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STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE

✓ COUNTY 17 VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

We, the undersigned, being natural persons over the age of 21 years acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act, adopted and do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME, PURPOSE, AUTHORITY.

Section 1. The name of the corporation is: County 17 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Incorporated.

Section 2. The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

Section 3. The purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized shall be to further the common good and general welfare of the people of the Maylene community and to:

A.) Actively engage in fire fighting and render assistance in similar disasters.

B.) Render aid to persons in distress, administer first aid and perform missions incident to the rescue to human beings who are in distress.

C.) Purchase, acquire by gift, or otherwise, trucks, equipment, first aid supplies, and any and all other property needed in the performance of missions, and to own and hold in fee, or by lease, sufficient and suitable real estate and buildings necessary for headquarters, and for storage of equipment and supplies owned or used in the furtherance of said fire and rescue work, required and supported by the people and the public generally, and for educational purposes.

Section 4. The organization shall be incorporated and chartered under the laws of the State of Alabama as a non-profit eleemosynary corporation.

Section 5. The corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, advisor, or individual.

P.O. Box 38

Maylene, AL 35114-0038

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The initial charter members of said corporation shall be those persons whose names are signed hereto.

Section 2. After the incorporation of this organization, other persons may become members by making application and complying with the By-Laws and rules and regulations regulating qualifications for membership in said corporation.

ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY.

Section 1. The governing body of the corporation shall be Articles of Incorporation, County 17 Fire and Rescue Department, Incorporated, the Board of Advisors (hereinafter called "the Board") composed of six members of the community, one of whom shall be the Chairman. The number of members of the Board may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in or by amendment to the By-Laws, provided that the minimum number of members shall be three or more members at all times.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board are as follows:

Chairman	Larry Aultman, Rt 2 Box 263, Maylene, AL 35114
Member	Bobby Holsombach, Rt 2 Box 271, Maylene, AL 35114, 663-0389
Member	Wayne Majors, Rt 2 Box 253, Maylene, AL 35114, 663-7405
Member	Leo Blake, Rt 2 Box 335, Maylene, AL 35114, 663-7110
Member	Dwight Parton, Rt 2 Box 341, Maylene, AL 35114, 664-0654
Member	Albert Davis, Rt 2 Box 330, Maylene, AL 35114, 663-2237

Section 3. The address of the initially registered officer of the corporation is Maylene, Alabama, and the name of its initially registered agent at such address is Larry Aultman.

Section 4. After the issuance of the certificate of incorporation of said corporation, an organizational meeting of the Board of Advisors named in these articles of incorporation for the purpose of adopting By-Laws, electing officers, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The incorporators calling the meeting shall give at least ten days notice thereof to each member of the Board so named, which said notice shall state the time and place of the meeting. Said notice shall be given by mail, publication in the Shelby County Reporter for one week, posting at least ten days in advance of said meeting at the normal place

of meeting of said corporation, or personally to the member.

Section 5. In addition to the organizational meeting herein specified, the Board shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Board or upon written request signed by at least a majority of the members of the Board in office.

Section 6. The Fire Chief, or his appointed representative, shall be entitled to sit at each meeting of the Board, without vote, and shall be notified of each meeting of the Board in the same manner prescribed for the notification of the member of the Board.

Section 7. The Board by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board in office may designate such committees as they deem proper for the carrying out of the functions of such corporation. The Chairman of the Board may appoint members, and designate the committee chairman, from the membership of said corporation to such committees, which committees shall serve for terms set out in the appointments.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a Fire Chief, an Assistant Fire Chief, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the initial officers are as follows:

Fire Chief	Billy Dunn, Post Office Box 119, Helena, AL 35080
Assistant Fire Chief	Ray Hutchinson, Rt 2 Box 259, Maylene, AL 35114
Secretary	Sue Hutchinson, Rt 2 Box 259, Maylene, AL 35114
Treasurer	Toni Maultman, Rt 2 Box 263, Maylene, AL 35114

ARTICLE V. POWERS, OTHER GOVERNING PROCEDURES.

Section 1. Said corporation shall have all of the powers granted to non-profit corporations in Title 10, Chapter 10, of the 1940 Code of Alabama, as recodified and amended.

Section 2. The initial By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Advisors of said corporation and the same shall continue in effect as By-Laws until the same are altered, amended, or replaced as provided for in the By-Laws adopted.

Article 3. The operation, administration, training, and other necessary duties connected with said corporation shall be the responsibility of the Fire Chief. The Board of Advisors shall furnish all possible assistance to enable the Fire Chief to carry out his responsibilities. The Chairman of the Board and the Fire Chief shall each keep the other individual currently informed of all matters affecting the status of said corporation.

Section 4. Any member of the Board, or any officer of said corporation, elected or appointed, may be removed from office by a majority of the membership of said corporation in meeting duly assembled whenever, in the judgment of said membership, the best interest of the corporation will thereby be served. The individual being considered for removal from office shall be given at least ten days notice by United States mail of the time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting and shall be entitled to attend the meeting in his own behalf.

Section 5. The members of the Board, and the officers of the corporation, shall be elected annually by a majority of the membership of said corporation in meeting duly assembled. Election of said members of the Board and officers of the corporation shall be held at such time and in such manner as is provided for in the By-Laws of said corporation.

Section 6. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Advisors or in the officers of said corporation during the term of any member shall be filled as set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 7. The qualifications for membership, and the rights and privileges of the members of said corporation shall be as set out in the By-Laws, constitution and rules and regulations adopted by said corporation.

Section 8. In case of dissolution, the affairs of said corporation will be concluded, and the assets of said corporation shall be distributed, as provided for in Title 10, Chapter 10, of the 1940 Code of Alabama, as recompiled and as amended.

Section 9. No loans shall be made by said corporation to its officers or to members of the Board. Any obligations incurred, except as provided by these articles of incorporation and the By-Laws, shall be the responsibility of the person or persons incurring said obligations.

Section 10. Election or appointment of an officer, member of the Board, or agent shall not of itself create contract rights. The removal of an officer, member of the Board, or agent shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the individual so removed.

ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATORS.

The name and addresses of the incorporators are:

- Larry Aultman, Rt 2 Box 263, Maylene, AL 35114
- Bobby Holcomb, Rt 2 Box 271, Maylene, AL 35114
- Wayne Majors, Rt 2 Box 253, Maylene, AL 35114
- Leo Blake, Rt 2 Box 335, Maylene, AL 35114
- Dwight Parton, Rt 2 Box 341, Maylene, AL 35114
- Albert Davis, Rt 2 Box 330, Maylene, AL 35114
- Billy Dunn, P. O. Box 119, Helena, AL 35080

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE INCORPORATORS have hereunto
set their hands and seals on this the 1st day of June
1984.

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Larry R. Aultman

Dwight Parton

Bobby Holcomb

Albert Davis

Leo Blake

Wayne Majors

Billy Dunn

STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Larry Aultman, Bobby Holcomb, Wayne Majors, Leo Blake, Dwight Parton, Billy Dunn, and Albert Davis, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this instrument, they executed the same voluntarily on the day same bears date.

Emmie D. Higginbotham
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 11-2-87

State of Alabama

SHELBY

County

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

COUNTY 17 VOLONTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the incorporation of COUNTY 17 VOLONTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, duly signed pursuant to the provisions of Section 64 of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation of COUNTY 17 VOLONTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 13th day of JUNE, 19⁸⁴.



Thomas A. Brundage, Jr.

Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO. 65
I CERTIFY THIS
INSTRUMENT WAS FILED

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Thomas A. Brundage, Jr.
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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