

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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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 *
Wilkins Michael T

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)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909

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

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2014 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,934 | A | |
| | | | | | \$ 29.61 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | | | | 18,963 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,278 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | By 401(k) plan for self |
| Common Stock | | | | | 220,468 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By self as co-trustee of Issuer's employee stock ownership |

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The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 3,894 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,850 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 4,934 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; and 7,285 shares held by the Reporting Person individually.

- (4) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Persons' benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which 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.

- (5) The Reporting Person serves as co-trustee of this employee benefit plan and disclaims beneficial ownership of any Issuer securities held by this plan that are not allocated for his individual benefit, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose. Currently only 1,824 shares held in this plan are allocated specifically for the Reporting Person's individual benefit.

- (6) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of Issuer's common stock on the grant date.

- (7) 15,971 options become exercisable in four (4) equal installments of 3,194 options each on 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016, 02/21/2017 and 02/21/2018; and 3,195 options on 02/21/2019.

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