

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 *
ERNST BARRIE W

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)
118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O.
BOX 73909

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/14/2013

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/Chief Investment Officer

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------|---|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/14/2013 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V ⁽²⁾ | 7 ⁽³⁾ | A | 27.25 ⁽⁴⁾ | 1,086 | I | By spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 5,544 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By 401(k) Account for Self |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 435 | I | By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for |

self

Common Stock 5,959 ⁽⁶⁾ 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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ERNST BARRIE W 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 | | | VP/Chief Investment Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Barrie W. Ernst 06/18/2013

**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) Shares acquired through participation in Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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- (2) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the administrator of the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the reporting person.
- (4) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
The number of securities shown as being held in, acquired by or disposed of by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock (excluding fractionals) for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the
- (5) 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 Issuer common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.
The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 1,312 shares of stock held individually by Mr. Ernst; 2,714 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to
- (6) certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; and 1,933 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

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