

STONE SPENCER H
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STONE SPENCER H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TORCHMARK CORPORATION, 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/31/2012		M	V	Amount		
					\$		
					36.9867	27,849	D
Common Stock	08/31/2012		M		\$ 24.96	28,474	D
Common Stock	08/31/2012		S		\$ 51.2521	25,899	D
					(1) (2)		
Common Stock						17,406 (3)	I
							Thrift Plan Trust

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Common Stock	17,100	I	By Spouse
Torchmark Capital Trust Preferred Securities III	1,100	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.9867	08/31/2012		M	1,950	12/13/2008 12/13/2012	Common Stock	1,950	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.96	08/31/2012		M	625	12/16/2005 12/13/2012	Common Stock	625	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STONE SPENCER H TORCHMARK CORPORATION			Controller	

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BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233

Signatures

Spencer H. Stone, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy,
Attorney-in-fact

08/31/2012

__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) Sales at prices ranging from \$51.24 per share to \$51.255 per share.

(2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.

(3) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan - estimated conversion of \$ balance using \$50.83 per share.

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