

STAFFORD JOHN S III  
Form 4  
March 22, 2018

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STAFFORD JOHN S III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

350 N. ORLEANS STREET, SUITE  
2N

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☒ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                                       |   |   |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)   |  |  |   |
|                                       |   |   | Code                                 | V  | Amount   | (D)  | Price   |

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

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|--|--|---|
|                                       |                              |   |   |                        |  |  |   |

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| (Instr. 3)   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |        |     |                     |                    |                 |                                     |  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|  |                                    |                  | Code       | V  | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |  |
| Unrestricted<br>Stock Award<br>(Right to<br>Acquire) | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                | 03/20/2018       | A          |  | 10,000 |     | <sup>(1)</sup>      | <sup>(1)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock | 10,000                              |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STAFFORD JOHN S III<br>350 N. ORLEANS STREET<br>SUITE 2N<br>CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John S.  
Stafford, III

03/22/2018

<sup>\*\*</sup>Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

On March 20, 2018, the reporting person was awarded the right to acquire 10,000 shares of unrestricted common stock which will be  
(1) issued as follows; 5,000 shares on June 30, 2018, and 5,000 shares on December 31, 2018 provided the reporting person is serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company on said dates.

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