

Lyons Dianne M
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Lyons Dianne M

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)
12/31/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/Chief Financial Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/31/2012	01/04/2013 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾		\$ 22.0359 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012	01/04/2013 ⁽⁶⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	V ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 21.714 ⁽¹⁰⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2013	01/07/2013 ⁽⁶⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	V ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 22.76 ⁽¹⁰⁾	D	
Common Stock					3,648 ⁽¹³⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan for self

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) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan custodian.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the Reporting Person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator.
The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 3,580 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 916 shares held of record by the Reporting Person.
- (5) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan administrator and transfer agent.
- (6) Shares acquired through participation in Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (8) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.
- (9) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the reporting person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (10) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan administrator.
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- (11) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 3,580 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 922 shares held of record by the Reporting Person.
- (12) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock 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 fund consisting primarily of common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.
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