

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
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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 \*  
RIFE JOHN A

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2014

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

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2014                           |  | P(1)                           | V(2) 50 (3) A   | \$ 29.48 (4) 8,217 (5)  | I  | See footnote #5                                       |

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)**

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| 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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Phantom Stock                              | (6)  | 03/14/2014                           |  | J(7) V(2)                      | 6.461   | (6) (6)  | Common Stock  | 6.461   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIFE JOHN A<br>118 SECOND AVENUE SE<br>P.O. BOX 73909<br>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John A. Rife by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/18/2014

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) Shares acquired through participation in the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired through the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit.
- (4) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.

The number of shares (excluding fractionals) beneficially held indirectly by the Reporting Person after the reported transaction includes:

- (5) 6,454 shares held in an individual retirement account for Mr. Rife's benefit; 1,341 shares held individually by Mr. Rife's spouse; and 422 shares held in a SEP individual retirement account for Mr. Rife's benefit.
- (6) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, in one lump sum or prorated over five years, at the election of the Reporting Person, upon the Reporting Person's termination of service as a director.
- (7) Phantom stock acquired through dividend reinvestment through the Issuer's 2012 Deferred Compensation Plan for United Fire Group, Inc. Non-Employee Directors.

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