

FORM 4

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Mischell Thomas E. (Last) (First) (Middle) One East Fourth Street (Street) Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (City) (State) (Zip)		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior Vice President - Taxes	
		3. IRS Identification, Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year February 20, 2003		
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								84,722	D	
Common Stock								1,000	I	#1
Common Stock								300	I	#2
Common Stock								7,134.32	I	In ESPP Account (a)
Common Stock								7,298,144	I	RASP (b)
Common Stock								400.61	I	401-k(c)

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

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*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares	Month (Instr. 4)				
Employee Stock Option	\$18.45	2/20/03		A			35,000		(d)	2/23/13	Common Stock	35,000		35,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (a) These shares were allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2002. Any purchases during 2003 will be reflected on a Form 5 for the year ended December 31, 2003.
- (b) These shares are held by the American Financial Group, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan ("RASP") for which the Reporting Person acts as a Trustee with voting and dispositive power. The Reporting Person has no direct pecuniary interest in any shares of Common Stock held by the RASP.
- (c) The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Common Stock Fund account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"), based on a 401(k) Plan statement dated as of 12/31/02.
- (d) These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

Indirect No. 1 Represents one-half of the 2,000 shares held by a general partnership of which the Reporting Person is a 50% partner.
Indirect No. 2 By a minor child of the Reporting person.
Indirect No. 3 By a minor child of the Reporting person.

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