#### UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 5

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Carlton Scott L Symbol UNITED FIRE GROUP INC (Check all applicable) [UFCS] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) \_X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2015 118 2ND AVE SE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) **CEDAR** \_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person RAPIDS, IAÂ 52401-1212 Form Filed by More than One Reporting

(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. Securi Acquirec Disposec (Instr. 3,	d (A) of d of (D) 4 and (A) or	))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	36,260 (1)	I	by Reporting Person's children	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	80,991 (2)	D	Â	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/15/2023	Common Stock	1,755
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.095	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/16/2022	Common Stock	2,145

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
Carlton Scott L 118 2ND AVE SE	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212							

### **Signatures**

/s/ Scott L. Carlton by Michael T. Wilkins,
Attorny-in-Fact

02/12/2016

\*\*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) The number of shares held indirectly by the Reporting Person includes 36,260 shares held for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children.

The number of shares held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 78,696 shares held directly by the Reporting Person; and shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Non-Qualified Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, including 857 shares that vest in equal installments on 5/21/2016 and 5/21/2017, and 1438 shares that vest in equal installments on 5/20/2016, 5/20/2017 and 5/20/2018.

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- (3) 702 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/15/2016, 5/15/2017 and 5/15/2018, respectively.
- (4) 1287 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/16/2016 and 5/16/2017, respectively.

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