TORCHMARK CORP
Form 4
September 23, 2008

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*]<br>PRESSLEY W MICHAEL | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>**TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]** | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
|---|---|---|
| (Last)      (First)      (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>09/22/2008 | (Check all applicable)<br>_____ Director         _____ 10% Owner<br>__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below)                    below)<br>VP & Chief Inv. Officer |
| 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| MCKINNEY, TX 75070 | | |
| (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 | | | | | | | | 400 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 165 [(1)] | I | Thrift Plan Trust |
| Torchmark Capital Trust Preferred Securities III | 09/22/2008 | | P | | 400 | A | $ 21 | 1,550 | 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 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | | |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PRESSLEY W MICHAEL 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070 | | | VP & Chief Inv. Officer | |

# Signatures

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|---|---|
| W. Michael Pressley, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact | 09/23/2008 |
| [**]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)   Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan - estimated conversion of $ balance to shares using $59.28 per share.

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