

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 5

February 14, 2005

**FORM 5****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MISCHELL THOMAS E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE EAST FOURTH STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP  
INC [AFG]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title ☐ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Sr. V.P. - Taxes

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form Filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)	(A) or Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	102,503	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,000	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	300	I	#2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,332.68	I	ESPP <sup>(3)</sup>



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- (4) Allocated to the Reporting Person's account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"), based on a 401(k) Plan statement dated as of 12/31/04.

Represents amounts deferred by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. The account value increases or

- (5) decreases based on the value of the Issuer's common stock. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting Person's account balance may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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