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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): April 13, 2005 Commerce Bancorp, Inc. _____ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) New Jersey 1-12069 22-2433468 (State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification jurisdiction of incorporation) Number) Commerce Atrium, 1701 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-5400 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 856-751-9000 N/A ______ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) 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: ____ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act ____ (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the ____ Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the

____ Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On April 13, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release announcing certain changes to its Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated April 13, 2005

SIGNATURE

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.

COMMERCE BANCORP, INC.

Date: April 13, 2005

By: /s/ DOUGLAS J. PAULS

Douglas J. Pauls

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release, dated April 13, 2005.