

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/

Form 4

March 23, 2005

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 *
NORCROSS GEORGE E III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMMERCE INSURANCE
SERVICES, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST

(Street)

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
[CBH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2005

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)
Chairman & CEO of Subsidiary

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	344	A	\$ 29.04	707,820 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock						26,866 ⁽²⁾	I 401(k)
Common Stock						6,863 ⁽²⁾	I ESOP Allocation ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	03/21/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	344	A	\$ 29.04	1,042 ⁽²⁾ I By Wife - DRIP
						2,578 ⁽²⁾	I

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Common Stock									By Wife - IRA
Common Stock	03/21/2005	J ⁽¹⁾	689	A	\$ 29.04	3,575 ⁽²⁾	I		c/f Minor Children
Common Stock	03/21/2005	J ⁽¹⁾	344	A	\$ 29.04	347,464 ⁽²⁾	I		Grantor Trust for Minor Children

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
NORCROSS GEORGE E III COMMERCE INSURANCE SERVICES 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034	X Chairman & CEO of Subsidiary

Signatures

George E.
Norcross, III 03/21/2005

 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).

(1) J- Purchase under DRIP

(2) Reflects the company's two-for-one stock split, in the form of a 100% stock dividend, that was declared on February 15, 2005 and effective March 7, 2005

(3) Reflects ESOP Allocations that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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