

SCHARMER NEAL R
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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 *
SCHARMER NEAL R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO
[UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2010

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/16/2010	12/17/2010 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾	V ⁽³⁾	4 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$ 22.5 ⁽⁵⁾	867 ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾	I	See Footnote #6
Common Stock	12/30/2010	01/03/2011 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾	V ⁽³⁾	4 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$ 22.73 ⁽⁵⁾	870 ⁽⁷⁾ ⁽⁸⁾	I	See Footnote #8
Common Stock								1,268 ⁽⁹⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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The total number of securities beneficially held indirectly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: approximately 188 shares held in a Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator; and 679 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Mr. Scharmer's benefit.

- (7) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired or disposed of by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Scharmer 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 common stock, together with a small percentage of short-term investments. Participants acquire units of this fund.

- (8) The total number of securities beneficially held indirectly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: approximately 191 shares held in a Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator; and 679 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Mr. Scharmer's benefit.

- (9) 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 Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013.

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