

Sheeley Michael J.
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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)
12/31/2012

____ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/31/2012	01/04/2013 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾		\$ 22.0359 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012	01/04/2013 ⁽⁵⁾	P ⁽⁶⁾	V ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 21.714 ⁽⁹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2013	01/07/2013 ⁽⁵⁾	P ⁽⁶⁾	V ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 22.76 ⁽⁹⁾	D	
Common Stock					1,367	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3)

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

01/08/2013

 **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) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator and transfer agent.
 - (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
 - (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the Reporting Person, based on a statement of the administrator.

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- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator.
- (5) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan administrator and transfer agent.
- (6) Shares acquired through participation in Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (7) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan trustee/administrator.

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