### UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 5

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Wilkins Michael T Symbol UNITED FIRE GROUP INC (Check all applicable) [UFCS] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner \_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2014 Executive Vice President & COO 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) **CEDAR** \_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person RAPIDS, IAÂ 52407-3909 Form Filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of ar Repeticially Owned

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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		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	(D)	Price	4)		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	18,963 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,334 (2)	I	By 401(k) Plan for self
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	214,637 (3)	I	By self as co-trustee of Issuer's Employee

Stock Ownership Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$ 

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)			ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 5 (
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.39	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	02/18/2015	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.13	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	02/17/2016	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	02/16/2017	Common Stock	10,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/21/2018	Common Stock	8,463	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.42	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/19/2020	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	9,467	

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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.96	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	02/15/2023	Common Stock	9,998
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.61	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	02/21/2024	Common Stock	15,971

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Wilkins Michael T 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909	Â	Â	Executive Vice President & COO	Â				

# **Signatures**

/s/ Michael T.
Wilkins

\*\*Signature of Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **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).
- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person includes: 3,894 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,850 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; 4,934 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/21/2019; and 7,285 shares held by the Reporting Person individually.
  - 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 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
- (2) 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.
- The Reporting Person serves as Co-Trustee of this employee benefit plan and disclaims beneficial ownership of any Issuer securities held by this plan that are not allocated for his individual benefit. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose. Currently only 1,871 shares held in this plan are allocated specifically for the Reporting Person's individual benefit.
- (4) All options currently exercisable.
- (5) 2,400 options currently exercisable. Remaining options vest and become exercisable on 05/19/2015.
- (6) 5,681 options currently exercisable. Remaining options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on 02/18/2015 and 02/18/2016, respectively.
- (7) 2,000 options currently exercisable. Remaining options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on 02/15/2015, 02/15/2016, 02/15/2017 and 02/15/2018, respectively.
- (8) Options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on 02/21/2015, 02/21/2016, 02/21/2017, 02/21/2018 and 02/21/2019, respectively.

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