

MILES JOHN C II  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MILES JOHN C II

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
570 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE  
(Street)  
YORK, PA 17405-0872  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RESPIRONICS INC [RESP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security				(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 54.39	12/14/2004			A		1,431		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,431 \$ 54.39

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILES JOHN C II 570 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE YORK, PA 17405-0872	X			

### Signatures

Dorita A. Pishko; Attorney-in-fact	12/14/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

### 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).
- These phantom stock units were accrued under the Respiroics Non-Employee Directors Deferred Compensation Plan; deferred compensation is accrued quarterly and is settled upon the retirement of the reporting person. These shares represent the total number of units accrued in the reporting person's deferred compensation plan as of 12/14/2004.

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