

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Wilkins Michael T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
 [UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President & COO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2015

118 2ND AVE SE
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

CEDAR
 RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

___ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 4,363 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan for self |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 23,110 | 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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.54 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(2)</u> | 02/18/2021 | Common Stock | 9,467 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.42 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 05/19/2020 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.96 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(4)</u> | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock | 9,998 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.12 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(5)</u> | 02/20/2025 | Common Stock | 24,132 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.61 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(6)</u> | 02/21/2024 | Common Stock | 15,971 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.43 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 05/21/2018 | Common Stock | 8,463 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.23 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 02/16/2017 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 39.13 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 02/17/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

buy)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wilkins Michael T 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212 | Å | Å | Å Executive Vice President & COO | Å |

Signatures

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

02/12/2016

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of Issuer common stock(excluding fractionals) for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the

(1) vote under the Issuer's 401(k) Plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to 401(k) Plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of Issuer common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.

(2) 7574 options currently exercisable. Remaining options vest and become exercisable on 2/18/2016.

(3) All options currently exercisable.

(4) 3999 options currently exercisable. Remaining options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on 2/15/2016, 2/15/2017 and 2/15/2018, respectively.

(5) Options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 2/21/2016, 2/21/2017, 2/21/2018, 2/21/2019 and 2/21/2020, respectively.

(6) 3194 options currently exercisable. Remaining options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on 2/21/2016, 2/21/2017, 2/21/2018 and 2/21/2019, respectively.

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