

A SAMPLE OF THE LINKEDIN COMMENTS JOB TITLE ARE IN ITALICS

Executive Director of Security & Transportation - Security Driving has everything to do with Executive Protection. I would imagine this question is being asked because my principals ask the same question, and does not realize the need to have trained personnel driving them.

Project Leader and Senior Consultant - Like many specialisms EP requires the participation of specialists, 'Security Driving' being one. This specialism relies on skills that require weeks of training and years of practice. I suspect the reason for the question is that those asking it have limited experience and far less analytical ability ...

Owner, of Private Security Company. - I think that most protectors just don't know what they don't know if they have never received "valid" driving instruction. I am absolutely amazed at what a better driver I became after receiving the training (and I thought I was an experienced driver with over 20 years on motorcycles as well)

Highly experienced personal and physical security professional from Canada - The executives want to be moving quickly and with no disruption. So proper training helps the everyday. As for price wise, the way I see it. I am an employee, so what happens in the car is deemed proprietary to the company. Hence the exec can now talk and work freely in the car as they travel.

Board Member at the American Board for Certification in Dignitary and Executive Protection - I can't imagine that any "professional" protection agent would ask that question. It is undeniably yes! If you have never heard the phrase get off the X, your training is lacking. Whether in single vehicle or motorcade configuration, it will be the drivers who will get you off that X if you ever need them to. If they don't know how, you'll likely be in a world of hurt. Scratching my head and wondering why that is even a question...

Consultant and former Director of Security - If asked that question I would have the same reaction as you, "wow." Followed closely by, "really?" Security driving is inextricably linked to the protective envelope. Unless the principal(s) is always static (never needing to go anywhere), then it speaks to the very poor preparation and mindset of the EP agent, let alone the Detail Leader. For my safety, and that of the principal(s), I would not work with a team that didn't factor in the critical requirements of movement by vehicle - and the different skill sets and intellect required to successfully execute that responsibility. And it's not just about driving skills, but the ability to read the situation and adapt. I suspect it may not be emphasized in EP schools, or a desired posting, because

it's not considered the sexy part of EP work. Or maybe there's a perception that anyone who has a driver's license can do it, so, what's the big deal? More emphasis is placed on weapons proficiency, even though we emphasize that use of a weapon is a last resort.

Deputy Sheriff and President of a Security Company - Emergency vehicle operations training is expensive. It's cheaper to hire a non-vetted chauffeur. Period. That's why the question is asked. It's difficult to overcome this kind of mentality when it comes to preparing for an event that may never happen. But in fact, but when a security professional does their job right, the odds are better that indeed nothing will happen. Why there isn't more emphasis in training? One can only speculate. I'm willing to bet that vehicle operations training is simply deemed too expensive; difficult to quantify a return on investment; and that it's a perishable skill (hence requiring more training and money in the future). I certainly hope that by "polling" security professionals like this, the client will pause and reconsider their position on security driving.

Security Consultant - Forget attacks, advanced driving skills are essential for safe travelling by road. Road accidents remain a serious threat for EP.

Director Operational Security at Fortune Company - Agree with the others who mentioned it. Better than 50% "attacks" in recent history have been in or around a vehicle. The correlation speaks for itself. Security Driving has everything to do with Executive Protection.

Security Management Professional from Greece - I used to escort alone for years. I drove every day for 4 or 5 hours in the city only to escort my client by foot for 10 minutes' total, so, in reality if you are working in a modern city and not in a jungle, security driving is the most important aspect of EP. Besides that, compare the logistics concerning "VIP transportation" with escorting by foot to realize the importance.

Security Project Manager - The question is asked from a position of ignorance and stupidity from those who have failed to grasp the basics of EP. Even when working alone, a single BG relies on the informed behaviors of his principal, those that surround him and his family and friends. Driving, even for people not designated to be 'at risk', is statically the most dangerous thing that most people do. Defensive and safe driving skills are required as part of EP - for sure.

Executive Protection Services at a Bank - Obviously, in a perfect world, the secured driving is part of an EP team's detail. With the other functions designated to others on the team. Unfortunately, due to reasons such as budgets and company/ executive philosophies, it is common for EP agents to work alone and wear many hats for their client. Part of the secured driving detail is advancing the safest routes to take and the

venues. This is one of the most important aspects of any EP program. For this reason, I agree with Xavier and consider the driving detail to be an integral part of any protection program.

President of a Private Security Company - Absolutely it does. When I have trained EP drivers they usually do not disappoint. The cars are facing in the right direction and are where they are supposed to be.

Partner at Security Consulting | Protective Services - Unfortunately, individuals have taken to cutting corners (and costs) when it comes to personal security and this is one such example. Why pay more for a driver who is also CP qualified, or even skilled in advanced driving techniques, if it cost more money? The answer should be clear; because when the worst happens and you need to escape or evade a situation safely, it pays to have the right person at the wheel. The point of EP is that an additional layer of security is provided to vulnerable or high profile individuals. Surely this protection should also apply when mobile...

Board Member at American Board for Certification in Dignitary and Executive Protection - Absolutely! If the driver isn't situationally aware, then who is? If the driver can't use the vehicle to escape/evade or drive through an ambush, then who can? If the driver doesn't know what makes the vehicle go or not go...then who does

President and CEO of Risk Management Company - Even though everything single thing is important in this business, one of the most important thing in any EP Operation or Detail is the transportation of your Principal due to the fact that most attacks occurred while mounting or dismounting the Principal. Any agent out there without proper training it's exposing himself, his team and the client and a greater risk. On the EP Training subject the least I would expect from any EP School that does not have a Protective Driving in their program is the strong suggestion on how important is to have a proper vehicle operations training like: Vehicle Selection, Security Driver Responsibilities.

Security Manager from Brazil - Yes, I share the same opinion from other colleagues that says security driving is essential. Here in Brazil we in live a very particular environment that is a mix of chaos in traffic, urban violence, and a non-efficient Police, so security driving techniques are always a requisite.

Executive Protection Specialist/Special Agent In Charge - Stateside we're not too worried about ambush style attacks while driving, rather we're more concerned with the hazards of everyday driving, ie; traffic, accidents, medical emergencies, angry drivers, etc. With our details our policy is that the drivers stay with the vehicles at all times and they are ready to move at a moments notice. Our drivers are Executive Protection

Specialists who have a concentration on driving. Most of the guys that drive for us find it very demanding because we stress certain standards and expectations. Driving for most people is stressful then you add a detail leader giving orders and the responsibility of getting the principle safely to their destination and it makes for a difficult task. Most of your "Professional EP Schools/Courses" stress shooting skills, hand to hand combat and marketing yourself yet forget the driving portion. My guess is that they figure everyone drives so why try to teach them what they already know. It's a huge mistake!!!
Eric

Director of Executive Protection / Close Protection Specialist/Religious Center Security Director - Driving on a true E. P. Detail is reserved for the assigned Driver. However, chase Vic's And Team transport drivers must be skilled in basic Motorcade protocol IE Blocking and formations. Unfortunately, I find myself alone on many C. P. Details. So trained escape and evade driving can be a good thing to have. The demand for big protection teams in the U. S. Are always limited by budget. That being said. A day or 1/2 day of E. P. Driver training should be part of a Protection specialists qualifications. However, if you're going to work in a more Hostile environment as a Driver or on a True

Corporate Security, Executive Protection & Crisis Management Professional; Consultant - Security driving is crucial to any EP program. Vehicle dynamics, evasive maneuvers and basic route planning are all foundational elements to ensuring the safety and protection of a principle.