

National Interstate CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**December 14, 2006**

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**NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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**Ohio**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**000-51130**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**34-1607394**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**3250 Interstate Drive**

**Richfield, Ohio 44286-9000**

**(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)**

**(330) 659-8900**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c) On December 14, 2006, the Board of Directors of National Interstate Corporation (the Company) appointed Alan R. Spachman as Chief Executive Officer and promoted David W. Michelson to President. These appointments are effective January 1, 2007. Mr. Spachman will retain his position as Chairman of the Board and the Company's principal executive officer. Mr. Michelson will retain his position as Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Spachman, age 59, has served as the Company's Chairman since 2004 and President since 1989. Mr. Michelson, age 49, has served as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since 2005 and Senior Vice President, Commercial Lines from 2000 to 2005.

In connection with these changes, the Company will enter into separate multi-year employment and non-competition agreements with both Mr. Spachman and Mr. Michelson on terms and conditions to be negotiated. These agreements will be effective January 1, 2007 and will be disclosed in a separate filing after such date. The terms and conditions of the Employee Retention Agreement with Mr. Michelson previously filed on February 13, 2006 remain unchanged.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 99.1               | Press Release of National Interstate Corporation dated December 18, 2006 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**National Interstate Corporation**

By: /s/ Paul F. Haffner  
Paul F. Haffner  
Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Date: December 18, 2006