

MISCHELL THOMAS E

Form 5

February 14, 2012

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MISCHELL THOMAS E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

301 EAST FOURTH STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP
INC [AFG]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. V.P. - Taxes

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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Person

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 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)
				(A)	or (D)	Price			
Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	168,244	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	22,615	I	ESPP <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	49,251.58	I	401(k) <u>(2)</u>

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Stock	\$ 36.89	Â	Â	Â	Â (A) Â (D)	Â (3) Â (3)	Common	533.73

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MISCHELL THOMAS E 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	Â Sr. V.P. - Taxes	Â

Signatures

Thomas E. Mischell By: Karl J. Grafe as Attorney-in-Facy 02/14/2011

__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) Shares allocated to the reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2011.
- (2) The Company's Retirement and Savings Plans. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/11.
- (3) Represents amounts held by the Reporting Person in a retirement plan of the Issuer based on a statement dated 12/31/2011. Each share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. The Reporting Person's account balance is distributed in cash following termination of employment.

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