

SCHARMER NEAL R
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHARMER NEAL R

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)
03/15/2013

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/15/2013	03/18/2013 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾	V ⁽³⁾	6 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$ 26.12 ⁽⁵⁾	636 ⁽⁶⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self
Common Stock	03/15/2013		J ⁽⁷⁾		43 ⁽⁸⁾	A	\$ 0	829	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self
Common Stock	03/15/2013		P ⁽⁹⁾	V ⁽¹⁰⁾	11 ⁽¹¹⁾	A	\$ 26.12	6,558 ⁽¹³⁾	D	

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Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

The number of securities shown as being held in, acquired by or disposed of by the Issuer's 401(k) account for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock (excluding fractionals) for which the Reporting Person has the right to direct the vote under the Issuer's 401(k) plan. Such shares are not directly allocated to 401(k) plan participants, but are instead held in a unitized fund consisting primarily of Issuer common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.

- (6) This transaction represents an allocation of shares held in trust by the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan on behalf of the Reporting Person. Shares held in trust by the plan are not distributed to the Reporting Person until retirement.

- (7) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) allocated by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit.

- (8) Shares acquired through participation in the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

- (9) This transaction is exempt under Rule 16a-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is voluntarily reported.

- (10) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding fractionals) acquired through the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit.

- (11) The price per share is the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.

The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 1,268 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 1,974 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 1,446 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018; and 1,870 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.

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