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December 20, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) DECEMBER 20, 2005

CRAWFORD & COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

GEORGIA

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10356

58-0506554

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5620 GLENRIDGE DRIVE, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

30342

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(404) 256-0830

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Jeffrey T. Bowman (52) has been named Chief Operating Officer, Global Property and Casualty Services of Crawford & Company ("Crawford") effective January 1, 2006. This newly created position joins the property and casualty operations worldwide for Crawford. Currently, and since April 1, 2001, Mr. Bowman is President of Crawford & Company International, Inc., heading the international operations of the Company. Prior to that and from August 1999 he was Senior Vice President, Regional Managing Director -- Americas, managing the Company's international business in all of the Americas, except the United States. Mr. Bowman has been with Crawford since 1990.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit Number	Descriptions
99.1	Press Release -- Crawford's Bowman Named COO of Global Property and Casualty Services

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY

By: /s/ Thomas W. Crawford

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Thomas W. Crawford, President &  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 20, 2005

