

Sheeley Michael J.  
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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 \*  
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)  
02/15/2013

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

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/15/2013		A <sup>(1)</sup>	1,034 A	2,228 <sup>(3)</sup> \$ <u>23.96</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					1,367	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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.96 <u>(4)</u>	02/15/2013		A	3,626	<u>(5)</u>	02/15/2023	Common	3,626
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.93					<u>(6)</u>	02/24/2022	Common	2,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54					<u>(7)</u>	02/18/2021	Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.89					<u>(8)</u>	02/19/2020	Common	750
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.14					<u>(9)</u>	05/20/2019	Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.39					<u>(10)</u>	02/15/2018	Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23					<u>(10)</u>	02/16/2017	Common	1,000

Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.13	(10)	02/17/2016	Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.39	(10)	02/18/2015	Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.66	(10)	02/20/2014	Common	900

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

02/19/2013

\_\_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.
- (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 1,034 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 1,194 shares held of record by the Reporting Person.
- (4) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of issuer's common stock on the grant date.
- (5) 2,900 options that become exercisable in four equal installments of 725 options each on 02/15/2014, 02/15/2015, 02/15/2016 and 02/15/2017; and 726 options that become exercisable on 02/15/2018.
- (6) 2,500 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 500 options each on 02/24/2013, 02/24/2014, 02/24/2015, 02/24/2016 and 02/24/2017.
- (7) 400 option currently exercisable and 600 options become exercisable in three equal installments of 200 options each on 02/18/2014, 02/18/2015 and 02/18/2016.
- (8) 450 options currently exercisable and 300 options become exercisable in two equal installments of 150 options each on 02/19/2014, and 02/19/2015.
- (9) 600 options currently exercisable and 400 options become exercisable in two equal installments of 200 options each on 05/20/2013 and 05/20/2014.

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**(10)** All options currently exercisable.

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