



FOUNTAIN VALLEY R.A.C.E.S.



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE: Article I

The name of this organization is Fountain Valley R.A.C.E.S.

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ACTIVITIES: Article II

The primary charitable activity of the organization is to provide essential radio communications support to the City of Fountain Valley and its citizens during periods of disasters or other declared emergencies as set out under Part 97.3, Subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations for the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services. Secondly, the organization will provide safety and welfare communication services to the city during scheduled civic activities such as athletic events, parades, fairs and other activities where public safety and welfare is an issue.

No substantial part of the activities of this organization will be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization will 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 organization will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization 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 an organization, 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.

No part of the net earnings of this organization will inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization will be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3).

DISSOLUTION: Article IV

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

BYLAWS

1.0 Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer position may be combined into one position.

Sec. 2. The officers of this organization shall be elected by ballot of the members present at the annual business meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of election. Nominees for office must be a member in good standing for at least one year and must meet the membership requirements and expectations as outlined in operating procedures.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections will be filled by special elections at a regular or special meeting. The exception shall be the President's vacancy which will be filled by the Vice President for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 4. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

2.0 Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings. The President shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign official documents adopted by the organization, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all Board meetings, annual and special business meetings.

Sec 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the organization; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay bills with proper authorization by the organization or its officers. The Treasurer shall submit the required reports to the Internal Revenue Service as required.

Sec 5. Nominations and Elections: Nominations for Officers shall be done no later than 2 months preceding the annual business meeting.

3.0 Membership

Membership is open to FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators, who live or work in the City of Fountain Valley and adjacent communities; subject to the conditions outlined in the Operating Procedures.

4.0 Meetings

The organization shall conduct an annual business meeting. A minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Operating Procedures shall provide for regular and special meetings.

5.0 Finances

Sec 1. Disbursement of organization funds by check, debit or credit card transactions shall be subject to organization officers' approval at a regular board meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes.

Sec 2. The payment of regular dues shall not be a condition of membership. The organization, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership assessments as shall be deemed necessary for continuing the business of the organization.

5.0 Amendments

Sec 1. The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership.

Sec 2. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the annual business meeting. Members shall be given prior notice of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

These Articles of Association are approved on the _____ day of _____ in the year 2016 at Fountain Valley California.

Richard Bruno
President

Alan Hill
Vice President

Robert Adkins
Secretary

Garry Jones
Treasurer

James Cataline
Fountain Valley Police Liaison Officer

APPENDIX TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF OUR ACTIVITIES

The organization was founded in 1983 as the Fountain Valley Amateur Communications Team under the Civil Defense Emergency Service rules and was associated with the Fountain Valley Police Department. In 1995 it was reorganized as a Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services unit under Part 97.3, Subpart E, Section 97.407 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations but it retained the original name and association.

In 2016 the organization changed its name to Fountain Valley R.A.C.E.S. and enacted these Articles of Association.

Ever since its inception, the organization has provided; with no pecuniary interest, auxiliary radio communications service to support emergency and other activities in the City. During the rain and floods of the mid 1980's the unit was activated and; using personal radio equipment, provided essential information on local flood conditions to the Emergency Operations Center. In December 1999 the unit setup a backup repeater for communications by Amateur Radio in anticipation of possible loss of Police radio communications due to the Y2K situation.

The organization provides safety and welfare communication services to the city during many scheduled civic activities such as athletic events, parades, fairs, Special Olympics and etc.

The organization conducts regular training, drills and testing of member's skills and equipment in order to remain prepared for emergencies.