

ERNST BARRIE W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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/Chief Investment Officer

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2008

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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                    | 12/19/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 500 A \$ 30   | 2,660 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By IRA for spouse                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2008                           |  | J <sup>(3)</sup>               | 200 A \$ 30   | 2,860 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I  | As custodian for daughter                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,978 <sup>(5)</sup>   | I  | by 401(k) Plan Unitized Fund for self <sup>(5)</sup> |



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(4) The number of securities beneficially owned includes: 1944 shares of restricted stock issued under Company's 2008 Stock Plan, which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; 216 shares held in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Mr. Ernst's benefit; 500 shares held in an individual retirement account for the benefit of Mr. Ernst's spouse; and 200 shares held as custodian for Mr. Ernst's daughter.

(5) This is the number of untized shares in Mr. Ernst's 401(k) account. The number of underlying shares of common stock is based on the stock fund balance on March 31, 2009. The actual number of shares of common stock issuable upon the distribution date is not determinable because the stock fund is a unitized account consisting of approximately 97% company stock and 3% cash. The stock account balance reflected in this report is based on an March 31, 2009, stock fund price of \$5.99 per share.

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