

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Phillips Michael Wayne

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)
 118 SECOND AVENUE SE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/17/2014

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

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2014 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V ⁽²⁾ | 4 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$ 29.71 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/21/2014 | | A | | 1,286 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | | | 2,725 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| | | | | | | | 4,011 ⁽⁶⁾ |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Phillips Michael Wayne 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401 | | X | | |

Signatures

Michael W. Phillips by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact 05/23/2014

__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) Shares acquired through participation in Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired through the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit.
- (4) The price per share is the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
- (5) The total number of securities owned directly by the Reporting Person includes: 2,305 shares held directly by the Mr. Phillips and 420 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Phillips under the Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on May 12, 2017.
- (6) The total number of securities owned directly by the Reporting Person includes: 2,725 shares held directly by the Mr. Phillips and 1,286 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Phillips 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.

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