

HERBEL VERN D
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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 *
HERBEL VERN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

UNITED AMERICAN
INSURANCE COMPANY, 3700
SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

MCKINNEY, TX 75070

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/23/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP and Chief Admin. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	01/23/2012		A	7,000 A \$ 0	31,600	D	
Common Stock					20,512	I	Reporting Person's Living Trust
Common Stock					20,512	I	Spouse's Living Trust
Common Stock					21,410 ⁽¹⁾	I	Thrift Plan

Stock

Trust

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.49	01/23/2012		A	50,000	⁽²⁾ 01/23/2019	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERBEL VERN D UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070			EVP and Chief Admin. Officer	

Signatures

Vern D. Herbel, By: /s/Carol A. McCoy,
Attorney-in-fact

01/25/2012

**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 \$45.35 per share.
- (2) First exercisable as to 50% of shares on and after 1/23/2014 and as to remaining 50% of shares on and after 01/23/2015.

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