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President and founder of Executive Defensive Tactics, Inc. Kevin Pagnato (right) and Paul Furigo (left) demonstrate professional defense techniques the company uses to train executives in threat response.



EDT President Kevin Pagnato

In this sometimes dangerous world, personal security can't always be taken for granted. That's where a company like Pittsburgh's Executive Defensive Tactics, Inc. (EDT) can come provide assistance.

EDT, which was founded in 1990, offers highly trained personnel in the fields of executive protection and high-level corporate security, and also offers training classes for people want to learn these techniques for their own protection.

"We offer a one-stop shop for high-end security needs," says EDT's founder and President Kevin Pagnato.

Pagnato, 50, has a background in martial arts, police training, system development, private investigation, and business.

His employees and private contractors come

primarily from the military and police and are, in Pagnato's words, "the best in the business."

The company's clientele includes highly visible names in organizations, sports, broadcasting, politics, and any other field where security is an issue.

"We deal with death threats, bomb threats, loss," he says. "We do a full range of private investigation—we have all of the licensing for that."

Among the other services offered by EDT are "embassy-level security," he says, where guards will very politely run a series of inquiries past people trying to get into events populated by the wealthy and well-known.

"We set up an executive protection bubble," says Pagnato.

Parts of this service also include personal and

building threat assessment.

Another fairly unique service offered by EDT is corporate security when groups of employees are about to lose their jobs.

The company can run a series of assessments of those employees who may have the potential for making trouble afterwards, and can handle potential security risks that can arise from those situations.

The company also has a "train the trainer" program for companies who want to raise the level of security awareness for their employees.

EDT also has "an excellent, proprietary program in professional defensive tactics," says Pagnato.

The company has a 72-hour course in personal defense, as well as a 90-minute course called "Street Smartz," which trains people in threat recognition and response.

"The objective of this program," says Pagnato, "is to internalize an infra-structure of defensive tactics from which you can easily draw upon in a moment of stress."

EDT also runs training programs in firearms, and runs Bullseye Ranges, one of the largest privately owned firearms ranges in the country.

With this very wide range of security services, says Pagnato, it isn't any wonder that EDT has, "the highest level of clientele in town."