

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/  
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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)  
01/31/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					734,314	D	
Common Stock					28,409	I	401(k)
Common Stock					7,068	I	401(k) Allocation
Common Stock					2,623	I	By Wife-IRA
Common Stock					9,783	I	c/f Minor Children

Common Stock	01/11/2008	M	25,913	A	\$ 8.05	380,338	I	Grantor Trusts for Minor Children
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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 Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8.05	01/11/2008		M		25,913	12/16/1998	01/15/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8.05	01/31/2006		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	82,777	12/16/1998	01/15/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8.05	01/31/2007		J <sup>(3)</sup>	V	44,066	12/16/1998	01/15/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8.05	01/31/2007		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	125,540	12/16/1998	01/15/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORCROSS GEORGE E III COMMERCE ATRIUM 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034	X			

## Signatures

George E.  
Norcross, III

01/15/2008

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) Transfer to Grantor Retained Annuity Trust over which the reporting person has no investment control.
- (3) Receipt of annuity payment from Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- (4) Clerical error

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