

DIFRANCESCO DONALD T  
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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 \*  
 DIFRANCESCO DONALD T

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 BANCORP,  
 INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/20/2005

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

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 (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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,472   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 768   | I  | By Wife                                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 340   | I  | By Wife (IRA)                              |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2005                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 12  | A \$ 33.37  | 755  | I By Wife DRIP                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 501   | I  | By Wife - ESOP                             |



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