

# **Articles of Incorporation**

## **South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department , Inc**

### **Article I Name**

The name of the corporation shall be the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

### **Article II Principal Office**

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be 240 Cape San Blas Road, Port St Joe, Gulf County, Florida, 32456, and the mailing address of the corporation is P. O. Box 457, Port St. Joe, Florida 32457

### **Article III Tax Status**

Said corporation is organized under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act in compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The organization shall be operated under the laws of Florida and Gulf County and in compliance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **Article IV Purpose**

The corporation is organized exclusively to provide fire safety and emergency response services and to protect life and property in and near Cape San Blas, Indian Pass, Simmons Bayou area of Gulf County and South Gulf County to the Franklin County line, and to include all of the South Gulf County Fire District.

### **Article V Manner of Election**

The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting from Volunteer Firefighter Members and Active Members in good standing, and shall manage, supervise, and direct the Organization. In addition, the Chief shall serve on the Board in an ex officio capacity, without vote, if a paid employee, and with vote, if a volunteer. The Chief is appointed by the Board of Directors.



**Article VIII  
Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Article IX  
Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preston Russ

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James Caughey

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Larry Wilson

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Lanny Blair

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Stanley Roberson

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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

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Signature/Registered Agent

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Date

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Signature/ Incorporator

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Date