

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC  
 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 \*  
**RAMLO RANDY A.**

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 2ND AVE SE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/17/2017**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President/CEO**

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/17/2017		A		4,598	A	\$ 0
					53,344.2616	D	

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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 41.32	02/17/2017	<u>(1)</u>	A	19,017	<u>(1)</u> 02/17/2027	Common Stock	19,017

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAMLO RANDY A. 118 2ND AVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212	X		President/CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Randy A. Ramlo by Michael T. Wilkins,  
Attorney-in-Fact 02/22/2017

\_\_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) Options become vested and exercisable in equal installments on 02/17/2018, 02/17/2019, 02/17/2020, 02/17/2021 and 02/17/2022, respectively.

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