

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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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 *
 RAMLO RANDY A.

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)
 President/CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2014

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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	02/21/2014		A ⁽¹⁾		9,151	A	\$ 29.61 ⁽²⁾	32,447 ⁽³⁾	D	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self
Common Stock								1,741	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self
Common Stock								350	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.61 <u>(4)</u>	02/21/2014		A	29,624	<u>(5)</u> 02/21/2024	Common	29,624

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAMLO RANDY A. 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909	X		President/CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Randy A. Ramlo by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 02/24/2014

__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 to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan.
- (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 7,322 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 5,304 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 9,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; 9,239 shares held of

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record by the Reporting Person; 531 shares held in a brokerage account by the Reporting Person; and 900 shares held jointly by the Reporting Person and his wife.

- (4) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of Issuer's common stock on the grant date.
- (5) 29,624 options that become exercisable in four (4) equal installments of 5,925 options each on 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016, 02/21/2017 and 02/21/2018; and 5,924 options on 02/21/2019.

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