

CITIZENS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2017

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**

**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2017**

**CITIZENS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**COLORADO**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**0-16509**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**  
**400 East Anderson Lane**

**84-0755371**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**Austin, Texas 78752**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**

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**(512) 837-7100**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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**Item 5.02 - Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On February 1, 2017, Citizens, Inc. ( Citizens ) announced the appointment of Terry Festervand, 64, as Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Festervand joins Citizens with over 18 years of insurance experience at American International Group, Inc. ( AIG ) in various capacities. During the last five years, she served at AIG Life and Retirement, first as Senior Vice President and Treasurer and later as Senior Vice President, Accounting Operations. Earlier in her career at AIG, she was the Director of Global Sarbanes Oxley ( SOX ) Compliance (AIG Corporate, New York) and led the development and implementation of a SOX compliance program throughout AIG s worldwide operations. Ms. Festervand brings Citizens team expertise in coordinating publicly traded company responsibilities with insurance operations, having been an Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer at AIG (Advisor Group, Atlanta).

A copy of the press release issued by Citizens regarding this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 News Release issued by Citizens, Inc. on February 1, 2017.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CITIZENS, INC

By: /s/ Geoffrey M. Kolander  
Geoffrey M. Kolander  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 1, 2017

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	News Release issued by Citizens, Inc. on February 1, 2017.