SCHARMER NEAL R

Form 4 April 07, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

OMB Number:

3235-0287

Expires:

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Issuer

Director

January 31, 2005

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

Symbol

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

118 SECO BOX 7390	ND AVENUE SE	(Month	n/Day/Year) /2011	insaction	X_ Officer (give below)	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec						
	(Street)		Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person						
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 — 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)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
Common Stock	03/31/2011	04/05/2011(1)	P(2) V(3)	\$ 4 20. (5)	21 273 <u>(6)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self					
Common Stock					723	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self					
Common Stock					3,242 (7)	D						

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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 Exerci	sable and	7. Title a	ınd	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	iorNumber	Expiration Da	te	Amount	of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Y	(ear)	Underlyi	ing	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
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						Date	Expiration Date	or		
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								of		
				Code V	$^{\prime}$ (A) (D)			Sh	nares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHARMER NEAL R 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Dianne M. Lyons, Attorney-in-Fact

04/07/2011

**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).
- (1) The deemed execution date of this transaction is the statement date as provided by the Company's 401(k)Plan trustee/administrator.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Company's 401(k)Plan for the reporting person's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator.

(5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

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- The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired or disposed of by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Scharmer has the right to direct the vote under the 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.
- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 1,974 shares (7) of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016 and 1,268 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013.

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