

Thank you Jason for speaking with me.

First Response has been in the alarm response and patrol business for 26 years, 11 months – March 1 is our 27th anniversary. We are NOT the largest security company in Oregon, but we ARE the largest alarm response and patrol company in Oregon. Which makes us more like the police, responding to Burglary alarms throughout the tri-county area and Vancouver, Washington. We respond to approximately 650 alarms each month, saving valuable police time and at the same time rely on the police in each area to support us when we do find an actual incident...which is often.

We are also careful to use non-police vehicles. We currently use Chevrolet Malibu's and we do not install roof top light bars. We do install a spotlight and "alley" lights on the inside facing out for checking common areas of apartment communities and business parks.

My concern is trying to determine what type of uniform will not ever confuse another person that we are police? Our officers look professional in their uniforms and present well when meeting the public. There are only so many variations of "professional" pants and shirt colors and I would assume most complementary colors are a police uniform somewhere in Oregon. We are already not allowed to wear a badge or have a company name that implies that we are police, based on DPSST standards.

Maybe the goal should be to give some additional "power" to DPSST, since they are certainly aware of which security companies garner the most complaints, or have the most licensing issues with their employees? If they could enforce a uniform, badge or vehicle issue it would help all of us who want our own identity.

I was one of the original private security representatives to bring private security into DPSST and worked at setting the standards which at the time were some of the strictest in the US. They have reduced the number of incidents involving private security officers since enacted about 18 years ago.

Thank you for considering how to allow the many professional security companies to continue to operate and at the same time have a means of restricting those obviously trying to imply by uniform and or vehicle that they are police. I can be reached directly at 503.207.5320.

Respectfully,

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