

SCHARMER NEAL R
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FORM 4

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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 & CASUALTY CO
 [UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O.
 BOX 73909

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/19/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

(Street)
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/19/2009		P		15	A	\$ 5.76 <u>(1)</u>	by 401(k) Plan Unitized Fund for Self <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock					3,858	(2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHARMER NEAL R 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909			VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec	

Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The number of underlying securities is based on the stock fund balance on March 19, 2009. The actual number of shares issuable upon the distribution date is not determinable since the stock fund is a unitized account consisting of approximately 97% company stock and 3% cash. The stock account balance reflected in this report is based on an March 19, 2009, stock fund price of \$5.76 per share.
- (2) Amount of securities beneficially owned includes: 1,268 shares of restricted stock issued under Company's 2008 Stock Plan, which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 5906 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Mr. Scharmer's benefit.

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