

CARLSON DAVID KENDALL  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â CARLSON DAVID KENDALL  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 07/09/2012

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Officer of Principal Sub.

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

UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY,Â 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE  
 (Street)

MCKINNEY,Â TXÂ 75070  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	400	D	Â
Torchmark Capital Trust Preferred Securities III	1,500	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/25/2013	02/25/2017	Common Stock	1,125	\$ 30.8734	D    Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	04/28/2021	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 44.3867	D    Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	01/23/2022	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 45.49	D    Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARLSON DAVID KENDALL UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070	Â	Â	Â	Officer of Principal Sub.

## Signatures

David K. Carlson, By: /s/Carol A. McCoy,  
Attorney-in-fact

07/18/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) First exercisable as to 25% of shares on 4/28/2013; 50% of shares on 4/28/2014; 75% of shares on 4/28/2015; and 100% of shares on 4/28/2016.
- (2) First exercisable as to 25% of shares on 1/23/2014; 50% of shares on 1/23/2015; 75% of shares on 1/23/2016; and 100% of shares on 1/23/2017.

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