FORCE PROTECTION INC Form 8-K May 09, 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): May 9, 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, South Carolina

(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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 9, 2011, Force Protection, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its preliminary results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ) or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 9, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing its preliminary results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011. The Company will host a conference call and webcast at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, May 9, 2011 to discuss its preliminary results of operations and financial condition and its business outlook.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

### Safe Harbor Statement

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward looking statements that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations. These forward looking statements include, among other things: the growth, demand and interest for Force Protection s services and products, including the Buffalo, Cougar, Ocelot and JAMMA vehicles; current backlog; anticipated awards and expected deliveries of Ocelot vehicles; the effect of the LPPV award for future growth; expectations for future programs, including Land 121, TAPV and Route Clearance Vehicle MRAP Contractor Logistics Support Service and the related timing of proposals and awards; modernization and spares and sustainment contracts and the effect of operations in Afghanistan; the ability to meet current and future requirements; the Company s execution of its business strategy and strategic transformation, including its development initiatives and opportunities to broaden its platform; the effect of the Company s undefinitized contracts; the Company s expected financial and operating results, including its revenues, margin, earnings and cash flows, for future periods; and, the Company s hare repurchase program. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any of them publicly in light of new information or future events. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Examples of these factors include, but are not limited to, the ability to effectively manage the risks in the Company s business; the ability to win future awards and finalize contracts; the ability to develop new technologies and products and the acceptance of these technologies and products; and the other risk factors and cautionary statements listed in the Company s periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risks set forth in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Description

99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2011 entitled Force Protection Announces Financial Results for 2011 First Quarter

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### 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)

/s/ John F. Wall, III (Signature)

Name: Title:

Date: May 9, 2011

John F. Wall, III Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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