

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 12, 2002**

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-13653
(Commission File No.)

31-1544320
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(513) 579-2121

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of American Financial Group, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99(a) Statement Under Oath, dated August 8, 2002, of Carl H. Lindner, principal executive officer of the Registrant.

99(b) Statement Under Oath, dated August 8, 2002, of Fred J. Runk, principal financial officer of the Registrant.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 12, 2002, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer filed sworn statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to certain of the Registrant's reports filed with the Commission. Copies of the statements are furnished herewith as exhibits 99(a) and 99(b), respectively.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Date: August 13, 2002

By: /s/ James C. Kennedy
Name: James C. Kennedy
Title: Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Secretary

August 8, 2002

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Carl H. Lindner, principal executive officer, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of American Financial Group, Inc. (Commission No. 1-13653), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Commission of American Financial Group, Inc.
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of American Financial Group, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Carl H. Lindner
Name: Carl H. Lindner
Date: August 8, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
8th day of August, 2002.
/s/ Nancy Sherman
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
July 30, 2007

August 8, 2002

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I, Fred J. Runk, principal financial officer, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of American Financial Group, Inc. (Commission No. 1-13653), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
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 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Fred J. Runk
Name: Fred J. Runk
Date: August 8, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
8th day of August, 2002.
/s/ James C. Kennedy
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Attorney-at-Law Notary Public
State of Ohio - No Expiration Date
Section 147.03 O.R.C.