

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 2005

UNITED STATES  
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):

**March 8, 2005**

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-13653

31-1544320

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH

45202

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **513-579-2121**

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- / / Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02

**Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) On March 8, 2005, William A. Shutzer notified the Registrant of his intention to not stand for re-election at the Registrant's next annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Shutzer told the Registrant that this decision was due to the increased responsibilities and demands of his position as partner of Evercore Partners, a financial advising and private equity firm. Shutzer, formerly a managing director of Lehman Brothers, has served as a director of American Financial Group, Inc. since May 2003.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

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:

March 8, 2005

By: Karl J. Grafe  
Karl J. Grafe  
Vice President