

CRACCHIOLO JAMES M  
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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 \*  
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC  
[AMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE, 1098 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER

(Street)

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/17/2012		M		100,000 A \$ 21.34	326,457	D
Common Stock	12/17/2012		S		83,499 D \$ 62.2544	242,958	D
Common Stock	12/18/2012		M		100,000 A \$ 21.34	342,958	D
Common Stock	12/18/2012		S		82,363 D \$ 62.9854	260,595	D

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Common Stock	1,372.16	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(3)</sup>
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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.34	12/17/2012		M	100,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2019	Common Stock 100,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.34	12/18/2012		M	100,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2019	Common Stock 100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRACCHIOLO JAMES M GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE 1098 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas R. Moore for James M. Cracchiolo  
12/19/2012

\_\_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) Reflects the weighted average price of 83,499 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on December 17, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$62.25 to \$62.28 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 82,363 shares of common stock of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on December 18, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$62.90 to \$63.18 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Estimate of the number of shares held in the reporting person's account in the Ameriprise Financial Stock Fund under the Ameriprise Financial 401(k) plan as of December 14, 2012. This plan uses unit accounting and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the price of Ameriprise stock.

(4) One-third of the options vest after two years; one-third vest after three years; and the final third vest four years from February 9, 2009.

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