

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Sheeley Michael J.

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/20/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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	02/20/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>	1,439 A 29.12	5,483 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
					<sup>(2)</sup>		

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)**

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.12	02/20/2015		A	8,437	(4) 02/20/2025	Common	8,437

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sheeley Michael J. 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401			VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Barrie W. Ernst,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2015

\*\*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) This transaction represents a grant of restricted stock shares to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Stock Plan.
- (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person (excluding fractionals) includes: 1,301 shares held directly by Mr. Sheeley; 1,033 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 1,710 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; and 1,439 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/20/2020.
- (4) Options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 02/20/2016, 02/20/2017, 02/20/2018, 02/20/2019 and 02/20/2020, respectively.

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