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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

October 13, 1999

RON POLAND 2369 ASH DR. NAVARRE, FL 32566

SUBJECT: STATION 17 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ref. Number: W99000023612

We have received your document for STATION 17 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION Of STATION 17 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

<u>ARTICLE I</u>

The name of the corporation shall be Station 17 Firefighters Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:

8618 East Esplande St.

Navarre, Fl. 32566

The mailing address of this corporation shall be:

P.O.Box 5691

Navarre, Fl. 32566

ARTICLE III

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation is organized as a benevolent or charitable association banding together firefighting personnel of Santa Rosa County Station 17 dedicated to the protection of lives and property within the stated fire district and the purposes of which are within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE V

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is:

Ronald D. Poland

2369 Ash Dr.

Navarre, Florida 32566

ARTICLE VI

The membership of this organization shall be taken from residents of this area, it being intended to form a social organization of men and women who will render services to the community in a benevolent and charitable manner. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of the Directors shall be fixed by the bylaws of the corporation, but may not be less than three (3). The Board is to be composed of the President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected from and by the membership of the corporation. The terms of membership of the Board of Directors shall be for one year.

All elections to membership on said Board of Directors shall be by majority vote of the members of said corporation present at the annual business meeting as provided for in the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

The names and addresses of the persons serving on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

President

Jesse M. Merrill

8639 Estrada St.

Navarre, Fl. 32566

Secretary

Ronald D. Poland

2369 Ash Dr.

Navarre, Fl. 32566

Treasurer

Terrill Graves

6962 Elliot's Gin Lane

Navarre, Fl. 32566

ARTICLE VIII

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefits of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of the corporation set forth in Article IV.

ARTICLE IX

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.

ARTICLE X

The corporation shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against applicants, students, employees, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

ARTICLE XI

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, transfer all assets to a fund, foundation, or organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and at that time qualifies as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE XII

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal

income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE XIII

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is: Ronald D. Poland 2369 Ash Dr. Navarre, Florida 32566

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, 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.