

SCHARMER NEAL R  
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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 \*  
SCHARMER NEAL R

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, P.O.  
BOX 73909

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

(Street)  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2013

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) | 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                    | 02/15/2013                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | V   | 1,446   | A  | \$ 23.96                                   | 6,547 <sup>(2)</sup> | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2013                           | 02/19/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>                          | P <sup>(4)</sup>               | V <sup>(5)</sup>  | 7 <sup>(6)</sup>  | A  | \$ 23.96 <sup>(7)</sup>                    | 632 <sup>(8)</sup>   | I | By 401(k) Plan for Self                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 786                  | I | By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self |

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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. I. Der. Sec. (Instr. 3) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 23.96<br><u>(9)</u>                                 | 02/15/2013                           |  | A                              | 5,074   | <u>(10)</u>  | 02/15/2023  | Common                     | 5,074                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 20.54   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(11)</u>  | 02/18/2021  | Common                     | 5,049                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 22.42   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(12)</u>  | 05/19/2020  | Common                     | 3,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 33.43   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(13)</u>  | 05/21/2018  | Common                     | 4,639                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 35.23   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(14)</u>  | 02/16/2017  | Common                     | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 39.13   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(14)</u>  | 02/17/2016  | Common                     | 2,500                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 32.39   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(14)</u>  | 02/18/2015  | Common                     | 2,500                      |

(right to buy)

Stock

Option (right to buy)

\$ 21.66

(14)

02/20/2014 Common 2,000

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| SCHARMER NEAL R<br>118 SECOND AVENUE SE<br>P.O. BOX 73909<br>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 |               |           | VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/20/2013

\_\_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 to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan.  
The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 1,268 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,446 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 1,859 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) The deemed execution date of this transaction is the statement date as provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- (4) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (5) 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 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- (6) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.  
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 are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the 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 common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.
- (7) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of issuer's common stock on the grant date.
- (8) 4,060 options that become exercisable in four equal installments of 1,015 options each on 02/15/2014, 02/15/2015, 02/15/2016 and 02/15/2017; and 1,014 options that become exercisable on 02/15/2018.
- (9) 2,020 options currently exercisable; 2,020 options that become exercisable in two equal installments of 1,010 options each on 02/18/2014 and 02/18/2015; and 1,009 options that become exercisable on 02/18/2016.
- (10)
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- (12) 1,200 options currently exercisable and 1,800 options become exercisable in three equal installments of 600 options each on 05/19/2014, 05/19/2015 and 05/19/2016.
- (13) 3,711 options currently exercisable and 928 options become exercisable on 05/21/2013.
- (14) All options currently exercisable.

**Remarks:**

Due to an error in the original calculation, this amended filing is being made to correct the number of options and restricted stock.

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