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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF
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BELLVILLE FIRE/RESCUE, INC.

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(A Corporation Not for Profit)

The undersigned, being natural persons competent to contract, do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, under the Laws of the State of Florida, and to that end do hereby adopt Articles of Incorporation as follows; *effective January 1, 1997*

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is...

First choice- Belleville Volunteer Fire/Rescue, Inc.

ARTICLE II- ENABLING LAW

This corporation is organized pursuant to the "Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act", set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III- PURPOSES

- (a) This corporation is organized for the following purposes:
- (1) To establish and maintain an organized fire company for protection of life and property endangered by fire;
 - (2) To recruit and train a force of volunteers in the operation and use of fire fighting equipment;
 - (3) To devote study and teaching towards stimulating an awareness of fire hazards and methods of fire prevention;
 - (4) To acquire, by gift, grant or purchase, and to maintain and operate motor vehicles, fire trucks, tools and equipment;

- (5) To cooperate with other fire departments and governmental agencies, such as Florida Division of Forestry;
- (6) To acquire, by gift, grant or purchase, and to maintain and operate quarters or facilities for sheltering and housing its motor vehicles, fire trucks, tools and equipment, its personnel, and for social, recreational and educational purposes of its members; and
- (7) For such other benevolent and legal purposes as may be deemed proper to carry out the foregoing purposes.
- (b) To carry out its purposes, the corporation may make and prescribe rules and regulations for the management of the corporation and engage in such activities deemed necessary and advisable for the preservation and furtherance of said corporation.
- (c) This corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred upon corporations under the laws of the State of Florida, provided, however, that this corporation is not empowered to engage in any activity that in itself is not in the furtherance of its purposes as set forth in this Article III.

ARTICLE IV- TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V- INCORPORATORS

The names and residences of the subscribers to these articles of incorporation are as follows:

- (1) Mr. Arthur Zwickler
Rt. 2. Box 192 Jennings Fla.
- (2) Lorenza T. Cole
Rt. 2 Box 230 Jennings Fla.
- (3) Richard E. Williams
Rt 2 Box 161 Jennings Fla. 32053
- (4) _____

(b) OFFICERS- The officers of this corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the by-laws. The qualifications, the time and manner of electing or appointing, the duties of, the terms of office, and the manner of removing officers shall be as set forth in the by-laws. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first election of officers are:

OFFICE	NAME
President	<u>Mr. Arthur Zander</u> <u>Rt. 2 Box 192 Jennings Fla</u>
Vice-President	<u>Lorenza T. Cole</u> <u>AK. 2 Box 230 Jennings</u>
Secretary	<u>Richard Williams</u> <u>Rt 2 Box 161 Jennings Fla.</u>
Treasurer	<u>RICHARD WILLIAMS</u> <u>Rt 2 Box 161 Jennings Fla.</u>

(c) STANDING COMMITTEES- The members of the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the immediate Past-President and Fire Chief, shall constitute an Executive Committee, which may also be called the Executive Board. The powers and duties of the Executive Board shall be specified in the by-laws. Other committees, and the duties and responsibilities thereof, may be specified in the by-laws.

(d) FIRE FIGHTING DIVISION- There shall be a Fire Fighting Division with the purposes thereof provided in the by-laws. The selection and appointment of a Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, subordinate officers and other personnel within the Fire Fighting Division, their respective duties and responsibilities shall be provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI- MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons names herein as subscribers and such other persons as, from time to time hereafter, may become members, in the manner provided by the by-laws.
- (b) The authorized number, qualifications, and manner of admission of members of this corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, the responsibility of members for payment of dues or assessments and the method of collection thereof, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be as set forth in the by-laws of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII- MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- (a) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS-** This corporation shall have ^{three (3)} ~~four (4)~~ Directors initially. The number of directors may be changed by the by-laws, but shall never be less than three. One member of the initial Board of Directors, McLuther Jordan, shall serve a term of three years; one member of the initial Board of Directors, Lorenza T. Cole shall serve a term of two years; and ^{one} ~~two~~ members of the initial Board of Directors, Richard Whell and _____, shall serve for respective term of one year. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the by-laws and shall be members of the corporation. The names and addresses of the persons constituting the first Board of Directors who are to act in that capacity until the selection of their successors are:

NAME	ADDRESS
<u>McLuther Jordan</u>	<u>Rt 2 Box 192</u> <u>Jennings FLA</u>
<u>Lorenza T. Cole</u>	<u>Rt 2 Box 230</u> <u>Jennings FLA</u>
<u>Richard Whell</u>	<u>Rt. 2 Box 161</u> <u>Jennings Fla. 32057</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**ARTICLE VIII- LOCATION OF REGISTERED OFFICE;
IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT**

- (a) The address of this corporation's initial registered office in the State of Florida is Box 2 Box 161 Jennings, FL 32053.
- (b) The name of this corporation's initial registered agent at the above address is: RICHARD WILLIAMS

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

- (a) The by-laws will be adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors; thereafter, the by-laws may be amended or altered by either of the following methods:
- (1) A majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose; or
 - (2) A favorable two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting when a quorum is present, provided the proposal to amend, alter or rescind has been read at the last previous regular meeting of the membership.
- (b) The by-laws adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors, as aforesaid, together with all duly enacted amendments or changes subsequent thereto, shall be binding on all members of this corporation.

ARTICLE X- AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These articles of incorporation may be amended or altered by any of the following methods;

- (a) Upon resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented at any regular meeting of the membership with a quorum present and adopted by a favorable two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting; or
- (b) At any special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a favorable two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting when a quorum is present; or
- (c) At any regular meeting of the membership, upon a favorable two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting when a quorum is present, provided the proposal to amend was read at the last previous regular meeting of the membership at which time a quorum was present.

ARTICLE XI- TAX CONSEQUENCES

- (a) At all times, and notwithstanding the merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or by operation of law:
- (1) This corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of law that will or might prevent it at any time from qualifying, and continuing to qualify, as a corporation described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "the Code"), contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which might cause the loss of such qualification.
 - (2) No part of the assets or net earnings of this corporation shall ever be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
 - (3) This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.
 - (4) At no time shall this corporation engage in any activities which are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida, or any other jurisdiction where its activities are carried on; nor shall it engage in any transaction defined at the time as prohibited under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
 - (5) No compensation, loan or other payment shall be paid or made to any officer, director, incorporator of this corporation, or substantial contributor to it, unless such payment is permissible under subparagraph (7), as shown hereafter, and except as a reasonable compensation for services rendered or as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of this corporation; and no part of the assets or net earnings current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such person or persons, or inure to, be used for, accrue to or to the benefit of any such person or private individual (pursuant to the prohibition contained in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code.
 - (6) No solicitation of contributions to this corporation shall be made, and no gift, bequest or devise to this corporation shall be accepted, upon any condition or limitation which, in the opinion of the corporation, may cause the corporation to lose its exemption from payment of federal income taxes.

- (7) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, if at any time or times the corporation shall be a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509 of the Code, then during such time or times the corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Code; shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code; shall not make any investment in any manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Code.
- (b) Upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of this corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more organizations described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, and such organization or organizations shall not be "private foundations" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code and shall be "publicly supported" within the meaning of that Code.
- (c) Any references herein to any provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall be deemed to mean such provision as now or hereafter existing, amended, supplemented, or superseded, as the case may be.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, constituting the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these articles of incorporation, this

23 day of September, 1996

M. L. Z...
Lorenza T. Cole
Richard W. Hill

State of Florida
County of Hamilton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Richard E. Webb, known to me to be the individual who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged the execution thereof for the purposes therein shown.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23rd day of Sept., 1996.
Personally Known.



Official Seal
KAREN B. DEDGE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
My Commission Expires March 14, 1999
COMMISSION NO: CC445189

Karen B. Dedge
Notary Public

State of Florida
County of Hamilton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, _____, known to me to be the individual who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged the execution thereof for the purposes therein shown.

Witness my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 1996.

Notary Public

State of Florida
County of Hamilton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Mr. Victor Sanklen, known to me to be the individual who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged the execution thereof for the purposes therein shown.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23rd day of Sept., 1996.

Personally Known.

Karen B. Dedge
Notary Public



Official Seal
KAREN B. DEDGE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
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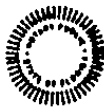
State of Florida
County of Hamilton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Lorenza T. Cole, known to me to be the individual who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged the execution thereof for the purposes therein shown.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23rd day of Sept., 1996.

Personally Known.

Karen B. Dedge
Notary Public



Official Seal
KAREN B. DEDGE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
My Commission Expires March 14, 1999
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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.325, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the Laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/ registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is;

Bellville Volunteer Fire / Rescue Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Richard Williams

Rt. 2 Box 161

Jennings, FL 32053

Date: 16 September, 1996

McClintock Zoulen
President

Lorenza T. Cole
Vice-President

Richard E. Will
Secretary

Treasurer

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325, Florida Statutes.

Richard E. Will
signature

9/16/96
date

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