

UNITED FIRE GROUP INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ERNST BARRIE W

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 Investment Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2015

118 2ND AVE SE
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401-1212

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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 6,547 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan for Self |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 11,408 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 1,086 | I | By spouse |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.54 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(2)</u> | 02/18/2021 | Common Stock | 6,849 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.42 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 05/18/2020 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.96 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(4)</u> | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock | 6,780 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.12 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(5)</u> | 02/20/2025 | Common Stock | 14,209 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.61 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(6)</u> | 02/21/2024 | Common Stock | 9,506 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 33.43 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 05/21/2018 | Common Stock | 7,114 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.23 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â Â <u>(3)</u> | 02/16/2017 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

