

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SCHARMER NEAL R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
 [UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	02/21/2013		A ⁽¹⁾		2,484	A	\$ 29.61 ⁽²⁾	9,104 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2014	02/18/2013 ⁽⁴⁾	P ⁽⁵⁾	V ⁽⁶⁾	6 ⁽⁷⁾	A	\$ 27.37 ⁽⁸⁾	791 ⁽⁹⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self
Common Stock								829	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for

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- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 3,200 shares held by Mr. Scharmer; 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,446 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 2,484 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019.
- (3) The deemed execution date of this transaction is the statement date as provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
 - (4) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
 - (5) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
 - (6) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
 - (7) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
 - (8) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired or disposed of by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the vote under the Issuer's 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to 401(k) plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.
 - (9) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of issuer's common stock on the grant date.
 - (10) 8,041 options that become exercisable in four (4) equal installments of 1,608 options each on 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016, 02/21/2017 and 02/21/2018; and 1,609 options that become exercisable on 02/21/2019.

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