

Osborne William H  
 Form 3  
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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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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                |  |
| Osborne William H                         |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | FEDERAL SIGNAL CORP /DE/ [fss]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 09/15/2008   |  |
| 1415 WEST 22ND STREET, SUITE 1100         |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| OAK BROOK, IL 60523                       |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | President and CEO  |  |

**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                    | 24,559 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | D  | ^   |

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)**

| 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) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                             | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares   | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2)            | 09/15/2018      | Common Stock 75,137 \$ 14.93 | D Â                        |
| Performance Rights          | Â (3)            | 12/31/2010      | Common Stock 20,991 \$ (3)   | D Â                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Osborne William H<br>1415 WEST 22ND STREET<br>SUITE 1100<br>OAK BROOK, IL 60523 | Â             | Â         | Â President and CEO | Â     |

## Signatures

Jennifer L. Sherman, attorney in fact for William H. Osborne 09/17/2008

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) This represents a restricted stock award. All 24,559 shares vest on 9/15/2011. These shares are subject to restrictions and forfeiture under the Company Stock Benefit Plan.
- (2) 25,046 options become exercisable on 9/15/2009, 25,046 options become exercisable on 9/15/2010 and the remaining 25,045 options become exercisable on 9/15/2011.
- (3) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive up to two shares of FSS common stock based on a three year performance metric. The number of shares to be received will depend on the Company's relative Total Shareholder Return (TSR) for the three year period beginning on January 1, 2008, which will be evaluated against the TSR over the same three year period for a pre-set group of approximately 30 peer companies. The TSR is calculated by adding the changes in a company's closing stock price between December 30, 2007 and December 31, 2010 to any dividends paid during that period, and is adjusted for any stock splits or dividends.

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