

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No. 1545-0056

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877 829 5500. Visit our website at www.irs.gov for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - X) of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1 Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document)		2 c/o Name (if applicable)	
Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc.			
3 Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions)	Room/Suite	4 Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
P. O. Box 2769		65-0861168	
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		5 Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12)	
Stuart, FL 34995		12	
6 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative)		b Phone: (772)418-2048	
a Name: Steven M. Blary		c Fax: (optional)	
7 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
8 Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9a Organization's website: www.wx4mc.org			
b Organization's email: (optional)			
10 Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
11 Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY)		02 / 02 / 1999	
12 Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country? If "Yes," state the country.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II Organizational Structure

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.**

- 1 Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification. **Yes** **No**
- 2 Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application. **Yes** **No**
- 3 Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**
- 4a Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust. **Yes** **No**
- 5 Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected. **Yes** **No**

Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document.** Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1 Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): **Page 1 Article 3 Par 3**
- 2a Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. **Page 3 Article 8 Par 1**
- 2c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state:

Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

Using an attachment, describe your past, present, and planned activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors

- 1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual compensation, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
Steven M. Blary	Emergency Coordinator	1934 SE Lafayette St Stuart, FL 34997	none
Karen Briggs	Lt. Emergency Coordinator	P. O. Box 65 Stuart, FL 34995	none
Ben Givaudin	Treasurer	2942 SE Fairway West Stuart, FL 34997	none

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

b List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
none			

c List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated independent contractors that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
none			

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to past, present, or planned relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 2a** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. Yes No
- b** Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees. Yes No
- c** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. Yes No
- 3a** For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.
- b** Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through common control? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement. Yes No
- 4** In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.
 - a** Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy? Yes No
 - b** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation? Yes No
 - c** Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements? Yes No

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements? Yes No
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by similarly situated taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source? Yes No
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is reasonable for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 5a** Have you adopted a conflict of interest policy consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c. Yes No
- b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
- c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?

Note: A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.

- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No

- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales. Yes No

- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f. Yes No
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f. Yes No

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- b Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past, present, and planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals. Yes No
- b In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations. Yes No
- 2 Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program. Yes No
- 3 Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds. Yes No

Part VII Your History

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1 Are you a successor to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G. Yes No
- 2 Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E. Yes No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past, present, and planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1 Do you support or oppose candidates in political campaigns in any way? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 2a Do you attempt to influence legislation? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a. Yes No
- b Have you made or are you making an election to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities. Yes No
- 3a Do you or will you operate bingo or gaming activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Yes No
- b Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements. Yes No
- c List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 4a** Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.) Yes No
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mail solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> phone solicitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> email solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> accept donations on your website |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personal solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> receive donations from another organization's website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government grant solicitations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> foundation grant solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
- Attach a description of each fundraising program.
- b** Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements. Yes No
- c** Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements. Yes No
- d** List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.
- e** Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors. Yes No
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- 5** Are you affiliated with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 6a** Do you or will you engage in **economic development**? If "Yes," describe your program. Yes No
- b** Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.
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- 7a** Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **develop** your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees. Yes No
- b** Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **manage** your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees. Yes No
- c** If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.
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- 8** Do you or will you enter into **joint ventures**, including partnerships or **limited liability companies** treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate. Yes No
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- 9a** Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10. Yes No
- b** Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be **gainfully employed** (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). Yes No
- c** Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). Yes No
- d** Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). Yes No
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- 10** Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other **intellectual property**? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed. Yes No

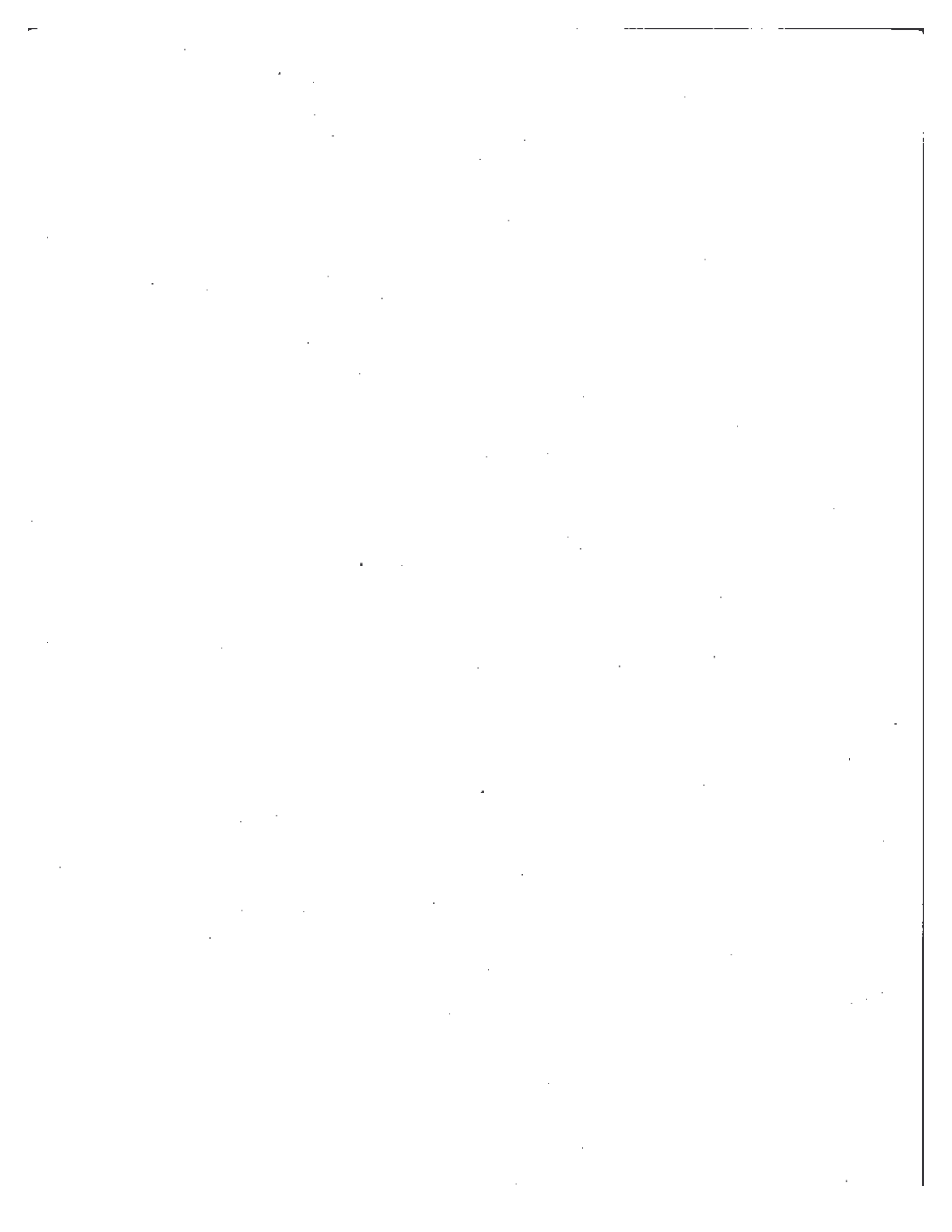
Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 11** Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution. Yes No
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- 12a** Do you or will you operate in a foreign country or countries? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a. Yes No
- b** Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.
- c** Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.
- d** Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
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- 13a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a. Yes No
- b** Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.
- c** Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract. Yes No
- d** Identify each recipient organization and any relationship between you and the recipient organization.
- e** Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.
- f** Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:
- (i) Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form. Yes No
- (ii) Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused. Yes No
- g** Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
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- 14a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15. Yes No
- b** Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
- c** Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries. Yes No
- d** Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors. Yes No
- e** Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information. Yes No
- f** Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately. Yes No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 15 Do you have a **close connection** with any organizations? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 16 Are you applying for exemption as a **cooperative hospital service organization** under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 17 Are you applying for exemption as a **cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations** under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 18 Are you applying for exemption as a **charitable risk pool** under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 19 Do you or will you operate a **school**? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity. Yes No
- 20 Is your main function to provide **hospital or medical care**? If "Yes," complete Schedule C. Yes No
- 21 Do you or will you provide **low-income housing** or housing for the **elderly or handicapped**? If "Yes," complete Schedule F. Yes No
- 22 Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H. Yes No

Note: Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.



Part IX Financial Data

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses					
Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year		3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years		(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
	(a) From 1/2/2005 To 12/2005	(b) From 1/2/2004 To 12/2004	(c) From 1/2/2003 To 12/2003	(d) From 1/2/2002 To 12/2002	
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	3889.44	0	0	0	3889.44
2 Membership fees received	580.00	320.00	360.00	580.00	1840
3 Gross investment income	0	0	0	0	0
4 Net unrelated business income	0	0	0	0	0
5 Taxes levied for your benefit	0	0	0	0	0
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)	0	0	0	0	0
7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0	0	0
8 Total of lines 1 through 7	4469.44	320.00	360.00	580.00	5729.44
9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)	501.27	94.33	121.45	358.00	1075.05
10 Total of lines 8 and 9	4970.71	414.33	481.45	938.00	6804.49
11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)	0	0	0	0	0
12 Unusual grants	0	0	0	0	0
13 Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12	4970.71	414.33	481.45	938.00	6804.49
14 Fundraising expenses	0	0	0	0	
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)	161.00	0	0	0	
16 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)	0	0	0	0	
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees	0	0	0	0	
18 Other salaries and wages	0	0	0	0	
19 Interest expense	0	0	0	0	
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	0	0	0	0	
21 Depreciation and depletion	0	0	0	0	
22 Professional fees	0	0	0	0	
23 Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)	4723.35	253.10	514.09	2076.06	
24 Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23	4884.35	253.10	514.09	2076.06	

Part IX Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)

Year End: **2005**

Assets		(Whole dollars)
1 Cash		790.32
2 Accounts receivable, net		0
3 Inventories		75.00
4 Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list)		0
5 Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list)		0
6 Loans receivable (attach an itemized list)		0
7 Other investments (attach an itemized list)		0
8 Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list)		0
9 Land		0
10 Other assets (attach an itemized list)		2005.00
11 Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10)		2870.32
Liabilities		
12 Accounts payable		0
13 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable		0
14 Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list)		0
15 Other liabilities (attach an itemized list)		0
16 Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)		0
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17 Total fund balances or net assets		2870.32
18 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17)		2870.32

19 Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain. Yes No

Part X Public Charity Status

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a **private foundation** or a **public charity**. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a **private operating foundation**. (See instructions.)

1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. Yes No
If you are unsure, see the instructions.

b As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.

2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI. Yes No

3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4. Yes No

4 Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation? Yes No

5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
- a** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a **church** or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
- b** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a **school**. Complete and attach Schedule B.
- c** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a **hospital**, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
- d** 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross investment income and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

6 If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an advance or a definitive ruling by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3878. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code

For Organization

 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

 (Type or print name of signer)

 (Date)

 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

For Director, Exempt Organizations

By _____ Date _____

- b Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).
- (i) (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses. 114.59
- (b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (ii) (a) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each disqualified person. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

- 7** Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual. Yes No


Part XI User Fee Information

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$500. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$150. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of gross receipts over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. User fees are subject to change. Check our website at www.irs.gov and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000? Yes No
 If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$150 (Subject to change—see above).
 If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$500 (Subject to change—see above).
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$150 (Subject to change).
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$500 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please
Sign
Here


 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other
 authorized official)

Steven M. Biary

(Type or print name of signer)

2 January 2006

(Date)

Emergency Coordinator

(Type or print title or authority of signer)

Reminder: Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

Form **1023** (Rev. 10-2004)

Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation

Schedule E is intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of your application or from your date of incorporation or formation, whichever is earlier. If you are not eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from your date of incorporation or formation, Schedule E is also intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) for the period between your date of incorporation or formation and the postmark date of your application.

- 1** Are you a church, association of churches, or integrated auxiliary of a church? If "Yes," complete Schedule A and stop here. Do not complete the remainder of Schedule E. Yes No
- 2a** Are you a public charity with annual gross receipts that are normally \$5,000 or less? If "Yes," stop here. Answer "No" if you are a private foundation, regardless of your gross receipts. Yes No
- b** If your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000, are you filing this application within 90 days from the end of the tax year in which your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000? If "Yes," stop here. Yes No
- 3a** Were you included as a subordinate in a group exemption application or letter? If "No," go to line 4. Yes No
- b** If you were included as a subordinate in a group exemption letter, are you filing this application within 27 months from the date you were notified by the organization holding the group exemption letter or the Internal Revenue Service that you cease to be covered by the group exemption letter? If "Yes," stop here. Yes No
- c** If you were included as a subordinate in a timely filed group exemption request that was denied, are you filing this application within 27 months from the postmark date of the Internal Revenue Service final adverse ruling letter? If "Yes," stop here. Yes No
- 4** Were you created on or before October 9, 1969? If "Yes," stop here. Do not complete the remainder of this schedule. Yes No
- 5** If you answered "No" to lines 1 through 4, we cannot recognize you as tax exempt from your date of formation unless you qualify for an extension of time to apply for exemption. Do you wish to request an extension of time to apply to be recognized as exempt from the date you were formed? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining why you did not file this application within the 27-month period. Do not answer lines 6, 7, or 8. If "No," go to line 6a. Yes No
- 6a** If you answered "No" to line 5, you can only be exempt under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of this application. Therefore, do you want us to treat this application as a request for tax exemption from the postmark date? If "Yes," you are eligible for an advance ruling. Complete Part X, line 6a. If "No," you will be treated as a private foundation. Yes No
- Note.** Be sure your ruling eligibility agrees with your answer to Part X, line 6.
- b** Do you anticipate significant changes in your sources of support in the future? If "Yes," complete line 7 below. Yes No

Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation (Continued)

7 Complete this item only if you answered "Yes" to line 6b. Include projected revenue for the first two full years following the current tax year.

Type of Revenue	Projected revenue for 2 years following current tax year		
	(a) From To	(b) From To	(c) Total
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)			
2 Membership fees received			
3 Gross investment income			
4 Net unrelated business income			
5 Taxes levied for your benefit			
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)			
7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)			
8 Total of lines 1 through 7			
9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold, or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)			
10 Total of lines 8 and 9			
11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach an itemized list)			
12 Unusual grants			
13 Total revenue. Add lines 10 through 12			

8 According to your answers, you are only eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of your application. However, you may be eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) from your date of formation to the postmark date of the Form 1023. Tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) allows exemption from federal income tax, but generally not deductibility of contributions under Code section 170. Check the box at right if you want us to treat this as a request for exemption under 501(c)(4) from your date of formation to the postmark date.

Attach a completed Page 1 of Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a), to this application.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

MARTIN COUNTY FLORIDA ARES/RACES, INC

ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation shall be Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. and is referred to herein as The Corporation.

ARTICLE II Principal Office

The principle place of business shall be the same as that of the Martin County Emergency Management Division, 6000 SE Tower Drive, Stuart, Florida 34997. The Corporation may, from time to time to reduce the administrative burden on the county government, elect to use a postal box for member correspondence.

ARTICLE III Purposes

Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes of promoting and maintaining public safety and community well being by providing emergency communications support and assistance to the community and to government and quasi-governmental entities during the times of emergencies. The Corporation may accept charitable donations of cash, equipment, or services.

The Corporation may, in the pursuit of its organizational purposes, engage in, conduct, and support educational programs associated with public safety and communications support thereof. The Corporation may also participate in non-emergency community events that provide training and orientation to its member personnel and/or provide community exposure to the organization.

The activities of The Corporation shall be conducted consistent with the requirement for an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV Manner of Appointment of Directors

The slate of directors shall be known as The Planning Committee and shall have, as a minimum, three directors, the Emergency Coordinator, the Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator, and the Treasurer.

The senior position in the leadership of The Corporation shall be the Emergency Coordinator. Appointment of the Emergency Coordinator shall require the concurrence of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service South Florida Section Emergency Coordinator and the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Martin County, or their successors.

The Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator of The Corporation shall be appointed by the Emergency Coordinator. The Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator shall become the acting Emergency Coordinator during times of absence from the area, times of illness, or any other reason of incapacity of the Emergency Coordinator.

The Treasurer of The Corporation shall be appointed by the Emergency Coordinator. The accounts, funds, and accounting practices and related reports filings shall be entrusted to the Treasurer who shall be responsible for banking relationships and investments in accordance with the by-laws of The Corporation.

The by-laws of The Corporation may, at the discretion of the membership, provide for Assistant Emergency Coordinators to oversee specific functional areas of The Corporation's business. Assistant Emergency Coordinators shall be appointed by the Emergency Coordinator and shall become members of The Planning Committee.

ARTICLE IV(a) Membership

The Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc. consists of licensed radio amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur is eligible for membership in The Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc. The only qualification, other than possession of an Amateur Radio license, is a sincere desire to serve.

ARTICLE V Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:
Donald Marquith - Treasurer 7516 SE Marsh Fern Lane, Hobe Sound FL 33455

ARTICLE VI Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:
Adam Levenson - Emergency Coordinator. 1189 SE Astorwood Place, Stuart FL 34994



Signature/Incorporator

1/17/99

Date

ARTICLE VII Finances

The Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. membership is comprised of volunteers. All directors, officers, and others performing services of The Corporation shall serve without compensation, notwithstanding the authority of the appointed and or elected officers to contract for professional and administrative services or otherwise expend funds on behalf of The Corporation or to accept reimbursement for expenses encountered in carrying out the business of The Corporation.

The directors and officers of The Corporation are authorized to solicit contributions, apply for and consume grant funds, and to otherwise raise funds to finance the activities of The Corporation consistent with the organizational purposes and restrictions contained in preceding articles hereof and as follows herein. No part of the net earnings of The Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, or other private citizens, except that The Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in preceding articles 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 the 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 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.

ARTICLE VIII Dissolution and Distributions

The Corporation shall be dissolved by a majority vote of members authorized to vote. Upon 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 shall be distributed to the federal government for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of The Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

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 am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Donald E. Marquith
Signature/Registered Agent

January 13, 1999
Date

I, Steven M. Blary, declare that this is a complete and accurate copy of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc.'s articles of incorporation as adopted on 13 January 1999.



Steven M. Blary
Emergency Coordinator
2 January 2006

The By-Laws of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc.

Ratified by the members at the regular meeting of April 11, 2001

PREAMBLE

We, the Amateur Radio Operators of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc., wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio and the Welfare of the citizens of Martin County, and its several municipalities, constitute ourselves Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. and enact these By-Laws as our governing law

Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. shall be non-profit, non-political and non-denominational.

Its purposes shall be to

- Prepare for and provide communications during emergencies and/or community events,
- Collaborate with emergency, disaster relief and other organizations,
- Foster teamwork, fraternity and individual operating efficiency,
- Furnish training and guidance to amateurs and members to better their emergency operating skills,
- Promote and maintain an image of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. members as professional, skilled and knowledgeable communicators,
- Promote and maintain Martin County as a place "friendly" to amateur radio, and,
- Maintain an honorable, wholesome and moralistic image of the Radio Amateur in our Community by conducting Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc., its programs and activities in the spirit of The ARRL Amateur's Code.

Martin County ARES/RACES Inc. may be referenced herein as "the Organization."

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

All licensed Amateur Radio Operators shall be considered for membership. Additionally, all persons interested in Emergency Management in Martin County shall be considered for Associate Membership upon application. Membership shall be by application submitted to the Emergency Coordinator of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. and each applicant shall be introduced to the Organization's members at a regular meeting. Each applicant must agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Organization and the Constitution and Laws of the United States, The Amateur's Code and such rules as may be adopted from time to time by the Organization.

Two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Board of Directors shall approve the applicant before he/she shall be deemed a member. The Board of Directors shall have sole discretion on approving members.

This Organization shall not discriminate in membership based upon race, lawful spiritual creed, sex, religion, age, physical disability or national origin.

Section 1) Licensed amateur radio operators shall be eligible for full membership. Full membership includes all Organization privileges as well as rights to hold an Organization office.

Section 2) Associate membership may be offered to non-licensed persons employed, volunteering or interested in Emergency Management. Associate members may also be any person interested in Amateur Radio and/or Emergency Management under the legal age of consent. Associate members shall enjoy all lawful benefits, social, technical, etc., excepting the privileges of voting and holding office.

ARTICLE 2 - DUES

The dues will be recommended or waived by the Board of Directors at its December meeting.

Dues shall be payable upon election to membership and at yearly intervals thereafter. Term of membership shall be twelve consecutive months.

Dues should be paid to the Treasurer and shall be used for the operating expenses of the Organization in furtherance of its stated purposes.

Associate members, as defined in Article 1 Section 2, will be assessed a rate determined by the Board of Directors at its December meeting.

ARTICLE 3 - DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1) The Directors of the Organization shall be:

1. The Emergency Coordinator ("EC") of the Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc., as appointed by the Section Emergency Coordinator ("SEC") for Southern Florida, as appointed by the Amateur Radio Relay League ("ARRL")
2. The Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator ("Lt EC") as appointed by the EC
3. The Treasurer as appointed by the EC.

If a member of the Board of Directors is unable to attend a meeting he/she may appoint an alternate from the membership of the Organization to act in their absence. The person acting as alternate shall possess all the powers and assumes all the duties of that office for the duration of the Board Member's absence or disability. If the absence or disability continues past a reasonable time the Emergency Coordinator may appoint a replacement.

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Organization and as such shall formulate and be responsible for all matters of policy. It shall review all reports of conduct unbecoming a member of the Organization and, if sustained, submit the matter to the body of the Organization at a regular meeting. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be reached upon majority vote; thereupon the EC shall execute the decisions so made or the policies so formed.

The Board of Directors shall meet in regular or special meetings in order to transact business. The newly appointed Board of Directors shall take office immediately following their appointment. The Board of Directors shall normally meet in a regular meeting, duly called, at least twice per year.

The Board of Directors shall prepare an operating budget for the Organization for the following year. The proposed budget shall be presented to the membership for review at the November regular meeting. The proposed budget will be brought to the membership for approval at the December regular meeting along with a recommendation for the annual dues assessment. A simple majority of the members present shall be required to approve the proposed budget.

Once the budget is approved, the Board of Directors must bring recommendations for changes in specific budget allocations or deletions or additions of allocation to the membership for review and approval. The Board of Directors can authorize expenditures within the budgeted amounts.

The fiscal year shall be from January to December of each year.

Section 2) The Officers shall consist of: The EC, the Lt EC, and Treasurer.

Section 3) EC: The EC shall act as the President of the Organization and shall be the administrative head of the Organization, shall preside at all meetings, and shall conduct it according to the rules adopted. The EC shall enforce due observance of the Constitution and By-laws and decide all questions of order. The EC alone shall sign all official documents that are adopted by the Organization, and shall act as its spokesman and representative at meetings with other organizations and committees unless some other member is delegated so to act in any instance by him/her or the Board of Directors. A pronouncement shall not obligate or commit this Organization unless the Board of Directors has specifically authorized this obligation or commitment. The EC shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The EC shall perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of EC or President.

All candidates for the office of EC shall have held membership in the Organization continuously for at least one year immediately prior to taking office. For election/appointment eligibility purposes, membership is considered continuous if it contains only one lapse not exceeding ninety (90) days.

Section 4) Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator (Lt. EC): The Lt. EC shall act as the Vice-President of the Organization and shall possess all the powers and assume all the duties of EC in the event of the absence or disability of the EC. The Lt. EC shall, further, assist the EC in all functions of that Office; and shall perform such other duties as are properly assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

Section 5) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and current record of all monies received and disbursed by the Organization; shall read all bills, shall receipt for all bills paid and monies received. The Treasurer shall pay no bill without the approval of the Board of Directors; shall submit at the end of each quarter an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received in the Bank approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be the Property Officer and have custody of, and safeguard, keep in good order, and report who is in possession of Organization property when the final statements are presented. At the expiration of the Treasurers term all the property and records belonging to the Organization will be turned over to the new Treasurer.

The Organization's checking and other financial accounts shall be maintained by the Treasurer. Authorized signers may be the President (EC), Vice-president (Lt. EC), and Treasurer. The checkbook and other account's records must be available for inspection by any member at all regular and special meetings.

Section 6) Records: The Board of Directors shall keep an accurate record of all official meetings of the Organization, which shall be read upon request. The Board of Directors shall keep a copy of the Constitution and By-laws present at all times; shall keep these in good order; shall effect all changes and additions in same; shall permit same to be consulted by members upon request. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall keep a roll of all members, and the current status of these members. The Board of Directors shall keep a roll of members present at meetings, and shall accept all applications for membership. The Board of Directors shall carry on all necessary correspondence for the Organization; and shall read all communications and respond to these, as needed.

Section 7) The Section Emergency Coordinator is appointed by The American Radio Relay League.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

There shall be regular and special meetings. At meetings, a **minimum of 10 per cent of the membership** shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

At a Board of Directors meeting, a simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum

Motions and issues shall be carried by a simple majority of the members present.

Organization meetings shall be held at regular intervals. A regular date, time, and place for the meeting, excepting special meetings, shall be selected by the Board of Directors, but may be altered by a majority vote of the membership. Special meetings may be called by the EC. He/she shall be required to call a special meeting upon receipt of a written request signed by five (5) or more voting members.

All members shall be notified by whatever means available at least forty-eight hours before the time set for a meeting

ARTICLE 5 - COMMITTEES

The EC shall form additional committees as necessary or upon the majority vote of the full membership as a result of a passed motion for the creation of a special committee. The EC shall be able to remove any committee member found not effectively fulfilling his/her responsibilities.

There will be 2 on-going committees.

- The By-Laws Committee (see Article 6)
- The Budget Committee (see Article 7)

ARTICLE 6 - BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for maintaining continuity of the By-Laws. Should a situation arise where a new Bylaw is desired or needed the committee shall formulate and word the new Bylaw in a manner consistent with State Statute, Federal Law, FCC Rules, any other applicable laws, existing Organization By-Laws, ARRL rules and By-Laws and The Amateur's Code. The Committee shall introduce the new Bylaw to the Board of Directors. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board of directors it may be passed to the membership for final passage

The Committee shall introduce the new Bylaw at a regular or special meeting for a vote of the membership. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present shall constitute a passing of the new Bylaw.

By-Laws deemed out-dated or unnecessary shall be removed in the same manner. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Board of Directors shall pass the matter to the membership where in a two-thirds (2/3) majority by the members present shall constitute the Bylaw in question to be removed

In the matter of two By-Laws conflicting the first adopted or older bylaw shall have precedence. The Bylaw Committee shall be instructed to reformulate the newer of the two By-Laws and introduce the change as a new Bylaw in the manner described above.

The By-Laws Committee shall be lead by the Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator

ARTICLE 7 - BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee shall be responsible for drawing up and maintaining the various budgets Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. There shall be, at least, a main operating budget, to which other more detailed budgets may refer. The Committee will report to the membership, at least, every other regular meeting. The Committee will make recommendations to the Directors on membership dues, fund raising projects and large out-lays of the Organization's moneys (over \$500). The Committee will attend and oversee fund raising projects for the Board of Directors.

The Budget Committee shall be, at least, three (3) members appointed by the Officers of the Organization. This Committee shall be lead by the Treasurer of the Organization, as appointed by the EC.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting to the By-Laws Committee and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting following publication. The Secretary shall provide all members written notice by mail and/or e-mail of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws and of the nature of the proposed changes.

Robert's Rules shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION

If for any reason this Organization is dissolved, all monies and assets shall be donated to another non-profit amateur radio organization selected by the majority of the membership.

The above By-Laws and the attached Radio Amateur's Code have been duly ratified by those present at the April 2001 Meeting of the Organization.

ARTICLE 10 - CONDUCT

Conduct of the membership and visitors at all meetings, whether formal or informal, activations or Public Service events of the Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. shall be that of professionalism and respect due a quasi-governmental organization and its' members

Any person, whether a member or visitor, who does not conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner will be asked to leave. In the case of a member of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. the Board of Directors will determine what, if any, sanctions shall be brought upon the offender. Non-professional or disrespectful behavior shall include any outburst during a meeting, any foul or abusive language used at a meeting, failure to recognize rules or order, any recording, either video or audio, of any meeting without the express written consent of the Board of Directors or any actions that violate the Amateur Code as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto.

Professional and respectful conduct shall extend to all members whether at any meeting, during a net, operation or event, either on the radio or in person.

At no time shall any member of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. portray themselves as officials of any government entity, including County, State or any municipality, unless they are actually employed by that government entity. Only the Emergency Coordinator (EC), Lieutenant EC or other person authorized by the Board of Directors, shall make "Official" positions, statements or releases of information. News reporters, etc. should be referred to the EC.

If, in the event any member of Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc. is in need of "official" sanction to grant permission to erect antennas or any other related amateur radio need, then, upon written permission of the Board of Directors, this issue will be addressed on an ad-hoc basis. Any member who violates this section will be subject to appropriate sanctions, at the Board of Directors' discretion.

APPENDIX A - THE AMATEUR'S CODE

From The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs

The Radio Amateur is

- CONSIDERATE - never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.
- LOYAL - offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and Internationally.
- PROGRESSIVE - with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.
- FRIENDLY - slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation for the intent of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.
- BALANCED - radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.
- PATRIOTIC - station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, wrote the original Amateur's Code in 1928.

To accomplish its charitable purposes, the applicant has in the past and plans to continue in the present and future the following activities:

Training in amateur radio topics, emergency communications, and disaster planning and preparedness: (25%) Periodically we provide training (materials and instruction) in emergency communications for licensed amateur radio operators, for unlicensed members of the public who wish to become licensed, and for government personnel with whom we interact. Training classes are meant to teach operators and citizens what they need to know to prepare for disasters and how to serve as emergency radio communicators during those times. Membership meetings are held on a monthly basis to establish procedures, perform training, and share information on disaster preparedness.

Maintaining and practicing readiness (45%) the applicant's volunteers regularly participate in disaster training exercises conducted by the applicant and by the various 501(c)(3) and government organizations we serve. Weekly communication networks are held to practice emergency communications procedures and ensure equipment readiness.

Providing assistance to other 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies that request volunteer communication services: (20%) the applicant's volunteers assist other 501(C)(3) organizations and government agencies during communications disasters by providing trained radio operators and equipment. Currently the applicant supports The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Martin County Florida Emergency Services, the City of Stuart Florida, and the Martin Memorial Health System.

Increase community awareness of disaster preparedness: (10%) the applicant's volunteers staff information booths at local community events, host community meetings, and provide radio demonstrations for youth groups to raise public awareness of emergency communications and disaster preparedness.

Part V Line 3a

Steven M. Blary: Full time employee of a software development company and holder of Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio Extra license. His duties for the applicant will include being the volunteer Emergency Coordinator whose duties are generally described in the Bylaws (serving without compensation an average of 10 hours a month).

Karen Briggs: Proprietor of her own engineering firm and holder of Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio Extra license. Her duties for the applicant will include being the volunteer Lieutenant Emergency Coordinator whose duties are generally described in the Bylaws (serving without compensation an average of 10 hours a month).

Ben Givaudan: Retired communications engineer and holder of Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio Extra license. His duties for the applicant will include being the volunteer Treasurer whose duties are generally described in the Bylaws (serving without compensation an average of 5 hours a month).

Part V Line 5a

As approved by vote of the membership on 13 October 2005:

Conflict of Interest Policy
Article I
Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Martin County Florida ARES/RACES, Inc.) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II
Definitions

1. Interested Person - Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
2. Financial Interest - A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III
Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose - In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists - After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V Compensation

A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board-delegated powers shall annually sign a statement, which affirms such person: Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy, has read and understands the policy, has agreed to comply with the policy, and understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII
Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Part VI Line 1a

The answer is "Yes" because services in the form of training are provided to both the applicant's volunteers and to any member of the general public who has an interest in emergency radio communications and disaster preparedness as described in Part IV Narrative Description.

Part VI Line 1b

The answer is "Yes" because services in the form of supplying emergency radio communicators are provided to local 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies during communication disasters or the threat there of as described in Part IV Narrative Description.

Part VI Line 3

The answer is "Yes" because services in the form of training are provided to both the applicant's volunteers and to any member of the general public who has an interest in emergency radio communications and disaster preparedness as described in Part IV Narrative Description.

Part VIII Line 4a

Personal and mail solicitations: The applicant will begin a database of potential donors by utilizing the resources of our members. Each member will be asked to create a list of people from their own address books and personal contacts who may be potential donors. Other donors from the community will be identified through inspection of the annual reports of other local 501(C)(3) agencies in the community. Initial contact will be made with information packets

and letters from members. In cases where a member personally knows a potential donor a face to face meeting will be arranged to discuss the applicant's activities and to hopefully entice a donation. As the need to increase the database arises, it is possible that a direct mail campaign may be utilized using either purchased or rented mailing lists obtained from companies that specialize in providing such products.

Foundation and government grant solicitations: The applicant recognizes that the majority of our work will be funded by grants and will aggressively seek all available foundation and government grants.

Part VIII Line 4d

With the exception of grants, which will be aggressively pursued from local, state, and national sources, the applicant's fundraising activities will be limited to the State of Florida more specifically in Martin, St. Lucie, and Palm Beach Counties. It is the applicant's intentions to perform fundraising for only its own behalf and without the aid of any other organizations or fundraising professionals.

Part IX Line 9A

All proceeds for the years 2002 through 2005 are from the sale of clothing merchandise. The items are used as a uniform so the applicant's volunteers are easily recognized as such by the organizations we serve.

Part IX Line 15A

During the months of October and November 2005, two collection jars were available for attendees of the applicant's activities to donate money to two toy drives (sponsored by two other 501©(3) organizations) to benefit the young victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

American Radio Relay League 2005 Toy Drive	\$89.00
United Way of Martin County 2005 White Doves Toy Drive	\$72.00

Part IX-A Line 23

Tax year 2005:

Program supplies	\$2092.14
Equipment purchases	\$2004.21
Equipment maintenance	\$84.01
Clothing purchases	\$349.64
Postage/PO box rental	\$105.00
Organizational expenses	\$88.35
Total Expenses 2005 Part X Line 23	\$4723.35

Tax year 2004:

Program supplies	\$31.82
Equipment maintenance	\$55.83
Postage/PO box rental	\$68.00
Organizational expenses	\$97.45
Total Expenses 2004 Part X Line 23	\$253.10

Tax year 2003:

Program supplies	\$135.62
Equipment maintenance	\$249.22
Postage/PO box rental	\$68.00
Organizational expenses	\$61.25
Total Expenses 2003 Part X Line 23	\$514.09

Tax year 2002:

Program supplies	\$192.04
Equipment maintenance	\$141.59
Clothing purchases	\$1626.18
Postage/PO box rental	\$55.00
Organizational expenses	\$61.25
Total Expenses 2002 Part X Line 23	\$2076.06

Inventory as of 31 December 2005

Quantity	Item	cost
3	FT-60R VHF/UHF Handheld w/accessories	\$900.00
2	FT-8800 VHF/UHF cross band repeat Mobile	\$720.00
2	MFJ 13.8v power supplies	\$235.00
2	Dual band magnetic mount mobile antennas	\$150.00
	<u>Total Inventory</u>	<u>\$2005.00</u>

Part X Line 6b(i)(b)

United Way of Martin County \$3718.49

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