

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
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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**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ERNST BARRIE W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
 [UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP/Chief Investment Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2015

118 2ND AVE SE  
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

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(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)	(A) or (D)	Price	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	6,547 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11,408	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,086	I	By spouse

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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. I. De. Sec. (Instr. 3)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(2)</u>	02/18/2021	Common Stock	6,849
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.42	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(3)</u>	05/18/2020	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.96	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(4)</u>	02/15/2023	Common Stock	6,780
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.12	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(5)</u>	02/20/2025	Common Stock	14,209
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.61	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(6)</u>	02/21/2024	Common Stock	9,506
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.43	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(3)</u>	05/21/2018	Common Stock	7,114
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â <u>(3)</u>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	5,000

