

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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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 *
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

(Street)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/02/2015

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/02/2015		J	3,029 A	\$ 32 14,325 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	04/02/2015		J	3,029 D	\$ 20.54 11,296 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54	04/02/2015		M	3,029	(2) 02/18/2021	Common Stock	3,029

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Michael T. Wilkins,
Attorney-in-Fact 04/07/2015

**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).
- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person (excluding fractionals) following the reported transaction includes: 3,287 shares held by Mr. Scharmer; 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,446 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 2,484 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; and 2,083 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/20/2020.
- (1)
- (2) 3,029 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 02/18/2015 and 02/18/2016, respectively.

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