#### UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

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### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and A SCHARME	Symbol UNITI	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) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Manth/Day/Wart)			109			
118 2ND A	`	(Month/Day/Year) 03/24/2017			below) below)  VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec				
	(Street)			te Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
	Filed(M	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line)				
CEDAR RA	APIDS, IA 52401-	1212				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (	(Zip) Tal	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or B						
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	e 2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security (Month/Day/Year) Execu		Execution Date, i	f Transacti	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Vear	(Instr 8)	(Instr. 3. 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		

Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 03/24/2017 A 887 Α \$0 14,874.194 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.27	03/24/2017		A	3,701	<u>(1)</u>	03/24/2027	Common Stock	3,701	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHARMER NEAL R 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

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### **Signatures**

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact

03/28/2017

\*\*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) This option grant vests one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the 3/24/2017 grant date.

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