#### UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

Form 5

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## FORM 5

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Transactions

Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Sheeley Michael J. 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 X Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2015 VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co. 118 2ND AVE SE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

### CEDAR RAPIDS, IAÂ 52401-1212

(State)

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(City)

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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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) od of (D) 4 and (A) or	<b>)</b> )	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	5,564	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,075 (1)	I	By 401(k) Plan for self

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

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)	Number		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.89	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	02/19/2020	Common Stock	750	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.14	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/20/2019	Common Stock	400	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.54	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	1,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.93	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	2,500	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.96	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	02/15/2023	Common Stock	3,624	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.12	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	02/20/2025	Common Stock	8,437	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.61	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	02/21/2024	Common Stock	5,537	
Stock Option	\$ 34.39	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	1,000	

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(right to buy)										
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	02/16/2017	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.13	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	02/17/2016	Common Stock	1,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Sheeley Michael J. 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS Â IA Â 52401-1212	Â	Â	VP/COO - United Life Ins. Co.	Â				

### **Signatures**

/s/ Michael J. Sheeley by Michael T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact

02/12/2016

\*\*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).

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) All options currently exercisable.
- (3) 800 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable on 2/18/2016.
- (4) 1500 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 2/24/2016 and 2/24/2017, respectively.
- (5) 1450 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 2/15/2016, 2/15/2017 and 2/15/2018, respectively.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 1107 options currently exercisable. Remaining options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 2/21/2016, 2/21/2017, 2/21/2018 and 2/21/2019, respectively.

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