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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Schoeninger Terrence T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP INC/DE [DFG]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/04/2009

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O SAFETY NATIONAL

CASUALTY

CORPORATION, 1832 SCHUETZ **ROAD**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Chairman/CEO - Safety National

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ST. LOUIS, MO 63146

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` '	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)
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2009		M	36,799	A	\$ 13.1111	158,537	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2009		S	36,799	D	\$ 22.2251	121,738	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)

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 iorDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.1111 (2)	12/04/2009		M	3	36,799 (2)	01/11/2000	01/11/2010	Class A Common Stock	36,799 (2)

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Schoeninger Terrence T C/O SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORPORATION 1832 SCHUETZ ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63146

Chairman/CEO - Safety

National

Signatures

Chad W. Coulter, Attorney-in-Fact for Terrence T. Schoeninger

12/07/2009

**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).

The price indicated is the weighted average sales price for a series of open market sale transactions ranging in price from \$21.75 to

(1) \$22.40 per share. The reporting person has provided to the issuer information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price, and such information will be provided to the SEC staff or any security holder of the issuer upon request.

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- Amounts reflect adjustments pursuant to the terms of the option plan under which such options were granted to reflect the effects of all stock dividends and stock splits having occurred since the date of grant thereof.
- (3) Not applicable.

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