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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			[UFCS]						(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2011						Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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(City)	(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)		Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	tion)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or (D)	ed of (D)	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)	
Stock	02/18/2011			A		3,894	A	20.54	8,980 <u>(1)</u>	D	By self as co-trustee	
Common Stock									202,058 (2)	I	of Issuer's defined benefit pension plan	
Common Stock									234,107 (3)	I	By self as co-trustee	

of Issuer's employee stock ownership plan

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54	02/18/2011		A	9,467	<u>(5)</u>	02/18/2021	Common Stock	9,467
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.42 (4)					<u>(6)</u>	05/19/2020	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.43 (4)					<u>(7)</u>	05/21/2018	Common Stock	8,463
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23 (4)					<u>(8)</u>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.13 (4)					<u>(9)</u>	02/17/2016	Common Stock	5,000
•						<u>(9)</u>	02/18/2015		5,000

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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.39 (<u>4)</u>			Common Stock	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.66 (4)	<u>(9)</u>	02/20/2014	Common Stock	1,600
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.85 (4)	<u>(9)</u>	02/21/2013	Common Stock	400
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.7 <u>(4)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	08/01/2012	Common Stock	200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilkins Michael T 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Wilkins by Dianne M. Lyons, Attorney-in-Fact

02/22/2011

**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 total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 3,894 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,313 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 2,773 shares held by the reporting person individually.
- The Reporting Person serves as co-trustee of this employee benefit plan and disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities. None of the shares held by this plan are allocated to the Reporting Person's individual benefit. The Reporting Person will recieve a pension benefit from the plan upon retirement. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.
- The Reporting Person serves as co-trustee of this employee benefit plan and disclaims beneficial ownership of any Issuer securities held by this plan that are not allocated for his individual benefit, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose. Only 1,575 shares held in this plan are allocated specifically for the Reporting Person's individual benefit.
- (4) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of issuer's common stock on the grant date.

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- (5) 9,467 options become exercisable in three equal installments of 1,893 options each on 02/18/2012, 02/18/2013 and 02/18/2014 and two equal installments of 1,894 options each 02/18/2015 and 02/18/2016.
- (6) 3,000 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 600 option shares each on 05/19/2011, 05/19/2012, 05/19/2013, 05/19/2014 and 05/19/2015.
- (7) 5,078 options currently exercisable; 1,693 options become exercisable on 05/21/2011; 1,693 options become exercisable on 05/21/2012; and 1,692 options become exercisable on 05/21/2013.
- (8) 8,000 options currently exercisable and 2,000 options become exercisable on 02/16/2012.
- (9) All options currently exercisable.

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