

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
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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, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST

(Street)

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2005 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 344 | A | \$ 29.04 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 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 | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--|------------------|-----|---|----------|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 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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