

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 NOYCE JAMES

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2015

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

118 2ND AVE SE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CEDAR
 RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

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(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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | (A) or (D) | Price | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 2,000 | I | By revocable trust for spouse |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 5,726 ⁽¹⁾ | 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)

| 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) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 3,169.9484 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 28.925 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (3) | 05/15/2023 | Common Stock | 1,755 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.46 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (4) | 05/19/2020 | Common Stock | 2,727 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.095 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (5) | 05/16/2022 | Common Stock | 2,145 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.4 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (6) | 02/18/2021 | Common Stock | 2,727 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NOYCE JAMES 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ James W. Noyce by Michael T. Wilkins,
Attorney-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).

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(1) The number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 3431 shares held by the Reporting Person individually; 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.

(2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, in one lump sum or prorated over five years, at the election of the Reporting Person, upon the Reporting Person's termination of service as a director.

(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) All options currently exercisable.

(5) 1287 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 5/16/2016 and 5/16/2017, respectively.

(6) 2182 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable on 2/18/2016.

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