

SCHARMER NEAL R
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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 *
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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/17/2009

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2009 | | P | 4 (1) A \$ 21 (2) | 1,870 (3) (4) | I | by 401(k) Plan for Self |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| SCHARMER NEAL R 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909 | | | VP/General Counsel/Corp Sec | | |

Signatures

/s/ Neal R. Scharmer by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact 04/21/2009

**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).
- (1) Approximately 4 shares acquired by the trustee of the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee dated 04/17/2009.
 - (2) The price per share is the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the reported transaction.
 - (3) The number of securities beneficially held includes: 1,268 shares of restricted stock issued under Company's 2008 Stock Plan, which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 590 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Mr. Scharmer's benefit; and approximately 12 shares held in a Company 401(k) account for Mr. Scharmer's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee dated 04/17/2009.
 - (4) The number of shares 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.

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