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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
02/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,044	D	
Common Stock					1,300	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.93	02/24/2012		A	2,500	<u>(1)</u> 02/24/2022	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54					<u>(2)</u> 02/18/2021	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.89					<u>(3)</u> 02/19/2020	Common Stock	750
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.14					<u>(4)</u> 05/20/2019	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.39					<u>(5)</u> 02/15/2018	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23					<u>(6)</u> 02/16/2017	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.13					<u>(6)</u> 02/17/2016	Common Stock	1,000
	\$ 32.39					<u>(6)</u> 02/18/2015		1,000

