

NORCROSS GEORGE E III
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
 [CBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMMERCE INSURANCE SERVICES, COMMERCE ATRIUM, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2005

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

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | (A) or (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)

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| 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Call Option (right to buy) | \$ 30 | 12/15/2005 | | S | 2,300 | 03/28/2005 | 01/20/2007 | Common Stock | 230,000 |
| Call Option (right to buy) | \$ 30 | 12/15/2005 | | S | 1,700 | 03/29/2005 | 01/20/2007 | Common Stock | 170,000 |
| Call Option (right to buy) | \$ 30 | 12/15/2005 | | S | 2,000 | 04/13/2005 | 01/20/2007 | Common Stock | 200,000 |

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
Date: 12/16/2005

**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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