

ERNST BARRIE W
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**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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/03/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP/Chief Investment Officer

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/03/2011		P	500 A \$ 18.29	1,027	I	By spouse
Common Stock	06/03/2011	06/06/2011 ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾	637 ⁽³⁾ A \$ 18.15 ⁽⁴⁾	5,078 ⁽⁵⁾	I	By 401(k) Account for Self
Common Stock					340	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for self

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Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the trustee/administrator of the Company's 401(k) Plan for the reporting person's benefit, based on a statement of the plan trustee/administrator.

- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's 401(k) Plan trustee/administrator.

- (5) The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Company 401(k) account for Mr. Ernst's benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Mr. Ernst 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.

- (6) The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 2,714 share of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/201 and 1,944 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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