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Security company moves to new headquarters

Classic Protection provides security officers, executive protection, jewelry escorts and bomb detection

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Anthony D'Angelis' foray into entrepreneurship was precipitated by a career as a New York City police officer. Two years after he retired from the NYPD in 1990, following an on-duty injury, he parlayed his job experience into a business venture. The result of that effort is Classic Protection.

In 2002, the firm merged with A-Z Protection Security, New Dorp, and continued that relationship through March of this year. Now, Classic is again operating on its own.

Classic Protection, which held the grand opening of its new location at 900 South Ave., Bloomfield, in April, offers a scope of services that includes armed and unarmed professional security officers; executive protection; jewelry escorts, and bomb detection, said Anthony, who is known to friends and clients as Tony.

"I have a passion for the (security) industry. I actually love what I'm doing and I expect my business to remain a mom-and-pop type of company, catering to my clients' needs at least for the next 15 years," said the 46-year-old entrepreneur. "I give my clients as much as I can, for as little or as

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much as their budget allows. We customize security coverage around their needs."

Tony -- whose firm is a member of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, American Society of Industrial Security, and the Jewelers Security Alliance -- said, that having a support staff of business and law enforcement professionals fuels his ongoing success.

"I employ people with backgrounds in business or law enforcement," Tony said. "I would say 90 percent of my staff is made up of retired members from various law-enforcement agencies."

Classic Protection may be reached at (718) 568-3590.

RETAILER EXPANDS

Ink Invasion, a discount inkjet and toner-cartridge retailer, with locations in West Brighton and Annadale, opened a third store this month at 1880 Hylan Blvd., Dongan Hills.

A \$25,000 loan from BOC Capital Corp. helped the business to expand to their third store, said owners Frank Luca and Richard Billera.

The loan was facilitated through the Business Outreach Center of the West Brighton Local Development Corp.

Plans are in the works for a fourth store in the St. George area.

The first Ink Invasion store opened in March 2004. The business may be reached at 718-701-0482.

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