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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement UNITED FIRE GROUP INC [UFCS] Helbing Kevin W. (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person CEDAR RAPIDS, Â IAÂ 52401 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Assistant VP/Interim PFO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) By Issuer's Employee Stock 65 (1) Ι Common Ownership Plan for self Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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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) | (3) | 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 | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| r | 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

11/20/2014

**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.
- (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.
- $\textbf{(4)} \quad 500 \text{ options each become vested and exercisable on } 02/15/2015, 02/15/2016, 02/15/2017 \text{ and } 02/15/2018, \text{respectively.}$
- (5) 500 options each become vested and exercisable on 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016, 02/21/2017, 02/21/2018, 02/21/2019 and 02/21/2020, respectively.

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