

FORCE PROTECTION INC  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2009

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 13, 2009**

**FORCE PROTECTION, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-33253**  
(Commission File Number)

**84-1383888**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**9801 Highway 79, Building No. 1**  
**Ladson, South Carolina 29456**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(843) 574-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Director or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.**

On April 13, 2009, the Compensation Committee of Force Protection, Inc. (the Company) adopted the 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan for performance during 2009 (the 2009 Short-Term Incentive Program). All executive officers of the Company, including the Company's named executive officers as defined by Item 402 of Regulation S-K, are eligible to earn a bonus payment under the 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan. In addition, the Compensation Committee authorized the Company's Chief Executive Officer to determine other employees' eligibility to participate (excluding the executive officers), and their respective payout ranges and metrics within certain guidelines.

Each executive officer's opportunity to receive a payment under the 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan is set as a percentage of the executive officer's base salary determined by taking into account the participant's authority level within the Company and median-to-market benchmarks. For 2009, the executive officers, other than the Chief Executive Officer, are eligible to receive up to 50% of their base salary. Pursuant to his employment agreement, the Company's Chief Executive Officer is eligible to receive up to 75% of his base salary.

Performance under the 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan is based on the following metrics and relative weightings: (i) Earnings Per Share, 25%; (ii) Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities, 25%; and (iii) New Orders, 50%. Performance sufficient for a 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan payment is determined by a range of performance achieved for each metric as established by the Compensation Committee. The table below sets forth the ranges for each metric.

**Performance Range**

Metric	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Earnings Per Share	75%	100%	125%
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	75%	100%	125%
New Orders	75%	100%	125%

To determine the actual percentage payout, the actual performance for each metric is compared to the performance range (75% to 125% of the performance target) for each metric. If the actual performance is less than the performance threshold, there is no payout for that metric. If the actual performance is greater than the performance threshold, but less than the performance target, the payout shall be determined on a linear basis from 50% up to 100%, or the target payment. If the actual performance is greater than the performance target and less than or equal to the performance maximum, the payout shall be determined on a linear basis between the performance target up to 150%, or the maximum payout.

**Eligible Base Salary Percentage Payout\***

Metric	Threshold	Target	Maximum
EPS	50%	100%	150%
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	50%	100%	150%
New Orders	50%	100%	150%

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\* Subject to an aggregate limit of 50% of base salary, except for the Chief Executive Officer whose aggregate limit is 75% of his base salary.

In order to be eligible to receive any payment under the 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan, the participant must be employed by the Company at the time the award is made. Any 2009 Short-Term Incentive Plan award shall be determined and paid by March 15, 2010.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 16, 2009

Force Protection, Inc.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Lenna Ruth Macdonald  
(Signature)

Name:	Lenna Ruth Macdonald
Title:	Chief Strategy Officer, General Counsel & Corporate
Secretary	