

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 2ND AVE SE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/21/2017

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

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212  
(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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/21/2017		M		1,000 A \$ 34.39	9,528.6271	D
Common Stock	11/21/2017		M		400 A \$ 18.14	9,928.6271	D
Common Stock	11/21/2017		M		750 A \$ 16.89	10,678.6271	D
Common Stock	11/21/2017		M		1,000 A \$ 20.54	11,678.6271	D
Common Stock	11/21/2017		M		700 A \$ 20.93	12,378.6271	D

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Common Stock 11/21/2017 S 3,850 D \$ 48.0418 8,528.6271 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)	\$ 34.39	11/21/2017		M	1,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/15/2018	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.14	11/21/2017		M	400	<u>(1)</u> 05/20/2019	Common Stock	400
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.89	11/21/2017		M	750	<u>(1)</u> 02/19/2020	Common Stock	750
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54	11/21/2017		M	1,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/18/2021	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.93	11/21/2017		M	700	<u>(1)</u> 02/24/2022	Common Stock	700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sheeley Michael J. 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212			VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact	11/22/2017
**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) All options currently exercisable.

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