any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities which are not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue

Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of and future United States Internal Revenue Laws, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of and future United States Internal Revenue Laws.

ARTICLE VI

POWERS

In furtherance of its purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (a) To buy, lease, hold, and exercise all privileges of ownership over real and personal property.
- (b) To contract without limitation, to sue and be sued, to borrow money and give security therefor.
- (c) To secure funds for the promotion of its purposes through dues from its members, private contributions, public appropriations and by charges for services to its members.
- (d) To establish and operate a club for the use of its members and for the furtherance of its objectives.
- (e) To conduct and manage its business without gain or profit to its members, and to devote its gains or profits, if any, to purposes herein set forth.
- (f) To have and exercise, in addition to the foregoing, all powers conferred by the laws of Florida and all such powers and rights as are incidental or conducive to carrying on the purposes for which this Corporation is formed.

ARTICLES VII

DIRECTORS

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is two, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors are as follows:

Jack C. Downs	12040 S. W. 26 Court	Davie, Florida 33330
Alex Perri	6200 S. W. 16 th Court	Pompano Beach, Florida 33068

ARTICLES VIII

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the Board of Directors are to be appointed shall be prescribed in the by-laws of this Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

The general officers of the corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Two or more of each office may be combined or held by one person.

The name, address and office of the initial officers of the corporation shall be as follows:

President	Jack C. Downs	12040 S. W. 26 th Court	Davie, Florida 33330
Vice President	Alex Perri	6200 S. W. 16 th Court	Pompano Beach, Florida 33068
Secretary	Neal Blaustein	7400 N. W. 4 th Place	Margate, Florida 33063
Treasurer	Jack C. Downs	12040 S. W. 26 th Court	Davie, Florida 33330
Trustee	Ginger L. Downs	12040 S. W. 26 th Court	Davie, Florida 33330

ARTICLE X

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three categories of membership. A Life Member, is any person, past or present, appointed to the Board of Directors of this corporation. Active Member, is any person interested in supporting and promoting the goals and policies of this Corporation and have paid their annual dues shall as Active Member. An Honorary Member, is any person who is considered a distinguished citizen in the community by the Board of Directors. Membership dues shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors in the by-laws of this corporation.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

The Articles of Incorporation are to be adopted, altered, amended or repealed by a majority of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting. The Board of Directors shall select a site, date and time and shall announce no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting to the membership.

ARTICLES XII

BY-LAWS

The by-laws of the Corporation shall be prescribed, adopted, altered, amended or repealed by a majority of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors providing at least thirty (30) days be given to the membership stating the purpose and need to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new by-laws.

ARTICLE XIII

REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name of the registered agent and the address of the initial registered office are the same as follows, Jack C. Downs, 12040 S.W. 26 Court, Davie, Florida 33330. I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said Corporation.

Jack C. Downs

Jack C. Downs

ARTICLE XIV

DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

No part of the income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable

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compensation may be paid of services rendered to or for the Corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer or the Corporation or any private individual shall benefit monetarily from any distribution of the organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers and incorporators have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this 27th day of MARCH, 1998.

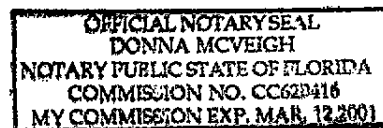
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STATE OF FLORIDA)
) S.S.
COUNTY OF BROWARD)

BEFORE ME, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County seat forth above personally appear, JACK C DOWNS known to me and known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in the state and county aforesaid, this 27 day of MARCH, 1998.
JACK C DOWNS IDENTIFIED BY PERSONALLY KNOWN

Donna McVeigh
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
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