UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Wilkins Michael T Issuer Symbol UNITED FIRE GROUP INC (Check all applicable) [UFCS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. 02/20/2015 Executive Vice President & COO **BOX 73909** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

		1401	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficiently Owned							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3. 4. Securities Acquired			cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported			
				(A)			Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
						\$				
Common Stock	02/20/2015		A <u>(1)</u>	4,117	A		23,080 (3)	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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.12	02/20/2015		A	24,132	<u>(4)</u>	02/20/2025	Common	24,132

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilkins Michael T 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

Executive Vice President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Wilkins by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2015

**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) This transaction represents a grant of restricted stock shares to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Stock Plan.
- (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
 - The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 3,894 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,850 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's
- (3) Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 4,934 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; 4,117 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/20/2020; and 7,285 shares held by the Reporting Person individually.
- Options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 02/20/2016, 02/20/2017, 02/20/2018, 02/20/2019 and 02/20/2020, respectively.

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