

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 *
CONNER DAVID E

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2014

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

(Street)
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
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2014 | | P ⁽¹⁾ | V ⁽²⁾ 6 ⁽³⁾ A 29.48 ⁽⁴⁾ | 1,758 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan for Self |
| Common Stock | 03/27/2014 | | J ⁽⁶⁾ | 11 ⁽⁷⁾ A 28.74 ⁽⁸⁾ | 408 | I | By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,029 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CONNER DAVID E 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 | | | VP/Chief Claims Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ David E. Conner by Dianne M. Lyons, Attorney-in-Fact 03/31/2014

 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) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- (2) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired (excluding fractionals) by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the trustee/administrator.
- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- (5)

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

- (6) This transaction represents an allocation of shares held in trust by the Issuer'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.
- (7) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) allocated by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit.
- (8) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer'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: 796 shares held by Mr. Conner directly; 1,875 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain

- (9) conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,334 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 2024 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019.

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