

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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 GROUP INC
[UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O.
BOX 73909

(Street)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/Chief Financial Officer

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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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)
Common Stock	02/21/2014		A ⁽¹⁾	4,510 A	\$ 29.61 ⁽²⁾ 13,168 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					3,710 ⁽⁴⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan for self
Common Stock					1,388	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 29.61 <u>(5)</u>	02/21/2014		A	14,598	<u>(6)</u> 02/21/2024	Common	14,598

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
02/24/2014
Date

**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) This transaction represents a grant of restricted stock to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan.
- (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: includes: 2,466 shares held individually by Ms. Lyons; 3,580 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,612 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject

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to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 4,510 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019.

- The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to 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 common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.
- (4) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the grant date.
 - (5) 14,598 options that become exercisable in two (2) equal installments of 2,919 options each on 02/21/2015 and 02/21/2016, and three (3) equal installments of 2,920 options each on 02/21/2017, 02/21/2018 and 02/21/2019.

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