

Lyons Dianne M
Form 4
March 06, 2012

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2012

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

(Street)
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 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	(A) or (D)	Price \$			
Common Stock	03/01/2012	03/06/2012 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾		9 ⁽³⁾	A	20.7 ⁽⁴⁾	6,532 ⁽⁵⁾	D	
Common Stock								1,899 ⁽⁶⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan for self
Common Stock								1,241	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Lyons Dianne M 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909	VP/Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Dianne M.
Lyons 03/06/2012

__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) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Company'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 Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator.

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(5) 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 Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 801 shares held of record by Ms. Lyons directly.

(6) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for Ms. Lyons' benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Ms. Lyons has the right to direct the vote under the 401(k) Plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to 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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