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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Lyons Dianne M Issuer Symbol UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO (Check all applicable) [UFCS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O. 12/01/2011 VP/Chief Financial Officer BOX 73909 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909**

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)	Transaction(, Code (, (Instr. 8)	(A) or V Amount (D) Price			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)
Common Stock	12/01/2011	12/06/2011(1)	P(2) 1	10 <u>(3)</u>	A	\$ 19.67 (4)	6,406 (5)	D	
Common Stock							1,899 (6)	I	By 401(k) Plan for self
Common Stock							1,241	I	By Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan for Self

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	1		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									A	
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration Date		or	
						Exercisable Date		Title	Number	
				G 1 1	7 (A) (B)			of		
				Code V	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lyons Dianne M 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

VP/Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Dianne M. 12/07/2011 Lyons

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) The deemed execution date of this transaction is based on a report of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administor and transfer agent.
- (2) Shares acquired through payroll deduction and participation in Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the approximate number of shares acquired by the administrator of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the reporting person, based on a statement of the administrator.
- (4) The price per share is based on a statement provided by the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan administrator.

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- The total number of securities beneficially held directly by the reporting person following the reported transaction includes: 3,580 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 02/18/2016; 2,151 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's 2008 Stock Plan which vest, subject to certain conditions, on 05/21/2013; and 675 shares held of record by Ms. Lyons directly.
- The number of securities shown as being held in or acquired by the Issuer's 401(k) Plan for Ms. Lyons' benefit are the approximate number of shares of common stock for which Ms. Lyons 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. 401(k) Plan participants acquire units of this fund.

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