

NORCROSS GEORGE E III  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman & CEO of Subsidiary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 COMMERCE INSURANCE  
 SERVICES, COMMERCE  
 ATRIUM, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/19/2005

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or Disposed of (A) or (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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/20/2005		L <sup>(1)</sup>	12 A \$ 27.88	0	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2005		J	3,082 A \$ 0	0	D	
Common Stock	10/19/2005		G <sup>(2)</sup>	V 855 D \$ 0	717,250	D	
Common Stock	10/20/2005		L <sup>(1)</sup>	103 A \$ 29.05	27,336	I	401 (k)
					6,863	I	

Common Stock									ESOP Allocation
Common Stock	10/27/2005	J	3,082	D	\$ 0	0	I		By Wife - DRIP
Common Stock	10/20/2005	L <sup>(1)</sup>	12	A	\$ 27.88	2	I		By Wife - DRIP
Common Stock						2,588	I		By Wife - IRA
Common Stock	10/20/2005	L <sup>(1)</sup>	24	A	\$ 27.88	7,663	I		c/f Minor Children
Common Stock						352,110	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 Owned Following Reporting 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 COMMERCE ATRIUM, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST	X		Chairman & CEO of Subsidiary	

