#### UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 4 March 07, 2016

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carlton Scott L			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) 118 2ND AVE	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEDAR RAPI	(Street)  DS IA 5240	01-1212	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212				Person

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/03/2016		J	1,287	A	\$ 21.095	81,424	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2016		J	1,287	D	\$ 41 <u>(1)</u>	80,137	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2016		J	702	A	\$ 28.925	80,839	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2016		J	702	D	\$ 41.42 (1)	80,137	D	

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivat Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.095	03/03/2016		M	1,287	(2)	05/16/2022	Common Stock	1,287
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.925	03/03/2016		M	702	(3)	05/15/2023	Common Stock	702

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Carlton Scott L							
118 2ND AVE SE	X						
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Scott L. Carlton by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorny-in-Fact

Date

03/04/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **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) Represents the average price of each share sold.

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1287 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/16/2016 and 5/16/2017, respectively.

(3) 702 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/15/2016, 5/15/2017 and 5/15/2018, respectively.

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