UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 4

September 24, 2015

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ERNST BARRIE W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer
	UNITED FIRE GROUP INC [UFCS]	(Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2015	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specibelow) VP/Chief Investment Officer
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativo	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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)		sed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/18/2015		Code V <u>J(1)</u>	Amount 9 (2)	or (D)	Price \$ 34.2251	(Instr. 3 and 4) 11,391 (3)	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2015		J <u>(1)</u>	10 (2)	A	\$ 31.2219	11,401 (3)	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

ERNST BARRIE W 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 **CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909**

VP/Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/ Barrie W. Ernst by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact

09/24/2015

**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) Shares acquired through participation in the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the Reporting Person through the Issuer's Dividend **(2)** Reinvestment Plan.

The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 1,393 shares of stock held individually by Mr. Ernst; 2,714 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,933

(3) shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 2,937 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; and 2,424 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/20/2020.

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