

Lyons Dianne M  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/31/2012

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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	08/31/2012	09/06/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	9 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 22.22 <sup>(4)</sup>	6,605 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock							2,945 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan for self
Common Stock							1,328	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 (Instr. 6)
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**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                      09/06/2012  
 \*\*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 Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Issuer'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 Issuer'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 Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Issuer's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 874 shares held of record by the Reporting Person.

(6) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for the Reporting Person's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock 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 common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.

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