

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NORCROSS GEORGE E III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMMERCE INSURANCE SERVICES, COMMERCE ATRIUM, 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)
05/20/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director
 Officer (give title below) Chairman & CEO of Subsidiary
 10% Owner
 Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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		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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	05/20/2005		J		362	A	\$ 27.59	711,185	D	
Common Stock							27,140	I	401(k)	
Common Stock							6,863	I	ESOP Allocation	
Common Stock	05/20/2005		J		362	A	\$ 27.59	1,757	I	By Wife - DRIP
							2,588	I		

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Common Stock								By Wife - IRA	
Common Stock	05/20/2005		J	725	A	\$ 27.59	5,009	I	c/f Minor Children
Common Stock	05/20/2005		J	362	A	\$ 27.59	349,545	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. 3)
				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 COMMERCE ATRIUM, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034	X		Chairman & CEO of Subsidiary	

Signatures

George E.
Norcross, III 05/24/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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