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What do Travis Tritt, Vance Johnson, Pope John Paul, and rock band "The Who" have in common? They have all been escorted, carefully guarded, and protected by Certified Protection Specialist, Barry Wilson, owner of Anlance Protection in Fort Collins.

Wilson started the company in 1991 after working freelance jobs in the area and seeing the need for individualized protection services. He now has a force of 22 employees who were carefully chosen for either their military or police training and experience.

The company's specialty is security and protection through uniformed operations and specialized plain clothes services. This combined approach services clients who prefer security staff to be undercover in plain clothes.

Wilson's impressive, but confidential, client list includes businesses, city and county buildings and agencies, and homeowners associations. You may spot Anlance employees patrolling city parks and other public areas, checking buildings, offices, and securing special events and performances.

Anlance works with local law enforcement to help be the additional eyes and ears of the city. "The duty of the police force is to protect the entire populace and society, focusing on individual events as they occur. Ours is to proactively protect a more specific entity or area," says Wilson. He continues on to say how closely they patrol areas they are hired to protect as well as inform law enforcement of any suspicious activity they encounter along the way. Often, the protection of a customer's assets involves simply discouraging individuals from being on private property when buildings or parks are closed, with the intention of moving them to areas where there might be a greater police presence. This helps deter vandalism and other mischievous behaviors.

When routinely patrolling businesses, Wilson says they get to know employee activities and watch for anything out of the ordinary. He says, "Our presence is often needed when employees are leaving and locking up businesses after dark." The experienced Anlance staff is there to make sure everything is secure and that all employees have left without incident. They check for unlocked doors or anything else that might need attention from owners. "We might find something as simple as a broken sprinkler head that is wasting water by spraying into the street, a stranded employee who can't get their car started, or one who does not feel safe walking out of the building alone." Other situations could prove to be dangerous, so Anlance employees are trained to ask straightforward questions to determine what is happening and how to proceed. "Our employees have the grit and experience to handle situations in a calm, professional manner, and to know when the situation requires police involvement."

The name Anlance comes from the word AnLace which is a 13th-16th century two-edged short sword used for personal protection in Western and Eastern Europe. The name is appropriate, seeing that Anlance is dedicated to assist law enforcement in the personal protection of citizens of Fort Collins to make it a safe, peaceful city to live.

For more information

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