UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SCHARMER NEAL R Issuer Symbol UNITED FIRE GROUP INC (Check all applicable) [UFCS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. 12/15/2014 VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec **BOX 73909** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(State)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tion(A) o (Inst	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code \	V Amo	ount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/15/2014		J(1)	V 23 <u>(</u>	2)	A	\$ 28.253	9,191 (3)	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2014		J(4)	V 6 (5)		A	\$ 28.05	912 (6)	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan for Self

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Deneficially Ov

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

	 Title of 	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Other Director

SCHARMER NEAL R 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 **CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909**

VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

12/19/2014

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 participation in the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the Reporting Person through the Issuer's Dividend **(2)** Reinvestment Plan.

The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person (excluding fractionals) following the reported transaction includes: 3,287 shares held by Mr. Scharmer; 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to

- (3) certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,446 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 2,484 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019.
- (4) Shares acquired through routine payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k)Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator.

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The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of Issuer common stock(excluding fractionals) for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the

(6) 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 Issuer common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.

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