

Sheeley Michael J.  
Form 4  
September 21, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sheeley Michael J.

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)  
09/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |       |   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | Price                                                             |       |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 09/14/2012                              | 09/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | P <sup>(2)</sup>                        | V <sup>(3)</sup>                                                        | 3 <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                                   | A                                                                          | \$<br>22.897<br><sup>(5)</sup>                                    | 1,080 | D |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 09/17/2012                              | 09/20/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | P <sup>(2)</sup>                        | V <sup>(3)</sup>                                                        | 4 <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                                   | A                                                                          | \$ 22.76<br><sup>(5)</sup>                                        | 1,084 | D |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                                   | 1,367 | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Report<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                            | Relationships |           |                                     |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                             | Other |
| Sheeley Michael J.<br>118 SECOND AVENUE SE<br>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 |               |           | VP/COO -<br>United Life<br>Ins. Co. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/21/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan administrator and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through participation in Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the reporting person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan trustee/administrator.

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