

SCHARMER NEAL R  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SCHARMER NEAL R

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 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O.  
BOX 73909

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/17/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

(Street)  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |                      |   |                         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |                      |   |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 01/17/2012                           | 01/18/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                          | P <sup>(2)</sup>               | V <sup>(3)</sup>  | 9 <sup>(4)</sup>  | A  | \$ 19.58 <sup>(5)</sup>           | 423 <sup>(6)</sup>   | I | By 401(k) Plan for Self |
| Common Stock                    | 01/31/2012                           | 02/02/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                          | P <sup>(2)</sup>               | V <sup>(3)</sup>  | 8 <sup>(4)</sup>  | A  | \$ 19.63 <sup>(5)</sup>           | 436 <sup>(6)</sup>   | I | By 401(k) Plan for Self |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 4,253 <sup>(7)</sup> | D |                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 723                  | I | By Issuer's Employee    |

Stock  
Ownership  
Plan for  
self

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| SCHARMER NEAL R<br>118 SECOND AVENUE SE<br>P.O. BOX 73909<br>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 |               |           | VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Dianne M. Lyons, Attorney-in-Fact 02/06/2012

\*\*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) The deemed execution date of this transaction is the statement date as provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

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- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Company's 401(k) Plan for the reporting person's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator.
- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.  
The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired or disposed of by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Scharmer has the right to direct the vote under the 401(k) plan.
- (6) Such shares are not directly allocated to plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.  
The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016 and
- (7) 1,268 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 1,808 shares held directly by the reporting person.

### Remarks:

Please note that effective 2/2/2012, the Reporting Person is now reporting in his capacity as an officer of United Fire Group, Inc.

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