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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> Helbing I | 1 | porting | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED FIRE GROUP INC [UFCS] | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 11/14/2014 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | |
| 118 SECON | D AVENU | JE SE | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group | |
| CEDAR RA | .PIDS, IA | 52401 | | Director X Officer (give title below Assistant | Other | ow) | Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - N | Non-Derivat | tive Securiti | ies Be | neficially Owned | |
| 1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4) | rity | | 2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Na Owne (Instr | * | |
| Common | | | 65 <u>(1)</u> | | Ι | - | ssuer's Employee Stock ership Plan for self | |
| Reminder: Rep owned directly | | | ach class of securities benefic | ^{ially} S | EC 1473 (7-02 | 2) | | |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | Title | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) | (1150.5) |

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/19/2015 | 02/19/2020 | Common | 375 | \$ 16.89 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (2) | 02/18/2021 | Common | 1,000 | \$ 20.54 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (<u>3)</u> | 02/24/2022 | Common | 1,500 | \$ 20.93 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (4) | 02/15/2023 | Common | 2,000 | \$ 23.96 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (5) | 02/21/2024 | Common | 2,500 | \$ 29.61 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Helbing Kevin W. 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401 | Â | Â | Assistant VP/Interim PFO | Â | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |

/s/ Kevin W. Helbing by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) in the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan allocated for the Reporting Person's benefit.

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- (2) 500 options each become vested and exercisable on 02/18/2015 and 02/18/2016, respectively.
- (3) 500 options each become vested and exercisable on 02/24/2015, 02/24/2016 and 02/24/2017, respectively.
- (4) 500 options each become vested and exercisable on 02/15/2015, 02/15/2016, 02/15/2017 and 02/15/2018, respectively.
- (5) $\frac{500 \text{ options each become vested and exercisable on } 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016, 02/21/2017, 02/21/2018, 02/21/2019 \text{ and } 02/21/2020, respectively.}$

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