

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Sheeley Michael J.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
118 SECOND AVENUE SE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/30/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

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  
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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)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
							\$
Common Stock	09/30/2013	10/03/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	1	<sup>(3)</sup>	A	30.21 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock					1,419	I	

By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sheeley Michael J. 118 SECOND AVENUE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909			VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/03/2013

\_\_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 deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the Reporting Person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator.
- (5) The total number of shares (excluding fractionals) beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 1,231 shares held directly by Mr. Sheeley and 1,033 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Sheeley under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

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