UNITED FIRE GROUP INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add CONNER DA	dress of Reporting Person ** AVID E	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) 118 SECOND BOX 73909	(First) (Middle) O AVENUE SE, P.O.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/13/2013	Director 10% Owner Self-width of the control of the			
CEDAR RAP	(Street) IDS, 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. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securi (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D) 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)
Common Stock	09/13/2013	09/19/2013(1)	Code P(2)	V V <u>(3)</u>	Amount 6 (4)	(D)	Price \$ 28.5 (5)	1,690 (6)	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self
Common Stock	09/30/2013	10/03/2013(1)	P(2)	V(3)	6 (4)	A	\$ 30.47 (5)	1,704 (6)	I	By 401(k) Plan for Self
Common Stock								397	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership

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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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit. Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CONNER DAVID E 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

VP/Chief Claims Officer

Signatures

/s/ David E. Conner by Dianne M. Lyons, Attorney-in-Fact

10/03/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 the settlement date as provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's 401(k) Plan.

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- (3) This transaction qualifies as a non-discretionary transaction from a tax-qualified plan and is voluntarily reported on Form 4.
- (4) Represents the approximate number of shares (excluding frationals) acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit, based on a statement of the trustee/administrator.
- (5) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.
- Th 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 is the approximate number of shares of common stock (excluding frationals) for which the Reporting Person 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 Issuer common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.
- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the Reporting Person following the reported transaction includes: 796 shares held by Mr. Conner directly; 1,875 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016 and 1,334 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/15/2018.

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