RAMLO RANDY A.

Form 4

March 19, 2013

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Symbol

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

RAMLO RANDY A.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| | | | | UNITED FIRE GROUP INC [UFCS] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | (Last) | (First) (M | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | X Director X Officer (g | ive titleO | 0% Owner ther (specify | | | | |
| 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909 | | | 03/15/2013 | | | | | below) below) President/CEO | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| | | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | CEDAR RA | PIDS, IA 52407- | 3909 | | Form filed by More than One Report Person | | | | | Reporting | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own | | | | | | | | | | ally Owned | | | |
| | 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) o 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) | | | |
| | Common Stock | 03/15/2013 | | | J <u>(1)</u> | 70 (2) | A | \$0 | 1,741 | I | By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self | | |
| | Common Stock | | | | | | | | 350 | I | By spouse | | |
| | Common | | | | | | | | 22 502 (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 a | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amount | of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ing | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | es | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | · | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | 01 | | | |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| RAMLO RANDY A. | | | | | | | |

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118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909

President/CEO

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

Signatures

/s/ Randy A. Ramlo by Dianne M. Lyons, Attorney-in-Fact

03/19/2013

**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).
- This transaction represents an allocation of shares held in trust by the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan on behalf of the reporting person. Shares held in trust by the plan are not distributed to the reporting person until retirement.
- Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) allocated by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock **(2)** Ownership Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit.
 - The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 3,919 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 7,322 shares of
- (3) restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 5,304 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 5,057 shares held of record by the Reporting Person; and 900 shares held jointly by the Reporting Person and his wife.

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