

SUPERHEROES

the streets

non-lethal weapons, including smoke grenades and a 6-inch fighting stick.

Citizen Prime of Phoenix spent \$4,000 on a custom-made costume — including a steel helmet and breast-plate and yellow cape. And when his foot patrols don't find enough crime, he volunteers for crime-prevention causes and children's charities.

A secretive martial arts instructor patrols New York City's Staten Island as Dark Guardian, while wearing spandex fit for a professional wrestler. The 23-year-old hero recently held a convenience store robber at bay until cops arrived.

Hardwire, 20 of Greensboro-Durham, N.C., describes himself as a "tech hero, like Batman without the attitude," while Entomo the Insect Man gives Spider-Man a run for his bugged-out reputation in Naples, Italy, declaring: "I inject justice."

In Portland, Ore., the needy can count on Zetaman to make regular rounds distributing free food and clothing. To protect himself and those he serves, Zetaman carries pepper spray, an extendable steel baton and a Taser packing 30,000 volts.



HARDWIRE



DARK GUARDIAN



SQUEEGEEMAN

