#### **CONNER DAVID E**

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** CONNER DAVID 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)  118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2012	Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) UP/Chief Claims Officer				
(Street) CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909	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 Person				

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non	-Derivative	Secu	ıriti	es A	cqui	red,	Dispo	sed	of, or Be	neficially Owned
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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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock	01/17/2012	01/18/2012(1)	P(2)	V(3)	6 (4)	A	\$ 19.58 (5)	1,388 (6)	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self			
Common Stock	01/31/2012	02/02/2012(1)	P(2)	V(3)	7 (4)	A	\$ 19.63 (5)	1,410 (6)	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self			
Common Stock								319	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for			

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Common Stock

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>.</b>	ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CONNER DAVID E 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

VP/Chief Claims Officer

# **Signatures**

/s/ David E. Conner by Barrie W. Ernst, Attorney-in-Fact

02/06/2012

\*\*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.

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- (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 trustee/administrator.
- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- Th number of securities shown as being held in or acquired or disposed of by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Conner's benefit is the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Conner 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: 1,875 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016 and 1,226 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions on 05/21/2013.

#### **Remarks:**

Please note that effective 2/2/2012, the Reporting Person is now reporting in his capacity as an officer of United Fire Group, In

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