

NORCROSS GEORGE E III
Form 4
December 14, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2007

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

(Street)

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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Person

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(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 (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)
Common Stock	12/12/2007		M	12,412	A	\$ 8.05	734,314 D
Common Stock						28,409	I 401(k)
Common Stock						7,068	I 401(k) Allocation
Common Stock						2	I By Wife - DRIP
						2,623	I

Common Stock				By Wife - IRA
Common Stock	9,783	I		c/f Minor Children
Common Stock	354,429	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 8.05	10/02/2007		G	V		25,913	12/16/1998	12/16/2007	Common Stock	202
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 8.05	10/02/2007		G	V	25,913		12/16/1998	12/16/2007	Common Stock	25,913
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 8.05	12/12/2007		M			12,412	12/16/1998	12/16/2007	Common Stock	176,412
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 10.93	10/02/2007		G	V		32,196	12/15/1999	12/15/2008	Common Stock	220,196
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 10.93	10/02/2007		G	V	32,196		12/15/1999	12/15/2008	Common Stock	32,196
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 9.64	10/02/2007		G	V		28,272	12/21/2000	12/21/2009	Common Stock	209,272

Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 9.64	10/02/2007	G	V	28,272	12/21/2000	12/21/2009	Common Stock	28,272
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 15.3	10/02/2007	G	V	31,070	01/31/2002	01/31/2011	Common Stock	31,070
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 15.3	10/02/2007	G	V	31,070	01/31/2002	01/31/2011	Common Stock	31,070
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 20.06	10/02/2007	G	V	32,786	02/04/2003	02/04/2012	Common Stock	32,786
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 20.06	10/02/2007	G	V	32,786	02/04/2003	02/04/2012	Common Stock	32,786
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.4	10/02/2007	G	V	14,788	<u>(3)</u>	02/18/2013	Common stock	14,788
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.4	10/02/2007	G	V	14,788	<u>(3)</u>	02/18/2013	Common Stock	14,788
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 29.45	10/02/2007	G	V	6,196	<u>(3)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	6,196
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2)</u>	\$ 29.45	10/02/2007	G	V	6,196	<u>(3)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	6,196

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

12/14/2007

__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) Granted under the Company's 1997 & 2004 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
- (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.
- (3) The stock options were accelerated on December 16, 2005.
- (4) Reported transaction involves the reporting person's transfer of options to a Grantor Trust for his minor children.

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