

RIFE JOHN A
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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 *
RIFE JOHN A

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2013 | | A | | 420 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 26,063 | (1) | |
| | | | | | 8,013 | (2) | |
| | | | | | | I | See footnote #2 |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 28.925 | 05/15/2013 | | A | 1,755 | (3) 05/15/2023 | Common Stock | 1,755 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIFE JOHN A 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ John A. Rife by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/17/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person after the reported transaction includes: 25,061 shares held jointly by Mr. Rife and his wife, 582 shares held directly by Mr. Rife; and 420 shares of restricted stock issued to Mr. Rife under the Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Non-Employee Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on May 15, 2014.

(2) The number of securities beneficially held indirectly by the Reporting Person after the reported transaction includes: 6,289 shares held in an individual retirement account for Mr. Rife's benefit; 1,309 shares held individually by Mr. Rife's spouse; and 415 shares held in a SEP individual retirement account for Mr. Rife's benefit.

(3) 1,755 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 351 options each on 05/15/2014, 05/15/2015, 05/15/2016, 05/15/2017 and 05/15/2018.

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