POPPLEWELL DAVID H

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of POPPLEWELL DA | · · · | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP [CINF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (Fig. 6200 SOUTH GIL | , , , | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2012 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President - Subsidiary | | |
| (Str | reet) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| FAIRFIELD, OH | 45014-5141 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-E | Derivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|-----------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M | 8,000 | A | \$ 26.59 | 54,772 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M | 16,538 | A | \$ 32.45 | 71,310 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | F | 23,729 | D | \$ 39.11 | 47,581 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M | 3,812 | A | \$ 26.58 | 51,393 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,434 <u>(1)</u> | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu or Di (D) | urities (Month/Day/Year) uired (A) visposed of tr. 3, 4, | | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.59 | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 8,000 | 11/14/2009(2) | 11/14/2018 | Common Stock | 8,00 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.45 | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 16,538 | 02/01/2003(2) | 02/01/2013 | Common Stock | 16,5 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.58 | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 3,812 | 02/19/2011(2) | 02/19/2020 | Common Stock | 3,81 |
| Phantom Stock Shares | \$ 0 | | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 8,63 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| POPPLEWELL DAVID H 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141 | | | President - Subsidiary | | | | | |

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Signatures

David H Popplewell

09/10/2012

**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 reported stock was acquired under the company's 401(k) plan. The reporting person may transfer the value of his shares into an alternative investment selection within the plan.
- (2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
 - The reported phantom stock shares were acquired under the company's top hat savings plan, an "Excess Benefits Plan" within the
- (3) meaning of Rule 16b-3(b)(2), and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service. The reporting person may transfer the value of his phantom stock shares into an alternative investment selection within the plan.

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