

Lyons Dianne 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
Lyons Dianne M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO [UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/28/2011

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

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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/28/2011 | 03/29/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | J ⁽²⁾ | 66 | A | | \$ 19.09 ⁽³⁾ | 1,241 | I | By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,299 ⁽⁴⁾ | 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 (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lyons Dianne M 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 | | | VP/Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Dianne M. Lyons 03/31/2011

**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) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan custodian.
 - (2) This transaction represents an allocation of shares held in trust by the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan on behalf of the reporting person. Shares held in trust by the plan are not distributed to the reporting person until retirement.
 - (3) The price per share is the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 3,580 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 568 shares held of record by Ms. Lyons directly.
- (4)

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