

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO  
Form 8-K  
September 24, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 20, 2004

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**United Fire & Casualty Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Iowa**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**2-39621**  
(Commission File No.)

**42-0644327**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**118 Second Avenue, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**52407**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 319-399-5700

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 20, 2004, we issued a press release announcing the estimated impact that a number of recent severe storms will have on our financial results for the third quarter of 2004. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished herewith.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated September 20, 2004, announcing the estimated impact that a number of recent severe storms will have on our financial results for the third quarter of 2004.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

United Fire & Casualty Company  
(Registrant)

September 24, 2004  
(Date)

/s/ Kent G. Baker

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Kent G. Baker, Chief Financial Officer