

RIFE JOHN A  
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 \*  
RIFE JOHN A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. BOX 73909

(Street)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. I
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (In			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.4 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/18/2011	A		3,000		<sup>(2)</sup>	02/18/2021	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.46 <sup>(1)</sup>						<sup>(3)</sup>	05/19/2020	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.39 <sup>(4)</sup>						<sup>(5)</sup>	02/15/2018	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.23 <sup>(4)</sup>						<sup>(5)</sup>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.13 <sup>(4)</sup>						<sup>(5)</sup>	02/17/2016	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.39 <sup>(4)</sup>						<sup>(5)</sup>	02/18/2015	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.66 <sup>(4)</sup>						<sup>(5)</sup>	02/20/2014	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.85 <sup>(4)</sup>						<sup>(5)</sup>	02/21/2013	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

/s/ John A. Rife by Dianne M. Lyons,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/22/2011

\_\_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).  
Under the terms of the 2005 United Fire & Casualty Company Nonqualified Nonemployee Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, the
  - (1) option exercise price for these stock options is calculated as the average of the high and low trading price of the issuer's common stock on the grant date.
  - (2) 3,000 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 600 option shares each on 02/18/2012, 02/18/2013, 02/18/2014, 02/18/2015 and 02/18/2016.
  - (3) 3,000 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 600 option shares each on 05/19/2011, 05/19/2012, 05/19/2013, 05/19/2014 and 05/19/2015.
  - (4) The exercise price of these stock options represents the closing price of issuer's common stock on the grant date.
  - (5) All options currently exercisable.

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