

ERNST BARRIE W
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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 *
ERNST BARRIE W

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 2ND AVE SE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/Chief Investment Officer

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	12/28/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		200	A \$ 22.42	17,010.2557 D
Common Stock	12/28/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D \$ 55	16,810.2557 D
Common Stock	12/31/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		2,800	A \$ 22.42	19,610.2557 D
Common Stock	12/31/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		2,800	D \$ 55.0027	16,810.2557 D
Common Stock	12/31/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		6,780	A \$ 23.96	23,590.2557 D

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Common					\$		
Stock	12/31/2018	S ⁽¹⁾	6,780	D	55.0027	16,810.2557	D
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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)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.42	12/28/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	200	⁽³⁾ 05/18/2020	Common Stock	200
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.42	12/31/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	2,800	⁽³⁾ 05/18/2020	Common Stock	2,800
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.96	12/31/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	6,780	⁽³⁾ 02/15/2023	Common Stock	6,780

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ERNST BARRIE W 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212			VP/Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Barrie W. Ernst by Michael T. Wilkins,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/31/2018

__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) Transaction pursuant to a 10b5-1 contract.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$55 to \$55.055. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

(3) All options currently exercisable.

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