#### UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 4 July 03, 2013

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

SCHARMER NEAL R			Symbol UNITED FIRE GROUP INC [UFCS]						Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)		of Earliest Transaction (Day/Year)					Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify				
118 SECO BOX 7390	E, P.O.	06/28/2013						below)  VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec				
		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				
CEDAR R							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed onth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	06/28/2013	07/01/201	3(1)	P(2)	V(3)	7 (4)	A	\$ 24.83 (5)	692 <u>(6)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self	
Common Stock									829	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self	
Common									( 570 (7)	Ъ		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	) Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	;		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or	
									Number	
				~					of	
				Code V	V (A) (D)				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHARMER NEAL R 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

## **Signatures**

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

07/03/2013

\*\*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 the settlement date as provided by the Issuer's 401(k)Plan trustee/administrator.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k)Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the 401(k)Plan trustee/administrator.

(5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

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The number of securities shown as being held in, acquired by or disposed of by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock (excluding fractionals) for which the Reporting Person has the right to

- (6) direct the vote under the Issuer's 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to 401(k) plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of Issuer common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.
- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 3,159 shares held by Mr. Scharmer; 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; and 1,446 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

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