

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 01, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**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 27, 2012

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-12257**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-221-1612**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4484 Wilshire Boulevard**

**Los Angeles, California 90010**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(323) 937-1060**

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

**Not applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On February 27, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Mercury General Corporation (the Company) established base salaries for the 12-month period beginning March 1, 2012 for George Joseph, the Company's Chairman of the Board, and Gabriel Tirador, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, at \$904,856 for Mr. Joseph and \$836,525 for Mr. Tirador. Pursuant to a standing resolution of the Board of Directors, which grants authority to Messrs. Joseph and Tirador to establish the compensation for executive officers of the Company other than the Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer, Messrs. Joseph and Tirador established the following base salaries for the Company's other named executive officers for the same period: Mr. Stalick: \$524,506; Mr. Lubitz: \$386,666 and Mr. Graves: \$371,020.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Date: March 1, 2012

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ THEODORE STALICK  
Name: Theodore Stalick  
Its: Chief Financial Officer