

AWARE INC /MA/  
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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 \*  
STAFFORD JOHN S JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

350 N. ORLEANS STREET, SUITE 2N, CHICAGO

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60654

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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		
				Amount			
Common Stock	07/25/2011		G4 <sup>(1)</sup>	315,693 D	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	321,134 <sup>(2)</sup> D	
Common Stock						2,057,296 <sup>(3)</sup> I	By proxy

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STAFFORD JOHN S JR 350 N. ORLEANS STREET, SUITE 2N CHICAGO CHICAGO, IL 60654	Â	Â X	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ John S. Stafford, Jr. 02/14/2012

\*\*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) On July 25, 2011, the reporting person gifted 315,693 shares of common stock to a family trust for estate planning purposes. Reflects shares of common stock beneficially owned by the reporting person as of December 31, 2011 after giving effect to previously unreported transactions between the reporting person and a grantor retained annuity trust exempt from Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to Rule 16a-13.
- (3) The reporting person has obtained proxies from the holders of 2,057,296 shares of common stock granting him the exclusive right to vote those shares of common stock. The reporting person does not have the right to dispose of such shares of common stock nor does he have any pecuniary interest in such shares of common stock. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 13d-4, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the 2,057,296 shares of common stock that are the subject of these proxies.

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