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STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COUNTY OF SHELBY )

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE  
KINGDOM VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned incorporators, do hereby join in the execution of these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 10-3A-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1984, Section 40-9-12, Section 40-9-13 and Section 9-3-17 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, and do hereby file these Articles of Incorporation, and certify as follows:

ARTICLE I. NAME, PURPOSE, AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation is: Kingdom Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.

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 Kingdom 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.

ARTICLE II: TAX EXEMPTION

SECTION 1. This Non-Profit Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and/or the Tax Reform Act of 1986, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and/or the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (or any future corresponding United States Revenue Law) for the purpose of establishing and operating a Non-Profit Fire Department Association under the provisions of

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Section 10-3A-I, et seq., Code of Alabama 1984, and Section 40-9-13 of the Code of Alabama 1975, including but not limited to the following objectives: to prevent or to suppress fires in the Corporation's coverage area, to save lives, to aid in disasters, to administer first aid, to promote public safety and to provide such other public safety service and/or emergency assistance to the county or state when called upon to do so.

SECTION 2. Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not be operated for private profit and no part of the assets or of the net earnings of the Corporation shall at any time inure to the benefit of any member, officer, director or other individual except for the reimbursement to officers or directors for actual expenses incurred in the carrying out of their official duties, and for the payment of salaries to any person who may be employed by said Corporation for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to carry out the purposes herein described. Neither shall any part of the assets or earnings of the Corporation be applied to attempts to influence legislation, or participate to any extent in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office. No part of the propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office (including the publishing or distribution of states). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a Corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and/or the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and (2) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and/or the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law);

SECTION 3. Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall be empowered to refuse to accept any gift, bequest or devise.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall be further subject to the restrictions and provisions of Section 10-4-210, Code of Alabama, 1975.

#### ARTICLE III: 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 IV: GOVERNING BODY.

SECTION 1. The governing body of the corporation shall be the Board of Directors (hereinafter called "The Board") composed of five 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 time.

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

Robert Perkins, Route 2, Box 33B, Columbiana, Al. 35051

Wayne Blankenship, Route 2, Box 55, Columbiana, Al. 35051

Luther Anderson, P. O. Box 594, Columbiana, Al. 35051

Jeff Jones, P. O. Box 932, Columbiana, Al. 35051

Charles Merrell, 1941 County Road 61 South, Wilsonville, Al. 35186

SECTION 3. The address of the initially registered officer of the corporation is Route 2, Box 18, Columbiana, Alabama 35051, Alabama, and the name of its initially registered agent at such address is Susan Farr

SECTION 4. After the issuance of the Certificate of Incorporation of said corporation, an organizational meeting of the Board of Directors named in these Articles of Incorporation shall be held at the call of the majority of the incorporators for the purpose of adopting By-Laws, electing officers, and the transaction of such of their 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 President/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 members 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 President/Fire Chief, a Vice President/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:

PRESIDENT/FIRE CHIEF: Darrell Blankenship, Route 2, Box 55, Columbiana, Al. 35051

VICE PRESIDENT/ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF: Dan Williams, P. O. Box 883, Columbiana, Al. 35051

SECRETARY: Sue Farr, Route 2, Box 18, Columbiana, Al. 35051

TREASURER: Sue Pounders, Route 2, Box 61-A, Columbiana, Al. 35051

#### ARTICLES V. POWERS, OTHER GOVERNING PROCEDURES.

SECTION 1. Said corporation shall have all the powers granted to non-profit corporations in Section 10-3a-1 et seq. Code of Alabama 1984.

SECTION 2. The initial By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors 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.

SECTION 3. The operation, administration, training, and other necessary duties associated with said corporation shall be the responsibility of the President/Fire Chief. The Board of Directors shall furnish all possible assistance to enable the President/Fire Chief to carry out his responsibilities. The Chairman of the Board and the President/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, 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 Directors 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. The existence of the Corporation may be terminated and the Corporation dissolved in the manner provided by law.

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, the assets and property of every nature and description shall be applied as follows:

(1) All liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision made therefore;

(2) Assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;

(3) The remaining assets shall be paid over and transferred to one or more Corporations, societies, or organizations which engage in activities similar to those of this Corporation and which are then qualified for exemption from Federal Income Taxes as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and/or the Tax Return Act of 1986 or corresponding Sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

SECTION 9. 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 individuals so removed.

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATORS:

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Sue Gourdus Rt 2 Box 61-A Columbiana

Shane Hughes P.O. Box 1234 Col AL 35051

Bob + Sue Tallen Rt 2 Box 36-A Cal.

Bill + Pat Jones Rt 2 Box 36-B Cal. 35051

Walter + Rachel Martin Rt 2 Box 40-G Cal.

Paul + Denise Martin Rt 2 Box 40-D Cal

Vera B. Strickland 651 Ca Rd 30 Wilsonville, OR 97186

Randall + Maxella Williams Rt. 2, Box 19-A, Columbiana, AL 35051

William E. Hentz Rt 2, Box 44A, Columbiana, AL 35051

Jean B. Milner Rt. 2 - Box 51, Columbiana, AL 35051

Paul A. Hix AL 2 Box 142-D Winston, AL 35051

Dan + Sandy Williams P.O. Box 883 Cal

Louise + Sherry Atkinson Rt 2 Box 123 Cal. 35051

Bill + Madge Carter 851 County Road 416 Wilsonville 35186

Michael + Judy Barclay P.O. Box 1116 (Rt. 2) Columbiana, AL 35051

Luther Anderson P.O. Box 594 COLUMBIANA AL 35051

Jeff JONES P.O. Box 932 Columbiana AL 35051

Bill + Sue Jarr Rt. 2 Box 18 Columbiana, AL 35051

Bob + Margie Miller Rt. 2 Box 22 Columbiana AL 35051

O.B + Fay Merrill Rt. 2 Box 7 Columbiana AL 35051



Shawn Carlisle P.O. Box 1283 Cd. 35051  
Jeff Linholm Rt. 2 Box 55-C Cd

MICHAEL M. HILL 150 COUNTY RD 416  
WILSONVILLE, AL. 35186

Wayne Blenkinship  
Rt 2 Box 55  
Columbiana AL 35051

Paul Starnes  
Rt. 2 Box 57  
Columbiana, AL. 35051

Blaine Canoll  
300 Co Rd 446 Wilsonville  
35186

Ronnie Lee  
351 State 145  
Wilsonville 35186

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

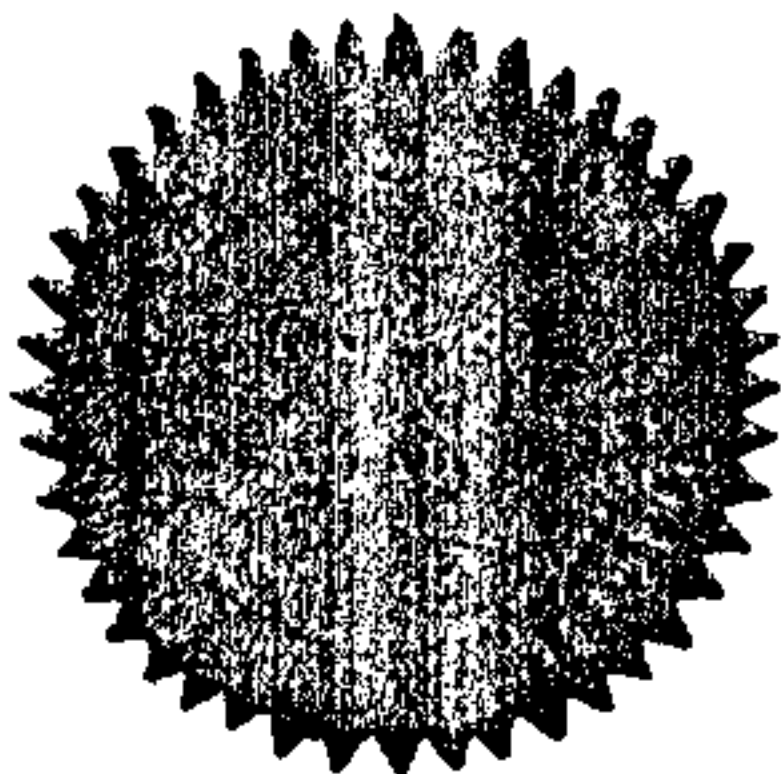
OF

KINGDOM VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of INCORPORATION of KINGDOM VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC., duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-3A-1 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 KINGDOM VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC., and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of INCORPORATION.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 1st day of MARCH, 19 90.



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

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JUDGE OF PROBATE

Judge of Probate

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