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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 *
 Wilkins Michael T

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, P.O.
 BOX 73909

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Street)
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 02/15/2012 | 02/17/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | P ⁽²⁾ | V ⁽³⁾ | 4 ⁽⁴⁾ | A | \$ 18.98 ⁽⁵⁾ | 2,121 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | By 401(k) plan for self |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | 03/02/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | P ⁽²⁾ | V ⁽³⁾ | 4 ⁽⁴⁾ | A | \$ 20 ⁽⁵⁾ | 2,119 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | By 401(k) plan for self |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 226,375 ⁽⁷⁾ | I | By self as co-trustee of Issuer's employee stock |

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|--------------|--|------------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | 202,058 ⁽⁸⁾ | I | ownership plan By self as co-trustee of Issuer's defined benefit pension plan |
| Common Stock | | 9,579 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |

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 (Instr. 3) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wilkins Michael T 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Wilkins by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/06/2012

__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 deemed execution date of this transaction is the statement date as provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Company's 401(k) Plan for the reporting person's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator.
- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

- The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Wilkins' benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Wilkins has the right to direct the vote under the 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.
- (6)

- The Reporting Person serves as co-trustee of this employee benefit plan and disclaims beneficial ownership of any Issuer securities held by this plan that are not allocated for his individual benefit, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose. Only 1,652 shares held in this plan are allocated specifically for the Reporting Person's individual benefit.
- (7)

- The Reporting Person serves as co-trustee of this employee benefit plan and disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities. None of the shares held by this plan are allocated to the Reporting Person's individual benefit. The Reporting Person will receive a pension benefit from the plan upon retirement. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.
- (8)

- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 3,894 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,313 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 3,372 shares held by the reporting person individually.
- (9)

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