

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CONNER DAVID E

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. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/Chief Claims Officer

118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(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) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------|---|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2014 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,024 | A | \$ 29.61 ⁽²⁾ | 6,029 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2014 | 02/18/2014 ⁽⁴⁾ | P ⁽⁵⁾ | V ⁽⁶⁾ | 6 ⁽⁷⁾ | A | \$ 27.37 ⁽⁸⁾ | 1,751 ⁽⁹⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan for Self |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 397 | I | By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for |

self

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. Filing Date of Report | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.61 (10) | 02/21/2014 | | A | 6,552 | (11) 02/21/2024 | Common Stock | | 6,552 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

CONNER DAVID E
118 SECOND AVENUE SE
P.O. BOX 73909
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other
VP/Chief Claims Officer

Signatures

/s/ David E. Conner by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2014

**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 transaction represents a grant of restricted stock shares to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan.
- (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.

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- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 796 shares held by Mr. Conner directly; 1,875 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,334 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 2024 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019.
- (3) The deemed execution date of this transaction is the statement date as provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
 - (4) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
 - (5) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
 - (6) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the trustee/administrator.
 - (7) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
 - (8) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired or disposed of by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Person's benefit is the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the vote under the 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.
 - (9) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the grant date.
 - (10) 6,552 options that become exercisable in three (3) equal installments of 1,310 options each on 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016 and 02/21/2017; and (2) equal installments of 1,311 options each on 02/21/2018 and 02/21/2019.

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