

ERNST BARRIE W  
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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 \*  
ERNST BARRIE W

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/Chief Investment Officer

(Street)  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
02/22/2011

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 02/18/2011                           |  | A                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 20.54                                | 4,658 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,529 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k) Account for Self                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 500   | I  | By Spouse   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 299   | I  | By Issuer's Employee Stock                            |

Ownership  
Plan for self

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 Option (right to buy)                | \$ 20.54<br>(3)  | 02/18/2011                           |  | A                              | 6,849   | (4) 02/18/2021   | Common Stock  | 6,849                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 22.42<br>(3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 05/18/2020   | Common Stock  | 3,000                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 33.43<br>(3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (6) 05/21/2018   | Common Stock  | 7,114                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 35.23<br>(3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7) 02/16/2017   | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 39.13<br>(3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (8) 02/17/2016   | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 32.39<br>(3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (8) 02/18/2015   | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |

|                                      |                        |            |            |                 |        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 22.66<br><u>(3)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | 02/20/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 2,000  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 15.85<br><u>(3)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | 02/21/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 2,000  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 17.7 <u>(3)</u>     | <u>(8)</u> | 08/01/2012 | Common<br>Stock | 12,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| ERNST BARRIE W<br>118 SECOND AVENUE SE<br>P.O. BOX 73909<br>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 |               |           | VP/Chief Investment Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Barrie W.  
Ernst

03/02/2011

                      
\*\*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 total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 2,714 share of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2011 and 1,944 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013.
- (2) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Ernst's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Ernst has the right to direct the vote under the 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.
- (3) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of issuer's common stock on the grant date.
- (4) 6,849 options become exercisable in four equal installments of 1,370 options each on 02/18/2012, 02/18/2013, 02/18/2014 and 02/18/2015 and one installment of 1,369 options exercisable on 02/18/2016.
- (5) 3,000 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 600 option shares each on 05/19/2011, 05/19/2012, 05/19/2013, 05/19/2014 and 05/19/2015.
- (6) 2,846 options currently exercisable; 1,423 options become exercisable on 05/21/2011; 1,423 options become exercisable on 05/21/2012; and 1422 options become exercisable on 05/21/2013.
- (7) 4,000 options currently exercisable and 1,000 options become exercisable on 02/16/2012.
- (8) All options currently exercisable.

**Remarks:**

This amended report is filed to correct the number of stock options issued to the Reporting Person on February 18, 2011.

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