

FORCE PROTECTION INC
Form 8-K
August 10, 2011

**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): **August 5, 2011**

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.)

**1520 Old Trolley Road
Summerville, SC 29485**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(843) 574-7001

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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(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 Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.

On August 5, 2011, Force Protection, Inc. (the Company) changed P. Randy Hutcherson's title and duties from Chief Operating Officer to Chief of Business Development, a new position in the Company's corporate office. In this senior leadership role, Mr. Hutcherson, age 57, will focus solely on the Company's worldwide business development activities and will continue to report directly to Michael Moody, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Hutcherson will remain an executive officer of the Company as defined by Rule 3b-7 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Mr. Hutcherson joined the Company as Executive Vice President, Programs, Global Sales and Business Development in April 2009 and was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in February 2010. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Hutcherson was employed as vice president of tanker programs for EADS North America as well as vice president of rotorcraft programs. In addition to his experience in the private sector, Mr. Hutcherson served 26 years in the United States Marine Corps in a variety of capacities and retired as a Colonel in the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs in 2002. He holds a Bachelor of Science in aerospace engineering from the United States Naval Academy, a Master of Science in systems management from Troy State University and a Master of Science in national security strategies from the National War College.

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.

Force Protection, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: August 10, 2011

Name:
Title:

/s/ John F. Wall, III
(Signature)
John F. Wall, III
Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel
and
Corporate Secretary