

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

COMMERCE INSURANCE SERVICES, COMMERCE ATRIUM 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST  
(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
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	

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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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 8.05	10/02/2007		G V		25,913	12/16/1998	12/16/2007	Common Stock	202
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 8.05	10/02/2007		G V	25,913		12/16/1998	12/16/2007	Common Stock	25,913
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 8.05	12/12/2007		M		12,412	12/16/1998	12/16/2007	Common Stock	176,412
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 10.93	10/02/2007		G V		32,196	12/15/1999	12/15/2008	Common Stock	220,196
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 10.93	10/02/2007		G V	32,196		12/15/1999	12/15/2008	Common Stock	32,196
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 9.64	10/02/2007		G V		28,272	12/21/2000	12/21/2009	Common Stock	209,272

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Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 9.64	10/02/2007	G	V	28,272	12/21/2000	12/21/2009	Common Stock	28,
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 15.3	10/02/2007	G	V	31,070	01/31/2002	01/31/2011	Common Stock	200
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 15.3	10/02/2007	G	V	31,070	01/31/2002	01/31/2011	Common Stock	31,
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 20.06	10/02/2007	G	V	32,786	02/04/2003	02/04/2012	Common Stock	200
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 20.06	10/02/2007	G	V	32,786	02/04/2003	02/04/2012	Common Stock	32,
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.4	10/02/2007	G	V	14,788	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/18/2013	Common stock	200
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.4	10/02/2007	G	V	14,788	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/18/2013	Common Stock	14,
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 29.45	10/02/2007	G	V	6,196	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	200
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 29.45	10/02/2007	G	V	6,196	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	6,

## 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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