UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO Form 8-K May 02, 2006

UNITED STATES	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE O	COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549	
FORM 8-K	
CURRENT REPORT	
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE	
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 2	<u>2, 2006</u>
Commission File Number 2-39621	
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United Fire & Casualty Comp	pany
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Iowa (State of Incorporation)	42-0644327 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
118 Second Avenue, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52407	
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (319)	399-5700
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Section 8. Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 10, 2006, United Fire & Casualty Company (the Company) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-3. On May 2, 2006, the Company filed with the SEC a related preliminary prospectus supplement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed public offering of 3,500,000 shares of its common stock.

The Company is filing as Exhibit 1.1 the form of underwriting agreement between the registrant and A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and KeyBanc Capital Markets, a division of McDonald Investments, Inc., which pertains to the offering of common stock, to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement. The Company expects to grant the underwriters an option, exercisable for a period of 30 days, to purchase up to an additional 525,000 shares of its common stock to cover over-allotments, if any.

The Company is filing as Exhibit 15, to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, an acknowledgement letter of Ernst & Young LLP dated May 1, 2006.

The Company is filing as Exhibit 23.1, to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, the consent of Ernst & Young LLP dated May 1, 2006.

The Company is filing as Exhibit 99.1, to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, certain information related to the fees and expenses of the proposed public offering.

The Company today issued a press release regarding the filing of the preliminary prospectus supplement. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9. - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this report:

Exhibit No.

1.1 Form of Underwriting Agreement

15 Letter of Ernst & Young LLP regarding interim financial information

23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP

99.1 Information relating to Item 14 Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

99.2

Press Release, dated May 2, 2006, announcing the filing of a preliminary prospectus supplement relating to the proposed offering of common stock

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

United Fire & Casualty Company (Registrant)

May 2, 2006 (Date)

/s/ John A. Rife John A. Rife, Chief Executive Officer