

AWARE INC /MA/  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2016

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 28, 2016**

**Aware, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Commission File Number: 000-21129**

**Massachusetts**                      **04-2911026**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer**  
**incorporation)**                      **Identification No.)**

**40 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, MA, 01730**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**(781) 276-4000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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**Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**

- Item 1.01.** Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.
- Item 5.02.** Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 28, 2016, the Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors of Aware, Inc. (“Aware”) approved the following grants of unrestricted stock to the executive officers and directors of Aware under Aware’s 2001 Nonqualified Stock Plan in recognition of their ongoing contributions to Aware:

<u>Name</u>	<u># of Shares</u>
Richard P. Moberg	35,000
Kevin T. Russell	35,000
John S. Stafford, Jr.	10,000
John S. Stafford, III	10,000
Adrian F. Kruse	10,000
Brian D. Connolly	10,000
Brent P. Johnstone	10,000

The unrestricted shares will be issued to each executive and director in two (2) equal installments on June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016 provided each executive officer and director is serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company on such date.

**Signature(s)**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**AWARE, INC.**

Date: March 29, 2016 By: /s/ Kevin T. Russell  
Kevin T. Russell  
Co-President & co-Chief Executive Officer,  
General Counsel

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