

BESONG JOHN PAUL E  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BESONG JOHN PAUL E**

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)  
 400 COLLINS ROAD NE M/S  
 124-003

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/15/2013

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

(Street)  
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52498001

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/15/2013                           |  | A                              | 420 A \$ 0  | 520 (1)   | 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)**

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| 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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 28.925  | 05/15/2013                           |  | A                              | 1,755   | (2) 05/15/2023   | Common Stock  | 1,755   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BESONG JOHN PAUL E<br>400 COLLINS ROAD NE M/S 124-003<br>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52498001 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John-Paul E. Besong by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact 05/17/2013

\*\*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).
- The number of shares are held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction include: 100 shares held directly by the
- (1) Reporting Person and 420 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on May 15, 2014.
  - (2) 1,755 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 351 options each on 05/15/2014, 05/15/2015, 05/15/2016, 05/15/2017 and 05/15/2018.

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