

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Carlton Scott L

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

118 SECOND AVENUE SE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401

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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 93,451 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 36,260 ⁽²⁾ | I | by Reporting Person's children |

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) | \$ 21.095 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) (D) | 05/16/2022 (3) | Common Stock | 2,145 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 28.925 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) (D) | 05/15/2023 (4) | Common Stock | 1,755 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Carlton Scott L 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Scott L. Carlton by Michael T. Wilkins,
Attorney-in-Fact
02/13/2015

__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).

The number of shares held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 92,165 shares held directly by the Reporting Person and 1,286 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on May 21, 2017.

The number of shares held indirectly by the Reporting Person includes: 12,760 shares held for the benefit of the Reporting Person's son, 10,760 shares held for the benefit of the Reporting Person's son, 6,960 shares held for the benefit of the Reporting Person's daughter and 4,060 shares held for the benefit of the Reporting Person's daughter as of 1/23/2015.

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- (3) 858 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 05/16/2015, 05/16/2016 and 05/16/2017, respectively.
- (4) 351 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 05/15/2015, 05/15/2016, 05/15/2017 and 05/15/2018, respectively.

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