UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

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

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Sheeley Michael J. Symbol

(Middle)

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title below)

VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(First)

(Street)

118 SECOND AVENUE SE

(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. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securi or Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of	` '	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)
Common Stock	12/16/2013	12/19/2013(1)	<u>J(2)</u>	V(3)	6 (4)	A	\$ 27.9989 (5)	2,274 <u>(6)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2013	12/20/2013(1)	J(2)	V(3)	2 (4)	A	\$ 29.28 (5)	2,276 (7)	D	
Common Stock								1,419	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
	·				(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

B (1 0 N // 1)	Relationship		
Reporting Owner Name / Address	•		

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

12/20/2013

**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 Dividend Reinvestment Plan administor and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through participation in Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the administrator of the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the reporting person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan trustee/administrator.

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- The total number of shares (excluding fractionals) beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 1,241 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.
- The total number of shares (excluding fractionals) beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction (7) includes: 1,243 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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