

AMERISAFE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2017

**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): February 20, 2017**

**AMERISAFE, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Texas**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**

**of Incorporation)**

**001-12251**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**  
**2301 Highway 190 West**

**75-2069407**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**DeRidder, Louisiana 70634**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (337) 463-9052**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 20, 2017, Austin P. Young, III, a member of the Board of Directors of AMERISAFE, Inc. ( AMERISAFE or the Company ), advised the Board of Directors that he will retire as a member of the Board effective at the Company s next annual meeting of shareholders. That meeting is scheduled to occur on June 9, 2017.

Mr. Young, age 76, has served as a director of AMERISAFE since November 2005 and Chair of the Board s Audit Committee from November 2005 until April 2016.

Effective with Mr. Young s retirement, the Company s Board of Directors has reduced the size of the Board from nine members to eight members.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 23, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Young will retire as a director of AMERISAFE.

A copy of the Company s press release, dated February 23, 2017, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
|-----------------------|--|
| 99.1                  | Press release, dated February 23, 2017 |

**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.

**AMERISAFE, INC.**

By: /s/ Kathryn H. Shirley  
Kathryn H. Shirley, Executive Vice  
President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: February 23, 2017