

Calgary Police Service (CPS) – Challenge Coins & Medallions

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Introduction

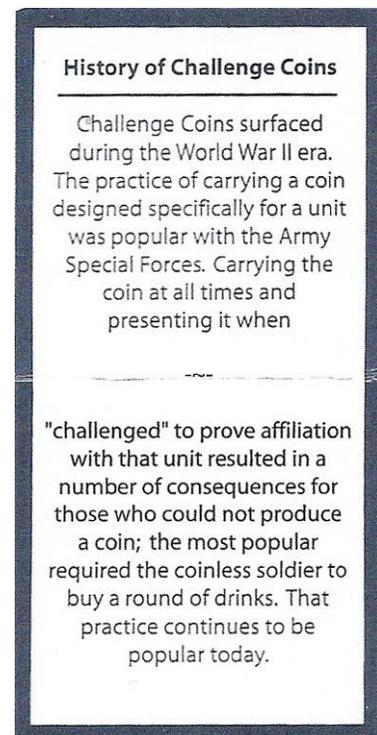
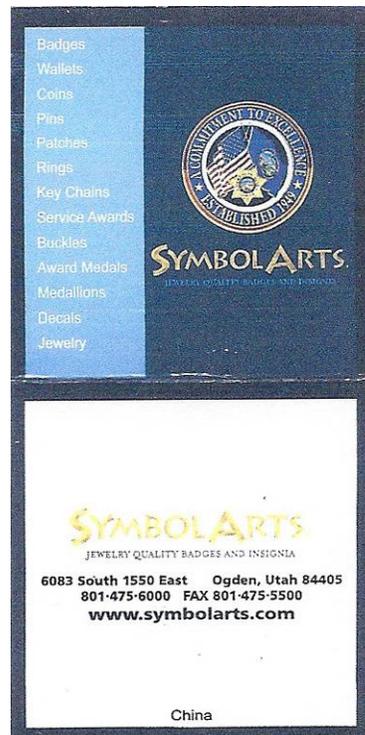
What prompted me to do an article on the Calgary Police Service (CPS) challenge coins and medallions? The answer is fairly straightforward. Over the years I have been given access to many of the coins and medallions issued by the CPS to photograph and realized that there were, number one, a lot of them, and number two, the thought and artwork that went into producing them by the proud members of the very essential Calgary Police Service units and also to highlight their important role in our society. I have also included a few commemorative badges and appropriate key chains.

For the most part, challenge coins are sold as fundraising activities for individual unit's social funds. The cost of the various CPS coins and medallions is not at the Calgary taxpayer's expense. In order to get approval to produce a piece the resulting cost must be zero. In other words, they are sold to individual members at a cost that results in a small profit or at least a break-even scenario. The exceptions are of course the police forces commemorative or special issues, including the Chief's coin, which would be included in normal budgeting activities.

What is a challenge coin and where and when did the concept originate? The insert that is provided with challenge coins minted by *Symbol Arts*, located in Ogden, Utah, accredits their use to the World War II era United States Army Special Forces.

The ChallengeCoins.ca website gives a much longer dissertation with their history tied to the United States Air Force during World War I.

Challenge coins have always been popular with military units and quickly spread to other organizations such as law enforcement, fire fighters, etc. In recent years their popularity has spread to many other organizations and groups.



The one common thread seems to be that when challenged if you are not carrying your coin you have to buy the person challenging you to a drink, and in some cases a round for the house. If you do produce your coin then the challenger has to buy the drink or drinks as previously agreed to.

I recommend that you visit signaturecoins.com for an excellent ten-minute video on *The Coin Production Process*. They have other videos regarding challenge coins and their origin as well.

In order to qualify as a challenge coin, the coin should have a unique regimental number or serial number somewhere on the coin, on the obverse or reverse and occasionally on the edge. For the images I have used I have blanked out these numbers for privacy reasons. Many of the coins issued now, even though they are called challenge coins, do not have a unique number on them and therefore can be considered as awards, souvenirs or commemorative coins or more properly, medallions. In most cases the pieces have become works of art that reflect the organizations, units, groups, events or others view or vision of their role within the Calgary Police Service.

For an explanation of the abbreviations, I have used to indicate the metal composition of the challenge coins refer to the notes at the end of this document.

The **Challenge** now goes out to other collectors to document the challenge coins and medallions of their local police force, or other organizations, if not already done.

Any errors in this document are mine and should you have corrections, suggestions or unlisted pieces, please email me at egjensen@telus.net

A Short History Of The Calgary Police

The Calgary Police Force was formed in February 1885 with former Winnipeg Chief Constable John (Jack) S. Ingram as the first police chief. The Calgary Police Service history states: Some of his duties included enforcing the town's bylaws, arresting all drunken and disorderly individuals, curbing speeding riders in the town, and attending all fires. He was also responsible for food and building inspections, and attending to the local animal pound.

To reflect a more community-oriented focus the force was renamed the Calgary Police Service in 1973. They are currently the largest municipal police service in Alberta and the third largest in Canada behind the Toronto and Montreal police services.

The Calgary Police Service motto is: Vigilance • Courage • Pride

Some highlights and milestones throughout the years:

1905 - the city had a population of 14,000, with only five police officers. At that time the city also instated its first civilian, and its first female employee, who acted as a Juvenile Matron. By 1910, the population neared 40,000, and the uniformed strength reached 36.

1906 - the Detective Department was created to combat prostitution and gambling.

1911 - the Mounted Unit is created using four horses. A patrol wagon was purchased.

1913 - the Identification Bureau is established. All persons convicted of an indicted offence were photographed and fingerprinted.

1914 - call boxes were installed around the city. They allowed officers walking the beat to check in with headquarters every hour and were used until the 1970s. On average, an officer walked 2,656 miles a year, wearing out two pairs of boots.

1917 - Constable Arthur "Sandy" Duncan was the first Calgary police officer to be murdered.

1921 - the force's first Harley-Davidson motorcycle was purchased, and parking tickets were introduced.

1930s - communications improved with the installation of two-way radios in police cars.

1935 - due to the depression, the city put the police force on part time.

1937 – the Traffic Education Unit is formed.

1938 – the School Safety Patrol is created.

1952 - the Juvenile Detail and Homicide Detail were formed.

1960 – the Canine Unit is introduced with four dogs, two German Shepherds and two Doberman Pinschers.

1963 – Bomb Disposal Squad formed.

1965 – Riot Squad formed.

1967 – Public Relations Officer appointed

1968 - the Drug Squad was formed and the first undercover drug officer lived with hippies.

1972 - personal radios are given to all beat personnel and the call boxes throughout the downtown core are disconnected.

1973 - the Crime Prevention and Arson Units are established.

1975 - the title "policewoman" is discontinued.

1976 - the creation of the Strike Force, breathalyzers added to Check Stop.

1978 - first appointment of a Minority Group Liaison and the creation of the Victim Services Unit.

1982 - Child Abuse Team, Crime Stoppers and the Citizen's Complaint Review Committee are established.

1985 - a Police Service flag is adopted.

1987 - Multicultural Liaison Unit is formed.

1988 - formation of the Centralized Intelligence Unit and Bicycle Detail.

2001 - implementation of North America's first portable red light camera system. The city installs the first eight of 24 fixed red-light cameras to be located at high-collision intersections in Calgary by the end of 2003.

2005 - HAWC2 is added to the fleet.

2010 - The International Peace Operations Program (IPOP) is introduced and the first CPS member is deployed on a year-long mission in the Sudan.

Calgary Police Service Coat Of Arms

The upper one-third of the crest shows the Rocky Mountains; the lower two-thirds bears the cross of St. George on which is mounted the Canadian Maple Leaf.

Inset on the Maple Leaf is a bull buffalo. The supporters, a horse and a steer, represent the wealth on which the city grew.

Above the mountains are a symbol of loyalty) and a
Below the Maple Leaf are the Rose of England, the and the Shamrock of the ancestry of our early



Corona Muralis (a Westering Sun. the Leek of Wales, Thistle of Scotland, Ireland, signifying settlers.

Surrounding the crest is a ring of maple leaves set to symbolize Calgary's corporate boundaries and the limit of the services police jurisdiction.

Fallen Members

Since its creation in 1885 the Calgary Police Service has lost twelve officers in the line of duty.

- 1917 – Constable Arthur Duncan (gunfire)
- 1933 – Inspector Joe Carruthers (gunfire)
- 1941 – Constable Wilf Cox (motorcycle collision)
- 1957 – Constable Ken Delmage (motorcycle collision)
- 1974 – Detective Boyd Davidson (gunfire)
- 1976 – Staff Sgt. Keith Harrison (gunfire)
- 1977 – Constable Bill Shelever (gunfire)
- 1992 – Constable Rob Vanderwiel (gunfire)
- 1993 – Constable Rick Sonnenberg (hit while attempting to stop stolen vehicle)
- 2000 – Constable John Petropoulos (injuries sustained in fall)
- 2001 – Constable Darren Beatty (injuries sustained during training exercise)
- 2020 - Sergeant Andrew Harnett (hit while performing traffic stop)



(beaver, wreath / CPS Coat of Arms) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(beaver, wreath / circle of names of twelve fallen officers / wreath with yellow ribbon with rank and names of twelve fallen officers / crown, wreath and CPS Coat of Arms) / IN THE LINE OF DUTY (on ribbon) / FALLEN / NOT / FORGOTTEN

aSp Irr 51 x 51 mm 79 g

Calgary City Police Districts

The Calgary Police Service is divided into eight districts. The districts being 1 – 8:

CPS Headquarters – Westwinds

District 1 – Ramsay

District 2 – Rosscarrock

District 3 – North Haven;

District 4 – Franklin

District 5 – Saddle Ridge

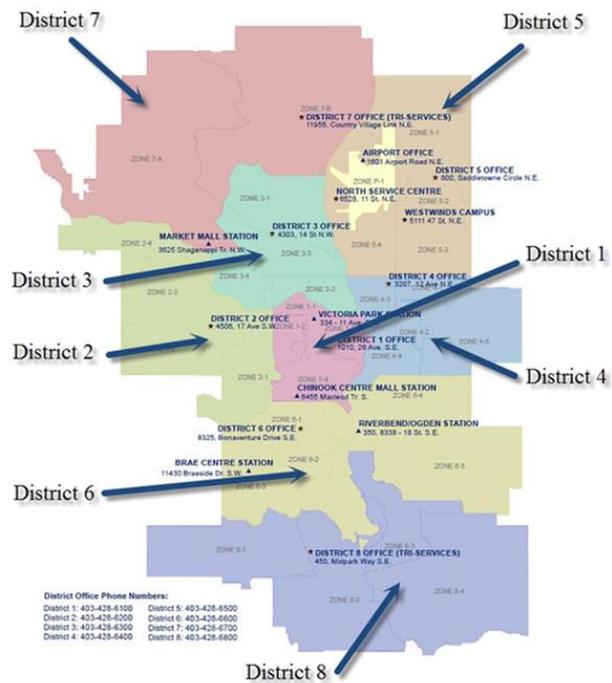
District 6 – Fairview

District 7 – Country Hills

District 8 – Mindapore

Calgary’s geographical footprint is 825.56 km² (318.75 sq mi).

District boundaries are often adjusted with population changes, which sometimes results in new Districts or the elimination of others.



CPS Headquarters – Westwinds

Westwinds is the headquarters of the Calgary Police Service and is located on 47th Street in Northeast Calgary. Many of the challenge coins are issued by individual units and departments operating from this location.

District 1 – Ramsay



VIGILANCE (maple leaf) COURAGE
(CPS badge, #) / (maple leaf) PRIDE
(maple leaf)

RAMSAY / ONE (on top of maple leaf,
behind Calgary Tower) / VICTORIA
PARK

Sp R 45 mm 37 g



VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE / (CPS badge
POLICE / CPS coat of arms / #)
/ (maple leaf) PRIDE (maple
leaf)

BEATS / (maple leaf, cowboy
hat with CPS coat of arms,
maple leaf) / RAMSAY

NS R 51 mm 65 g



(CPS badge, #) / POLICE /
CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(atom bomb explosion / Calgary
skyline) / COVID WARS / MAY
YOUR PPE BE WITH YOU /
ROGUE / DISTRICT 1 / 2020

Sp R 44 mm 48 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website]

PATTIS UNIS SOCIETATIS
MEBBRA CLAVA / (masked
robber with pistol) / (two maple
leaves, #, two maple leaves)

FRATERNITATEM / ONE (on top
of maple leaf, behind Calgary
Tower) / UNUM

District 2 – Rosscarrock



(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE (maple leaf) / (CPS badge
POLICE / CPS coat of arms / #) / PRIDE

FORTES FORTUNA IUUVAT / (winged
justice over mountains) / 2

Bp R 45 mm 36 g



(CPS badge, POLICE / CPS coat
of arms / #) / CALGARY /
POLICE / SERVICE / (Canadian
flag)

FORTES FORTUNA IUUVAT / 2
/ DISTRICT / (fierce bear) / (#)

ap R 51 mm 89 g

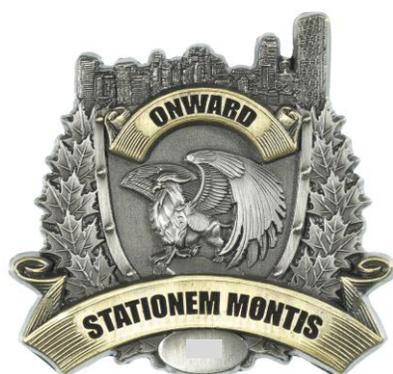
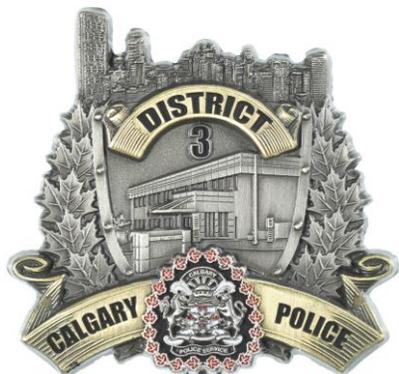
District 3 – North Haven



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (coat
of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE –
PRIDE

ON WATCH FROM THE HILL /
(maple leaf) (coloured image) 3 /
(Calgary skyline / #) TERTIUS PRIMUS
ERIT // (edge marking - #, rabbit)

Sp R 45 mm 53 g



(Calgary skyline / DISTRICT /
3 / (5 maple leaves, building,
five maple leaves) / CALGARY
(CPS coat of arms) POLICE

(Calgary skyline) / ONWARD /
(five maple leaves, winged bull,
five maple leaves) /
STATIONEM MONTIS / (#)

Zinc Irr 52 x 50 mm 61 g

District 4 – Franklin



DISTRICT / CPS coat of arms) / # /
FOUR

VIGILANCE COURAGE / (justice
holding scales and staff) / PRIDE

B R 44 mm 35 g

District 5 – Saddle Ridge



(CPS coat of arms)

V / (two eagles) / (#) / SEMPER VIGILIS

Gp R 44 mm 48 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website]

(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE (maple leaf) / (CPS badge,
POLICE, CPS coat of arms / #) / PRIDE

V / (falcon) / SEMPER VIGILARE
ALWAYS VIGILANT

District 6 – Fairview



(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE (maple leaf) / (CPS badge,
POLICE, CPS coat of arms / #) /
PRIDE

THE 6 PACK / (wolf head) / NULLI
SECUNDUS

Gp R 44 mm 35 g

District 7 – Country Hills



(CPS coat of arms with added maple leaf
V 100)

IN FORTITUDINE VICTORIA / (Vimy
Memorial, phoenix) 7 / (maple leaf, #,
maple leaf)

Sp R 44 mm 48 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website]

(CPS coat of arms with added maple leaf
V 100)

IN FORTITUDINE VICTORIA / (Vimy
Memorial, phoenix) 7 / (maple leaf, #,
maple leaf)

District 8 – Mindapore



DISTRICT 8 / (maple leaf, CPS coat of
arms with 100, maple leaf) / WE ARE
CPS

CPS / (maple leaf, eagle on top of maple
leaf, maple leaf) / D8 / VERTIATE ET
VIRTUTE

NS R 45 mm 38 g

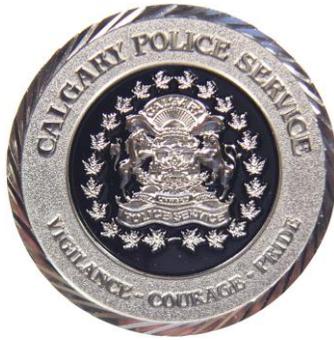


CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS
coat of arms) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

SENTINELS OF THE SOUTH / (maple
leaf, coloured insert with eagle, maple
leaf) / DISTRICT 8 – SOUTH
CALGARY

B R 45 mm 52 g

North District



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

(crowned griffin superimposed over a compass with N, (#) / TEISUMAS ATIENA

Sp R 44 mm 48 g

District Operations Team



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, coat of arms, maple leaf) / (Canadian flag) / DISTRICT OPERATIONS TEAM

K Q J / (cards with image of bearded man with pistol & taser, eye, hooded man) / (left side of cards) Jack omnium artium / (right side of cards) magistri nulla

ap R 50 mm 80 g

Units – Sections – Divisions - Teams

Administration Section



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, coat of arms, maple leaf) / ADMINISTRATION SECTION

R.P.U. (maple leaf) C.P.I.C. (maple leaf) P.I.C.U (maple leaf) / SUPPORT / SERVICE

B R 44 mm 38 g

Air Support Unit (HAWCS)

In 1993, as a direct result of the hit and run death of Constable Rick Sonnenberg, the Helicopter Air Watch for Community Safety (HAWCS) unit was created. On July 18, 1995 the Calgary Police Service HAWCS helicopter went airborne on its inaugural operational flight making Calgary the first municipal police agency in Canada to have a full-time patrol helicopter program. In 2006, the unit was expanded when a second helicopter was purchased.

HAWCS flies 24/7 and take off and lands at different times during the day as the call load dictates. The HAWC helicopter responds to life threatening incidents, air support for ground units, and has an increased efficiency to detect, prevent and reduce crime through aerial patrols.

The CPS Air Support Unit flies two Eurocopter EC-120 helicopters. These are one of the quietest helicopters available today. This style of helicopter has an enclosed tail rotor, called a fenestron, which reduces the noise signature of the aircraft.



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (coat of arms)
/ AIR SERVICE UNIT

HELICOPTER AIR WATCH / (helicopter) /
(coat of arms with wings) / FOR COMMUNITY
SAFETY

NS R 38 mm 20 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS
coat of arms) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

AIR SUPPORT UNIT / (CPS coat of
arms with wings) / (maple leaf,
helicopter) / (#)

Sp R 45 mm 50 g



(#) / (shield) CALGARY POLICE
SERVICE / 2960 / (maple leaf,
eagle) / AIR SUPPORT UNIT

EST. 1995-06-18 / (CPS coat of
arms with wings) / HAWC 2
(helicopter) / (helicopter) HAWC 1
/ (maple leaf, Calgary skyline)

NS R 51 mm 63 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE /
(maple leaf, CPS coat of arms,
maple leaf) / 2960 / AIR
SUPPORT UNIT

• HELICOPTER AIR WATCH
FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY • /
(eagle / helicopter, FIVO,
POLICE) / (maple leaf) C-FVO
(maple leaf) C-FCPS (maple leaf)

aGp R 51 mm 79 g

Behavioural Science Unit



THREAT ASSESSMENT (maple leaf)
SORCA (maple leaf) POLYGRAPH
(maple leaf) VICLAS / (CPS coat of
arms) / (maple leaf) EST. 2010 (maple
leaf)

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES UNIT /
(maple leaf, skull with gears, maple leaf
and compass over eye / polygraph print-
out, maple leaf) / Prevent • Manage •
Mitigate Risk

Gp R 45 mm 45 g

Cadets Corps / Auxiliary

Description

To provide a youth program based on the Canadian Military Cadet Programs (Army, Navy, and Air).

Service offers:

- youth an opportunity to participate in a team environment while experiencing the world of policing
- leadership, citizenship, education, physical fitness, camaraderie and experiences that will support personal development
- social, academic and physical skill
- uniforms and kit provided at no cost
- volunteer opportunities at activities representing the Corps and the Calgary Police Service
- potential credits for school through participation



CALGARY POLICE AUXILIARY
CADETS / (shield CALGARY / (horse
& bull over maple leaf) / POLICE /
AUXILIARY CADET) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

Est. 2013 / (shield) CALGARY / (horse
& bull in front of maple leaf) / POLICE /
AUXILIARY / CADET / (branch #
branch)

Sp R 45 mm 51 g



CALGARY POLICE CADET CORPS /
CALGARY / (shield, horse in front of
maple leaf / POLICE / CADET CORPS) /
VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

(shield CALGARY / (horse in front of
maple leaf) / POLICE / CADET / CORPS /
(6 maple leaves, #, 6 maple leaves)

NS R 45 mm 51 g

Calgary International Airport – YYC Port



VIGILANCE COURAGE / (CPS
coat of arms with added maple leaf
100) / PRIDE

CALGARY INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT / (jet flying over world
map) / (maple leaf) YYC PORT
(maple leaf)

NS R 51 mm 65 g

Calgary Police Commission

The Calgary Police Commission (CPC) is the governing body of the Calgary Police Service and provides a gateway between City Hall and the Chief.

CALGARY POLICE / (5 maple leaves, City of Calgary coat of arms, 5 maple leaves) / COMMISSION

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

COMMUNITY / (Calgary skyline / bridge) / SAFETY • SERVICE • STRENGTH

Calgary Police Detective



CITY OF CALGARY / (maple leaf, CPS coat of arms, maple leaf) / (#) / POLICE

JUDGEMENT • LEADERSHIP • INTEGRITY / (badge, beaver) / CALGARY POLICE / (Sherlock Holmes) / DETECTIVE / (maple leaf) EST. 1906 (maple leaf)

ap R 51 mm 70 g

Calgary Police Service Chapel



(chapel, winged warrior) / CALGARY POLICE SERVICE CHAPEL

TO THE PERPETUAL MEMORY / (dove, CPS coat of arms) / OF OUR FALLEN

B/Sp R 45 mm 48 g

Canine Unit

The Calgary Police Service (CPS) Canine Unit was first established in 1960. Police canines play an integral role in apprehending individuals who have committed serious criminal offences. They are used to locate evidence of a crime such as weapons or clothing, or for locating drugs, explosives and cadavers. A dog's sense of smell is incredibly more refined than that of a human, and using this tool often gives police the advantage of locating people who have fled the scene of a crime and locating items related to that crime.

The canine unit currently consists of 22 different dogs in roles from general patrol to specialty detection work. Different agencies use different breeds for police work. In Calgary we generally use the German shepherd. We have also used the Belgian malinois and the Labrador retriever. These breeds have shown the greatest ability to do police work. They have an incredible sense of smell, are tireless workers, and are generally quite social.



(five maple leaves, dog head, K9, 5 maple leaves) / SEMPER VIGILANS / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(shape of paw print with four dog names vertical in pads) DUKE / DANTE / EMBER / SPOOK / (CPS coat of arms) / (maple leaf, dog head) / K9 (Calgary skyline) / 60TH ANNIVERSARY

aNS Irr 52 x 50 mm 67 g

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

FOREVER VIGILANT / (maple leaf, dog bust, paw print, Calgary skyline) K9 / (#)

Child Abuse Unit

Description

Provides the investigation of sexual and severe physical abuse of children under the age of 14.

Service offers:

- investigation of severe cases of physical and sexual abuse
- referrals to officers in the appropriate district office or Child at Risk Response Team (CARRT) for less severe cases



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE /
(maple leaf, CPS coat of arms,
maple leaf. Canadian flag) / (#) /
CHILD ABUSE UNIT

YOU ARE NOT ALONE /
(maple leaf, sun, building,
children, maple leaf) /
PROFESSIONALS IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST CHILD
ABUSE

NS R 51 mm 60 g

Collision Reconstruction Unit

(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE / (CPS badge – POLICE /
CPS coat of arms / CRU) / PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

COLLISION / (maple leaf. Grim reaper,
maple leaf) / RECONSTRUCTION

Community & Youth Services Section



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS
coat of arms) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES
SECTION / (shaking hands / Calgary
skyline) (#)

Sp R 44 mm 50 g

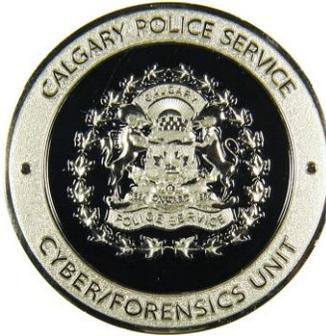
Criminal Networks Section

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (badge – POLICE / CPS coat of arms) / ADRU / VIGILANCE • COURAGE • PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

DRUG RECOGNITION / cannabis leaf, drug paraphernalia) / EXPERT

Cyber / Forensics Unit / Cybercrime Support Team



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (• CPS coat of arms •) / CYBER/FORENSICS UNIT

- CYBERCRIME SUPPORT TEAM - / (digital fingerprint) / CYBERCRIME INVESTIGATIONS TEAM – DIGITAL FORENSICS TEAM

Sp R 45 mm 52 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

CYBERCRIME TEAM / (CPS coat of arms / Calgary skyline) / C A L G A R Y (maple leaf) / CYBER SUMMIT / 2020 / CYBER/FORENSICS UNIT

Sp R 45 mm 50 g

Diversity Resource Team

The Calgary Police Service is a leader in fostering awareness and understanding, both within the Police Service and between the Service and Calgary's diverse communities. We are instrumental in preserving the quality of life in our community by maintaining Calgary as a secure place in which to live.

The Calgary Police Service Diversity Resource Team actively engages with Calgary's diverse communities. The team provides a variety of programs and presentations within the community. The team's specialized knowledge of Calgary's diverse cultures can help obtain successful resolutions to investigations or any other incidents. They assist with investigations or incidents where specific knowledge of diverse populations can help. This includes hate crimes or hate incidents.

Description

Provides the promotion of cross-cultural relationships within the diverse variety of communities in the city.

Service offers:

- External Diversity Education presentations provided upon request to any community organization, group or protective service.
- development of awareness and understanding between the police and Calgary's diverse cultural groups.
- You and the Law workshops for new Canadians, delivered to clients of agencies and at ESL classes.
- Hate and Bias Crime initiative including a database, a brochure and poster. Brochure explains the difference between crimes and incidents.



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / DIVERSITY RESOURCE TEAM

(six maple leaves, five linked arms and maple leaf superimposed over a world map, six maple leaves) / KAH NAA TAH PII

Sp R 45 mm 50 g

Domestic Conflict Unit

Description

Provides the investigation of domestic violence and victim support.

Service offers:

- investigation of serious and chronic domestic abuse cases and provision of victim support
- elder abuse team
- help to complainants in navigating the legal system and connection of the victims to support services within the community
- assistance to those being abused or harassed or know of someone who is
- investigation of high risk criminal harrasment and stalking complaints
- District 5 pilot project (Domestic Conflict Resource Team) in which an officer and a social worker attend domestic incidents where charges are not involved in order to help resolve issues before they escalate



(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE (maple leaf) / (CPS badge
POLICE / CPS coat of arms / #) / PRIDE

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (star,
shield ADVERSO / DOMESTICUS /
(house, maple leaf, scales, star) /
DOMESTIC CONFLICT UNIT

Gp R 45 mm 38 g

Evidence & Property Unit



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE •
EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY / (maple
leaf / Calgary skyline)

CUISTODIS / (bike) / COPIA
EXHIBITIO / DNA / \$ / (cannabis leaf) /
COMMUNIS / (pistol) /
PURGAMENTUM

Sp R 45 mm 36 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE /
(maple leaf, CPS coat of arms, maple
leaf) / EVIDENCE & PROPERTY
UNIT

(large vault with many items of
evidence in and spilling out)

NS R 45 mm 44 g

Firearms Training Team

Due to the controversial content of this challenge coin, it was removed from circulation. I have censored the controversial centre image.



FIREARMS TRAINING (CPS coat of arms) SAVING LIVES

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (crossed rifles over star) / (censored image) / PISTOL / FIREARMS TRAINING TEAM

Fleet Services

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

FLEET SERVICES / (CPS coat of arms, Canadian flag) / CALGARY POLICE / SERVICE

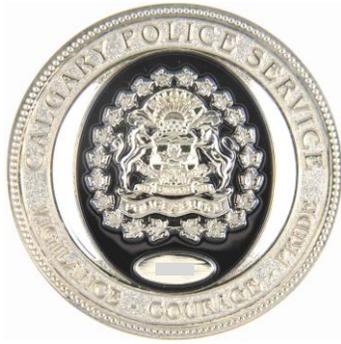
GARAGE / (pistons, wrenches / #)

Forensic Crime Scenes Unit

Operating out of a state-of-the-art forensic laboratory building, the Forensic Crime Scenes Unit's (FCSU) primary function is to impartially locate, collect and process trace, latent and physical evidence in order to link a person to a place or an object.

The FCSU provides support and assistance to investigators; provides expert testimony in court; and, attends and processes crime scenes conducting thorough forensic examinations.

People charged with a criminal offence are required by the Identification of Criminals Act to have their fingerprints and photograph taken prior to trial. These fingerprints assist in identifying an individual before their court appearance. If an individual is of an offence; they can be ordered to provide a DNA sample for the National DNA Databank. For certain offences, including murder, manslaughter and sexual assault, offenders are required to provide a sample. For others, including impaired driving, assault and robbery, it's up to a judge's discretion to order a sample be taken.



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / (#) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

FORENSIC CRIME SCENES UNIT / (maple leaf, fingerprint, maple leaf) / VINCIT OMNIA VERITAS (maple leaf) THE TRUTH CONQUERS ALL

Sp R 45 mm 38 g

Fugitive Apprehension Detail



(six-pointed star badge, CPS coat of arms, Canadian flag)

FUGITIVE APPREHENSION DETAIL / (Wanted poster) / (handcuffs, mountains, Calgary skyline)

ap R 50 mm 79 g

Gang Suppression Team

Description

Provides crime prevention strategies and educational programs for the citizens of Calgary.

Service offers:

- development of strategies and educational programs specializing in programs such as Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) and topics such as personal and residential security
- hosting of an Internet Safety for Parents & Kids web page, offering guidance for parents and children
- development of methods for the public to use for protecting themselves against crime through various prevention checklists and initiatives



(CPS badge POLICE / CPS coat of arms / GST) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

GANG SUPPRESSION TEAM / (growling lion head) / EST. 2010 / CUSTODES

ap R 51 mm 82 g

Homicide Unit

(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf) COURAGE / (CPS badge POLICE / CPS coat of arms / #) / PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

(maple leaf) CALGARY POLICE SERVICE (maple leaf) / (Calgary skyline / dead body chalk outline) / HOMICIDE

Identification Bureau / FCSU

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms / VIGILANCE – COURAGE - PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

IDENTIFICATION BUREAU/FCSU / (maple leaf over Calgary skyline, #)

Information Technology & Infrastructure

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, CPS coat of arms, maple leaf) / (#) / INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY SECTION



(maple leaf) ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE (maple leaf) FINANCE AND VENDOR RELATIONS (maple leaf) / PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (maple leaf) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT / (circuit board) ICTS / (maple leaf) TELECOMMUNICATIONS (maple leaf) / IT SECURITY (maple leaf) IT SERVICE CENTRE (maple leaf) TECHNICAL SERVICES (maple leaf)

Gp R 44 mm 37 g

Mountain Bike Unit

Established in 1990 and then re-established in 1996.



(bike sprocket) / CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms, Canadian flag) / (#) / MOUNTAIN BIKE UNIT

(bike chain / Calgary skyline) EST. / 1990 (district map) RE-EST. / 1996 / (bike) / (#)

aGp R 51 mm 63 g

Mounted Patrol

Initially implemented in 1910 until 1939 and then re-formed in 1979. The Mounted Unit currently has an authorized strength of four constables, and one civilian equine trainer/expert. There are five horses in the Mounted Unit. In early 2016, the Mounted Unit initiated a transformational period to enhance its operational policing capacity within the City of Calgary.

The Mounted Unit operates out of the Service's modern stables facility situated near the Calgary International Airport, which opened in 2016. This facility allows the Mounted Unit to quickly deploy anywhere in Calgary from within the city limits.



(maple leaf, horse head) /
MOUNTED / CALGARY POLICE
SERVICE / EST. 1979 / CP (under
roof) / EST. 1979

VENI NOBIS UT UNUS / (four
maple leaves, shield over crossed
sabres, CP under roof) / MOUNTED
/ (#)

NS Irr 49 x 51 mm 56 g

Public Safety Unit



(CPS coat of arms / winged knight in
armour / Canadian flag)

PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT / (maple leaf,
shield, CALGARY / POLICE / six maple
leaves, trojan helmet, six maple leaves /
TENETE LINEAM, maple leaf) /
CALGARY POLICE

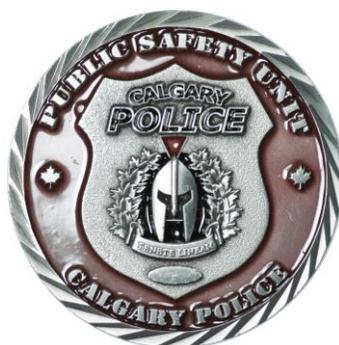
NS R 45 mm 40 g



(CPS coat of arms / winged knight in
armour / Canadian flag)

PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT / (maple leaf,
shield, CALGARY / POLICE / six maple
leaves, trojan helmet, six maple leaves /
TENETE LINEAM, maple leaf) /
CALGARY POLICE

NS R 45 mm 40 g



(CPS coat of arms / winged knight in
armour / Canadian flag)

PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT / (maple leaf,
shield, CALGARY / POLICE / six maple
leaves, trojan helmet, six maple leaves /
TENETE LINEAM, maple leaf) /
CALGARY POLICE

NS R 45 mm 40 g

VIGILANCE COURAGE / (CPS coat of arms with added maple leaf V 100) / PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT / (six maple leaves, trojan helmet, six maple leaves, maple leaf) / TENETE LINEAM / CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Real Time Operations Division



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, CPS coat of arms superimposed over clock works, maple leaf) / REAL TIME OPERATIONS DIVISION

MAJOR EVENTS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – SUPPORT / (maple leaf / ten puzzle pieces, PROFESSIONAL , THOROUGH, ONE TEAM, COMPLEX, EFFECTIVE, COHESIVE, EFFICIENT, COORDINATED, LEADERSHIP) / REAL TIME OPERATIONS

Gp R 44 mm 49 g

Recruiting Unit



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, CPS coat of arms, maple leaf) / (Canadian flag) / RECRUITING UNIT

ACCOUNTABILITY • HONESTY • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • FAIRNESS • COMPASSION • COURAGE • / (cowboy hat with CPS coat of arms / snow capped mountains / Calgary skyline)

NS R 50 mm 61 g



(hockey puck - CPS coat of arms) /
CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

YOU ALREADY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES
/ (CPS coat of arms) / JOIN THE CALGARY
POLICE SERVICE /
calgarypolice.ca/recruiting / 1-866-CPS-
HIRE / 403-206-8483

WM IrrL 38 x 45 mm 15 g



(basketball) CPS

YOU ALREADY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES /
(CPS coat of arms) / JOIN THE CALGARY
POLICE SERVICE / calgarypolice.ca/recruiting
/ 1-866-CPS-HIRE / 403-206-8483

WM IrrL 38 x 45 mm 14 g



(volleyball) CPS CPS CPS

YOU ALREADY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES /
(CPS coat of arms) / JOIN THE CALGARY
POLICE SERVICE /
calgarypolice.ca/recruiting / 1-866-CPS-HIRE /
403-206-8483

WM IrrL 38 x 45 mm 14 g

Robbery Unit



(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple leaf)
COURAGE (maple leaf) / (CPS badge
POLICE / (CPS coat of arms) / #) / PRIDE

(Calgary skyline) / (pistol) CALGARY /
Robbery Unit

Gp R 44 mm 35 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

(Calgary skyline) / (pistol) CALGARY / Robbery Unit

2010 / Western Canada / ROBBERY / CONFERENCE / (three on horseback) / CALGARY, AB

Search Management



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

SEARCH MANAGEMENT / (maple leaf, compass, Calgary city map) / Auxilio

Sp R 49 mm 53 g

Security Investigation Unit



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, CPS coat of arms, maple leaf) / SECURITY INVESTIGATION UNIT

SECURITY IS ALWAYS EXCESSIVE / (scales, sword) / UNTIL IT IS NOT ENOUGH

Sp R 44 mm 51 g

Security Operations



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

Security Operations / (x (shield with red cross) x) / Cusios Secreta Protectores Sciens

Gp R 45 mm 50 g

Serious Habitual Offenders Program

Description

Provides a focus on curtailing the criminal activity of identified repeat and serious habitual offenders. Officers are able to continue to work with youth after they reach the age of 18.

Service offers:

- a Multi-Disciplinary Resource Team, Calgary Police Services helps young people heading for a life of crime by focusing on curtailing the criminal activity of identified repeat and serious habitual offenders
- monitoring and guidance, identification of community rehabilitation resources, liaison with probation, corrections and agencies, and develops a reintegration plan using a Reintegration Team made up of a Police Officer and a Social Worker

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

25H ANNIVERSARY / 1988-2013 / (Calgary skyline) / SHOP / SERIOUS HABITUAL OFFENDER PROGRAM

Sex Crimes Unit



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / (fifteen maple leaves)

SEX CRIMES UNIT / (three DNA strands) / (fifteen maple leaves)

Gp R 45 mm 39 g

Strike Force Unit

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

STRIKE FORCE UNIT / • (compass, maple leaf) STRIKE 6 • / CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

SI EGO DICTUM EGO INTERFECTUM / (Calgary skyline, Spy vs Spy / SFU (maple leaf) EST. 1976

The Calgary Police Association

The Calgary Police Association (CPA) is the union that represents police officers up to the rank of Staff Sgt. The Senior Police Association is the ‘union’ that represents police officers with rank Inspector and above.



COURAGE • HONOUR / CALGARY / POLICE / (coat of arms) / DUTY • SACRIFICE

The / CALGARY / POLICE / ASSOCIATION / (mountains, Calgary skyline / maple leaf)

Gp R 44 mm 38 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

COURAGE • HONOUR / CALGARY / POLICE / (coat of arms) / DUTY • SACRIFICE

CPA / (mountains, Calgary skyline / maple leaf)

Alternative Delivery Requested - Santa



(holly branch, bells, holly branch) (CPS coat of arms) / ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY REQUESTED

(Santa, sleigh & reindeer flying over Calgary skyline)

Sp R 45 mm 39 g
(in a red bag with card)



(holly branch, bells, holly branch) (CPS coat of arms) / ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY REQUESTED

(Santa, sleigh & reindeer flying over Calgary skyline)

Gp R 45 mm 38 g
(in a green bag with card)



(snowflake, medical, police, fire, first responders symbols) / **ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY REQUESTED**

(Santa, sleigh & reindeer flying over Calgary skyline)

Sp R 45 mm 38 g
(in a dark blue bag with card)



Christmas Thank You

Support Services

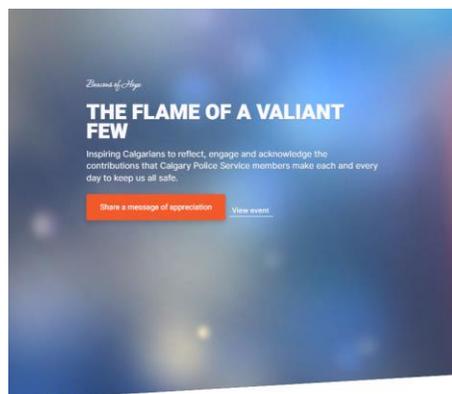
Beacons of Hope



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / **SERVING THROUGH VALUES**

TOGETHER / (star, coloured flame) / **BEACONS of HOPE** / (serial number) / **WE STAND**

NS R 44 mm 29 g



Beacons of Hope
CHALLENGE COIN



Challenge coin

\$25.00

1 Add to cart

The exclusive, first edition, Beacons of Hope challenge coin is a way to honor the sworn and civilian members of the Calgary Police Service. All proceeds from the sale of the challenge coins will be donated to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation.

Challenge coins hold a special and significant meaning within the policing community. The sharing of these coins represents an acknowledgement of unity and camaraderie. Traditionally, challenge coins are presented to recognize the actions or support of an individual. Through Beacons of Hope, citizens have an opportunity to purchase their own challenge coin, and to present a challenge coin to a serving member of the Calgary Police Service to thank them for their contributions to our city. We have created a limited amount of identically numbered challenge coins - one coin for the serving members of the Calgary Police Service and one coin for purchase by the public. These double-sided challenge coins represent the importance of the relationship that exists between the community and police, with one side of the coin representing each CPS and Beacons of Hope.

When you purchase a challenge coin you can register the number on the Beacons of Hope website and send a message of appreciation directly to the owner of the identical numbered challenge coin.

Calgary Police Credit Union



(CPS coat of arms) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

YOUR CREDIT UNION SINCE 1972 / (3 maple leaves, shield with superimposed CP / CU, 3 maple leaves) / CALGARY POLICE / CREDIT UNION / (Canadian flag)

NS R 51 mm 67 g

Legacy Place



FIREFIGHTERS • MILITARY • PEACE OFFICER • 911 DISPATCH • EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / (logo) / LEGACY PLACE / - SOCIETY - / • FAMILIES •

(symbol) / LEGACY TRIBUTE / CHALLENGE / legacyplacesociety.com / (symbol)

Sp R 44 mm 27 g

Primary Response

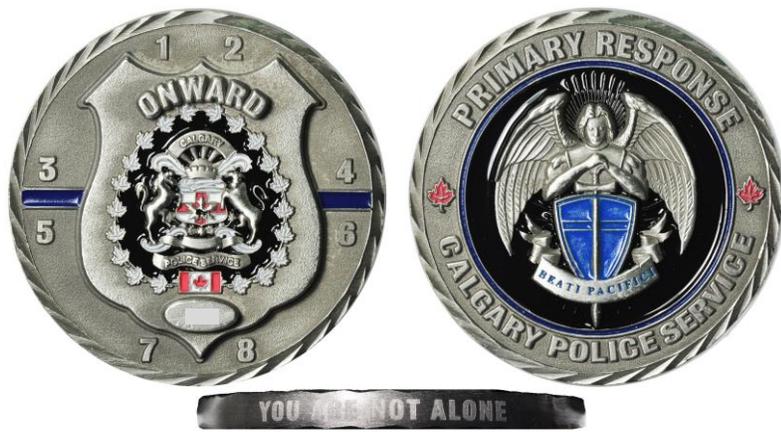


1 2 / 3 / 5 (black shield ONWARD / CPS coat of arms, Canadian flag / #) 4 / 6 / 7 8

PRIMARY RESPONSE / (maple leaf, winged knight with shield and sword / BEATI PACIFICI, maple leaf) / CALGARY POLICE SERVICE // YOU ARE NOT ALONE

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

NS R 51 mm 76 g



1 2 / 3 / 5 (shield ONWARD / CPS coat of arms, Canadian flag / #) 4 / 6 / 7 8

PRIMARY RESPONSE / (maple leaf, winged knight with shield and sword / BEATI PACIFICI, maple leaf) / CALGARY POLICE SERVICE // YOU ARE NOT ALONE

NS R 51 mm 76 g

Tactical Unit

The primary role of the Tactical Unit is to provide response to the Calgary Police Service (CPS) and community through the use of specialized tactics and resources to resolve high-risk incidents, with the minimum amount of force necessary. Members are required to commit to ongoing training and be on call as required.

The Tactical Unit is a highly specialized area of the CPS that respond to any high-risk incidents involving weapons; in the execution of search warrants for different investigative areas; and Assisting the front-line patrol officers by adding to their numbers.



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, wreath of maple leaves, sword) TAC 1975 / CEDE NULLIS / TACTICAL UNIT

ON TIME AND ON TARGET 3 (Years over two TAC members) 5 / 1975 (#) 2010

Gp R 45 mm 53 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, (maple leaf, Calgary skyline, ten police officers, maple leaf) / TACTICAL UNIT

(insert with Tactical Unit officers)

Traffic Section

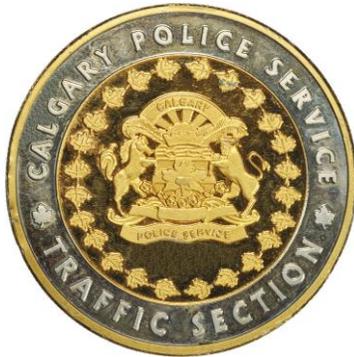
The Traffic Section was established in 1941.

Description

Provides traffic education and awareness programs for children and adults of all ages, to promote compliance and understanding of traffic related issues.

Service offers:

- a Traffic Response Unit which patrols city streets enforcing traffic laws, investigates serious injury and fatality collisions, conducts Checkstops and provides traffic escorts for funerals and other events
- a Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit which operates photo radar and intersection safety camera programs and handles general traffic complaints and concerns from the community
- an Alcohol Unit which provides a comprehensive alcohol awareness education program and facilitates the enforcement of alcohol related driving offences
- a Traffic Education Unit which promotes driver responsibility and traffic safety to students at elementary and junior and senior high schools and to the community
- a Truck Unit which enhances commercial traffic safety through education and enforcement



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE /
(maple leaf, CPS coat of arms, maple
leaf) / TRAFFIC SECTION

HONEST (maple leaf) INTEGRITY
(maple leaf) ETHICS (maple leaf)
RESPECT (maple leaf) COURAGE
(maple leaf) COMMITMENT /
(Calgary skyline / motorcycle) /
(maple leaf) FAIRNESS &
COMPASSION (maple leaf)

B R 47 mm 48 g (reeded edge)



(maple leaf) VIGILANCE (maple
leaf) COURAGE (maple leaf) / (CPS
badge POLICE / (CPS coat of arms) /
(#) / PRIDE

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE –
TRAFFIC SECTION / (coloured
insert 75 superimposed over winged
wheel, Calgary skyline / motorcycle) /
ONWARD

Gp R 44 mm 52 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE /
(maple leaf, CPS coat of arms,
maple leaf / Canadian flag) /
TRAFFIC SECTION

RECONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC
RESPONSE ALCOHOL DRUG
RECONSTRUCTION / Est. 1941
/ (3 maple leaves, winged
wheel, 3 maple leaves) / MOTOR
OFFICER / (#) / (maple leaf)
TRAFFIC SECTION (maple leaf)

NS R 51 mm 61 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE
/ (maple leaf, CPS coat of arms,
maple leaf / Canadian flag) /
TRAFFIC SECTION

RECONSTRUCTION
TRAFFIC RESPONSE
ALCOHOL DRUG
RECONSTRUCTION / Est.
1941 / (3 maple leaves, winged
wheel, 3 maple leaves) /
MOTOR OFFICER / (#) /
(maple leaf) TRAFFIC
SECTION (maple leaf)

BZp R 51 mm 63 g



(camera) / RED / LIGHT

403-266-1234 / (motorcycle)

WM IrrL 25x57 mm 18 g

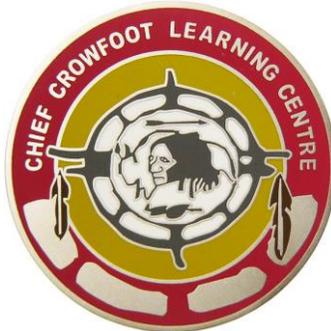
Training – Education



(CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, coloured insert – CLASS / building / 199, maple leaf) / PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Gp R 44 mm 51 g
[highest number seen is 205]



VIGILANCE + COURAGE / (CPS badge POLICE / CPS coat of arms / 1996 / + PRIDE +

CHIEF CROWFOOT LEARNING CENTRE / (compass, buffalo, Chief Crowfoot) // CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Sp R 45 mm 37 g



CITIZENS (maple leaf) POLICE (maple leaf) ACADEMY / (CPS coat of arms) / Est. 1986

CHIEF CROWFOOT LEARNING CENTRE / (image of Chief Crowfoot)

Gp R 45 mm

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms / #) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE - PRIDE

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

CHIEF CROWFOOT TRAINING CENTRE / (maple leaf, coloured insert of Chief Crowfoot, maple leaf) / TRAINING EXCELLENCE

Veterans Association



CALGARY POLICE / (Calgary Police Veterans Association coat of arms) / VETERANS

VIGILANCE DUTY COURAGE / (mountains, Calgary skyline / maple leaf) / PRIDE

Gp R 44 mm 34 g

Volunteers

The Calgary Police Service actively seeks volunteers to help with a variety of programs. Opportunities are available with the community police stations, district offices, Victim Assistance Team, and YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre.

Description

Provides volunteer recruitment, screening, training, coordination, evaluation and recognition.

Service offers:

- support and coordination of all volunteer recruitment, screening, training, evaluation and recognition
- opportunities to volunteer with the Community Police Station, Cadet Corps, YouthLink / Interpretive Centre and the Victim Assistance Support Team



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

A CARING COMMUNITY / Volunteer (Calgary skyline) / 1885 – 2010 / 125th Anniversary

BZp R 45 mm 51 g

Women Of The Force

1943-1946 – During the Second World War, Mrs. Vera Bell and Mrs. Mowat were hired as policewomen on a temporary basis. In 1946, Vera Russell became Calgary’s first full-time female police officer. Margaret Sadler and Olive Stanton quickly joined her.

1975 – the title “policewoman” is discontinued.

1995 – Calgary swears in its first female Police Chief, Christine Silverberg.



CALGARY POLICE
SERVICE / (CPS coat of
arms) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

WOMEN IN POLICING /
(black & white insert - four
women in Calgary Police
uniforms [see notes above] /
2013 / SINCE 1943

Sp R 46x55 mm 65 g



** SHE WANTED A HERO **
/ 19 (CPS coat of arms / #) 46 / *
* SO SHE BECAME ONE **

(six stars, 1943 on a Wonder
Woman style logo, six stars)

Sp R 52 mm 66 g



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN POLICE / (globe over maple
leaf five-pointed star) / IAWP 2018 /
AUGUST 26-30 / CALGARY,
CANADA

LEADING CHANGE / (coloured insert
with Canadian flag, mountains) /
CALGARY – AUGUST 26-30 2018

Sp R 45 mm 53 g

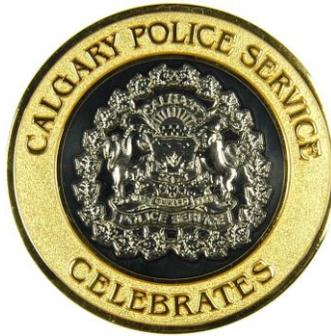
Commemorative



CALGARY FLOOD 2013 / (CPS coat of arms) / JUSTITIA OBTINET PER DILUVIUM

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple leaf, coloured insert – four services logos and scales, Calgary skyline, # / Canadian flag, maple leaf)

aBp 45 mm 50 g



CALGARY POLICE FORCE / (CPS coat of arms) / CELEBRATES

(Canada 150 logo) / CANADA 150 / (#)

Gp R 44 mm 51 g

STARTING IN 1885, THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATES 135 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CALGARY IN 2020. OVER THOSE 135 YEARS, THE CITY HAS GROWN TO ENCOMPASS MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES. AS THOSE COMMUNITIES BECAME PART OF THE CITY, SO TOO DID THREE OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS BECOME PART OF THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE. MANY OFFICERS FROM THESE DEPARTMENTS BADGED OVER TO CPS ON AMALGAMATION, RELINQUISHING PREVIOUS RANK AND JOINING CPS AS CONSTABLES, AND ADDING TO THE HISTORY OF THE CURRENT CALGARY POLICE SERVICE.



1948 - 1964
BOWNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE POLICE OFFICE OCCUPIED WHAT BECAME THE CPD FIRE HALL IN BOWNESS. THE DEPARTMENT WORKED CLOSELY WITH CPS AND OPERATED ON THE SAME RADIO SYSTEM. IN 1960 THE DEPARTMENT HAD A ROSTER OF THE CHIEF AND 6 CONSTABLES.

1948 - 1963
MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE SMALLEST OF THE DEPARTMENTS, MONTGOMERY SHARED A RADIO SYSTEM MANAGED BY FOREST LAWN POLICE AND LACKED ANY DIRECT RADIO CONTACT WITH THE OTHER TWO DEPARTMENTS.

1952 - 1961
FOREST LAWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE LARGEST OF THE 3 TOWN DEPARTMENTS SURROUNDING CALGARY INTO THE 1960s. THE FLPD STARTED ITS OWN CANINE SECTION IN 1960 WITH ONE OFFICER AND DOG. THE SAME YEAR THE CPS CANINE UNIT BEGAN. AT THE TIME OF AMALGAMATION WITH CPS THE FLPD HAD 14 OFFICERS ON THE ROLL WITH 1 CANINE.



(wreath of maple leaves) / (CPS badge – POLICE / CPS coat of arms / ONWARD / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(wreath of maple leaves) / (badge – beaver / POLICE / 1961 / FOREST LAWN / (Alberta flag)

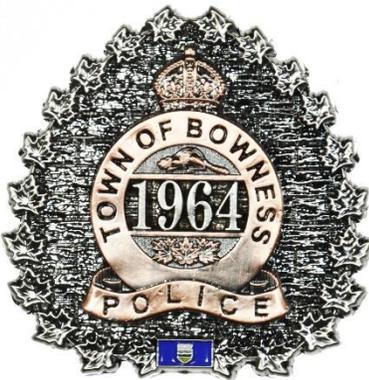
aSp Irr 50x51 mm 111 g



(wreath of maple leaves) / (CPS badge – POLICE / CPS coat of arms / ONWARD / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(wreath of maple leaves) / (badge – crown / MONTGOMERY / 1963 / POLICE DEPT. / (Alberta flag)

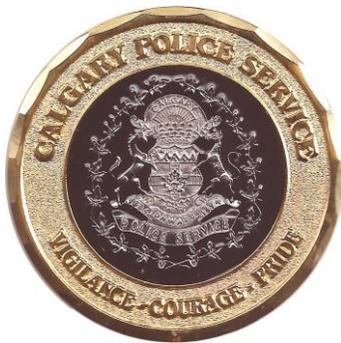
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(wreath of maple leaves) / (PS badge – POLICE / CPS coat of arms / ONWARD / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(wreath of maple leaves) / (badge – crown / TOWN OF BOWNESS / beaver, / 1964 / three maple leaves / POLICE / (Alberta flag)

aSp Irr 50x51 mm 114 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

125th ANNIVERSARY / (maple leaf, crown, beaver) / 1885 – 2010 / “ONWARD”

Gp R 45 mm 50 g



MONS 100 YEARS / (soldier, poppy) / 2018 / NIJMEGEN

RCMP • CPS • VPD • TPS • CAF / (boots superimposed on medal) / (Canadian flag)

Sp R 45 mm 29 g



D DAY 75 YEARS / (soldier, three poppies) / 2019 / NIJMEGEN

RCMP • CPS • VPD • TPS • CAF / (boots superimposed on medal) / (Canadian flag)

Sp R 45 mm 39 g



(maple leaf wreath and Canadian flag) / (CPS Coat of Arms) / POLICE / CALGARY

(maple leaf wreath and British flag) THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE . LE JUBILE DE PLATIN DE LA REINE / (crown) / ER 70

Sp Irr 51½ x 48½ mm 60 g

Others



CALGARY POLICE BAND / (maple leaf, tartan, drums, bagpipe, maple leaf) / Pipe Band

(oval picture insert – two band members with trophy) / P/M William Crabbe #1167 (#) D/M William Young #1044

GP R 49 mm 53 g



CALGARY POLICE / (CPS coat of arms superimposed over crossed revolvers) / REVOLVER CLUB

TAIWAN

C IrrL 47x57 mm 41 g



CALGARY POLICE / (CPS coat of arms superimposed over crossed revolvers) / REVOLVER CLUB

TAIWAN

NS IrrL 47x57 mm 42 g



CALGARY POLICE / (CPS coat of arms superimposed over crossed revolvers) / REVOLVER CLUB

TAIWAN

Gp IrrL 47x57 mm 43 g

Rank Designations



(CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (maple
leaf, crown / three badges, maple leaf) /
OFFICE of the CHIEF

Gp R 45 mm 51 g

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF / (CPS coat of
arms) / SENIOR OFFICERS’
ASSOCIATION

COMMISSARIUM CAPITALES
QUOD / (winged warrior with sword) /
AUXILIUM PRYTEGAT, QUOS
PROPINQUI NOBIS



SENIOR OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION /
(CPS coat of arms) / THE CALGARY
POLICE SERVICE FAMILY

COMMISSARIUM CAPITALES QUOD /
(winged warrior with sword) /
AUXILIUM PRYTEGAT, QUOS
PROPINQUI NOBIS

Gp R 44 mm 50 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS
coat of arms / #) / VIGILANCE –
COURAGE – PRIDE

REGIMENTAL: SERGEANT MAJOR /
(maple leaf, coat of arms, maple leaf) /
MICHAEL A. INGLIS, CD

Gp R 45 mm 37 g
[black / red background]



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms / #) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

REGIMENTAL: SERGEANT MAJOR / (maple leaf, coat of arms, maple leaf) / MICHAEL A. INGLIS, CD

Gp R 45 mm 35 g
[red / black background]



CITY OF CALGARY / (20, CPS coat of arms with added V 100/ #, 18) / (maple leaf) POLICE (maple leaf)

“ONWARD” / (maple leaf, sergeant patch, maple leaf) / SERGEANT

Sp R 51 mm 60 g

Historical Badges

[Based on a May 1985 calendar “The Hat Badge 1885 - 1985”]



(badge – wreath) POLICE

(logo) / AFPP-
INTERNATIONAL.COM
/ CALGARY - CANADA

B/Sp O 64 x 77 mm 83 g

[c. 1908 - 1914 “POLICE” later replaced by the Constable’s number]
[shown at 85% of actual size]

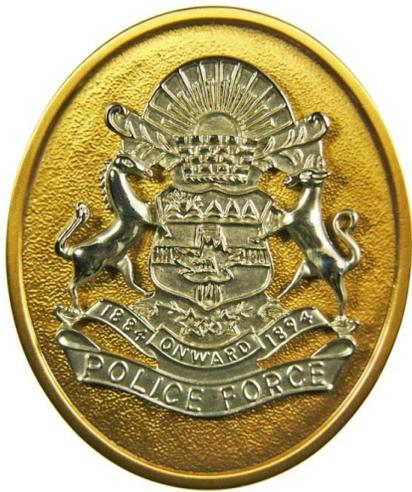


(badge - maple leaf, crown, beaver)

(logo) / AFPP-
INTERNATIONAL.COM /
CALGARY - CANADA

B/Sp O 64 x 77 mm 103 g

[c. 1913 - 1938]
[shown at 85% of actual size]



(badge – CPS coat of arms
1884 Onward 1894 / POLICE
FORCE

(logo) / AFPP-
INTERNATIONAL.COM /
CALGARY - CANADA

B/Sp O 64 x 76 mm 91 g

[c. 1912 - 1945]
[shown at 85% of actual size]



(badge – (beaver / •
CALGARY • POLICE •
FORCE • / (CPS coat of
arms)

(logo) / AFPP-
INTERNATIONAL.COM /
CALGARY - CANADA

B/Sp O 64 x 77 mm 95 g

[c. 1938 - 1957]
[shown at 85% of actual size]



(badge - CPS coat of arms)

(logo) / AFPP-
INTERNATIONAL.COM /
CALGARY - CANADA

B/Sp O 64 x 77 mm 109 g

[c. 1981 to date]
[shown at 85% of actual size]

Calgary Police - General



(CPS coat of arms)

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE /
(Calgary skyline, horse and rider) /
VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

Sp R 45 mm 47 g



CALGARY POLICE / (19, CPS
badge – POLICE / CPS coat of
arms / # 85) / (maple leaf)
“ONWARD” (maple leaf)

1885 / CALGARY POLICE / (CPS
coat of arms / Canadian flag) /
SERVICE / X!

aBp R 51 mm 55 g
[black obverse outer ring]



CALGARY POLICE / (19, CPS badge – POLICE / CPS coat of arms / # 85) / (maple leaf) “ONWARD” (maple leaf)

1885 / CALGARY POLICE / (CPS coat of arms / Canadian flag) / SERVICE / X!

aBp R 51 mm 55 g
[red obverse outer ring]



CALGARY POLICE / (19, CPS badge – POLICE / CPS coat of arms / # 85) / (maple leaf) “ONWARD” (maple leaf)

1885 / CALGARY POLICE / (CPS coat of arms / Canadian flag) / SERVICE / XI

aBp R 51 mm 55 g
[green obverse outer ring]



(red ribbon [HIV support], CPS coat of arms) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

NEVER GIVE UP / (winged ribbon) / NEVER GIVE IN

Gp R 51 mm 44 g



VIGILANCE • COURAGE • PRIDE / (CPS coat of arms) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

MOVEMBER / (moustache / (CPS coat of arms) / CHANGE THE FACE OF MEN'S HEALTH

Sp R 43½ mm 47 g



(Canadian flag, shield & sword / ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS, ONWARD) / POLICE / (CPS patch – CALGARY / POLICE / CPS coat of arms, CANADIAN flag)

ONWARD / (CPS coat of arms with added V 100), Canadian flag) / HERO / AN ORDINARY PERSON / FACING / EXTRAORDINARY / CIRCUMSTANCES AND / ACTING / WITH COURAGE, HONOR / AND / SELF-SACRIFICE

aSp Irr 54 x 63 mm 68 g



(snowflakes) (CPS coat of arms) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag)

(snowflakes, Santa hat) / Merry / Christmas / AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sp R 51 mm 75 g [2021] [edge numbered “# / 110”]



(CPS coat of arms)

(CPS coat of arms)

aGp IrrL 42 x 48 mm 18 g



(CPS coat of arms) / 266-1234

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aSp Op 29 x 39 mm 14 g



(CPS coat of arms) / 266-1234

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aBp Op 29 x 39 mm 14 g

Joint Operations / Events With Others



CALGARY POLICE / (CPS patch, Dutch Police patch) / NOORD / HOLLAND POLITIE

(Canadian flag, bar VIERDAAGSE NIJMEGEN / ribbon, Dutch flag / medal K N B L O)

aBp R 51 mm 61 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE / (Alberta map with superimposed IN / ADVERSITY / WE PREVAIL / CPS coat of arms, RCMP coat of arms / K / DIV / #)

ST. MICHAEL (winged figure with sword) PROTECT US

aBZp R 51 mm 73 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED
POLICE / (Alberta map with
superimposed IN / ADVERSITY/ WE
PREVAIL / CPS coat of arms, RCMP
coat of arms / K / DIV / #)

ST. MICHAEL (winged figure with
sword) PROTECT US

NS R 51 mm 73 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE
ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE / (Alberta
map with superimposed IN /
ADVERSITY/ WE PREVAIL /
CPS coat of arms, RCMP coat of
arms / K / DIV / #)

ST. MICHAEL (winged figure
with sword) PROTECT US

aGp R 51 mm 72 g

[Images on *ChallengCoins.ca* website.]

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE
ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE / (Alberta
map, CPS coat of arms, RCMP
coat of arms / #)

NEGOTIATION SEMINAR /
2019 / (maple leaf wreath,
crossed swords, Trojan horse
helmet / PERGIITADE
DIFLUENCE CHANGE) / 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

[Images on *ChallengCoins.ca* website.]

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE (maple
leaf, CALGARY / POLICE / coat of
arms, #, maple leaf) / RCMP

HOSTAGE (maple leaf) BARRICADED
/ (maple leaf, Calgary skyline, police
vehicle, maple leaf) / NEGOTIATION
(maple leaf) TEAM

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS
coat of arms with added V 100) /
COUNTER TERRORISM
CONFERENCE

(winged warrior with sword) / NEMO –
ME – IMPUNE – LACCESSIT
[green obverse outer ring]

[Images on *ChallengeCoins.ca* website.]

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS
coat of arms with added V 100) /
COUNTER TERRORISM
CONFERENCE

(winged warrior with sword) / NEMO –
ME – IMPUNE – LACCESSIT
[red obverse outer ring]



(fire logo with crossed axe and baton) /
EXCELLENCE THROUGH
COMPETITION

FIRE & POLICE CHALLENGE / (maple
leaf, Edmonton & Calgary fire & police
cadet logos / 2015 / BIRCH BAY –
SHERWOOD PARK – ALBERTA /
TEAMWORK–LEADERSHIP–
CAMARADERIE

Gp R 44 mm 48 g



INTERNATIONAL POLICE
ASSOCIATION / (maple leaf,
INTERNATIONAL POLICE
ASSOCIATION (around globe both
superimposed over a maple leaf), maple
leaf) / SERVO PER AMIKECO /
CANADIAN SECTION CANADIENNE

(CPS coat of arms / RCMP coat of arms,
Alberta Sherriff coat of arms, mountains) /
(REGION superimposed over 3)

GP R 44 mm 49 g



INTERNATIONAL POLICE
ASSOCIATION / (maple leaf,
INTERNATIONAL POLICE
ASSOCIATION (around globe both
superimposed over a maple leaf), maple
leaf) / SERVO PER AMIKECO /
CANADIAN SECTION CANADIENNE

(sun rays, mountains, Calgary skyline) /
IPA REGION 3 / CALGARY, ALBERTA

Gp R 44 mm 36 g

Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams - ALERT

Bringing together Alberta's most sophisticated law enforcement resources, **Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT)** was established by the Government of Alberta in 2006 to combat organized and serious crime. More than 300 municipal police and RCMP officers work together in teams to investigate everything from drug trafficking to child exploitation to gang violence. The goal is to create even safer communities for all Albertans.

The strength of the ALERT model lies in the integration of members from various police agencies who have expertise in intelligence, enforcement and support services. This co-operative approach to policing has proven to be an extremely successful model, especially as the criminal landscape evolves and pushes beyond local and regional boundaries.

Funding for ALERT, including the cost of policing resources, is provided primarily by the Government of Alberta, with significant contributions from the Government of Canada. Partner police agencies contribute a number of positions to the model at their own expense.

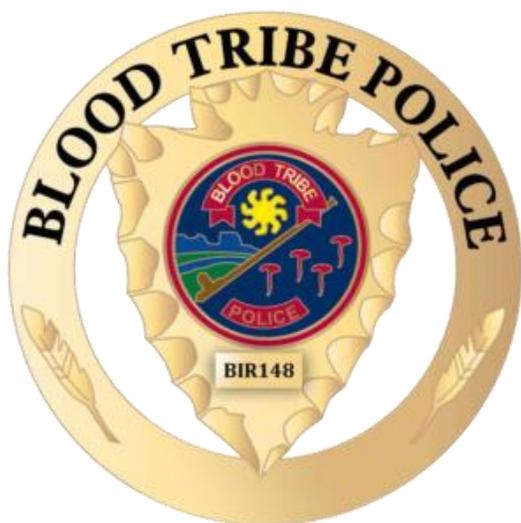
The success of this unique, integrated model of policing relies on the support and resources of ALERT's partner agencies, including:

- Blood Tribe Police Service
- **Calgary Police Service**
- Camrose Police Service
- Edmonton Police Service
- Lacombe Police Service
- Lakeshore Regional Police Service
- Lethbridge Police Service
- Medicine Hat Police Service
- Taber Police Service
- Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Alberta Sherriffs
- Government of Alberta - Justice and Solicitor General

[Information obtained from the ALERT website alert-ab.ca.]

OUR PARTNERS





www.alert-ab.ca

Competitions & Sports

Marathons



CALGARY POLICE / (CPS coat of arms) / (Canadian flag) / SERVICE

2018 / BAKER TO VEGA / (coiled snake) / (Los Vegas skyline) / CHALLENGE CUP RELAY / XXXIV

aGp 51 mm 63 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / (Canadian and USA flags)

BAKER TO VEGAS / (snake coiled around two runners) / 2019 / CHALLENGE / CUP RELAY / (club, diamond, heart, spade)

NS R 51 mm 63 g



(maple leaf) / CALGARY POLICE (Calgary skyline, stylized runner) HALF MARATHON

(maple leaf) / 40TH ANNIVERSARY (CPS coat of arms) / POLICE / CALGARY / (Canadian flag) IV XXVI MMXX

NS Irr 47x58 mm 65 g



Reaching New Heights / (Calgary tower, mountains, cowboy hat) 2011 / INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE / LAW ENFORCEMENT / TORCH RUN / FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS / Calgary Alberta

LETR 30th Anniversary / (maple leaf) / 1981 – 2011



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

FINISHER / • (coloured insert 2012 / 21.2k over stylized runner) • HALF MARATHON

Gp IrrL 45 x 53 mm 51 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

FINISHER / • (coloured insert 2013 / 21.2k over stylized runner) • HALF MARATHON

Gp IrrL 45 x 53 mm 51 g



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE / (CPS coat of arms) / VIGILANCE – COURAGE – PRIDE

FINISHER / • (coloured insert 2014 / 21.2k over stylized runner) • HALF MARATHON

Gp IrrL 45 x 53 mm 51 g



CALGARY POLICE (stylized runner) /
5km run & walk

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WM IrrL 75 x 35 mm 23 g (small loop)



CALGARY POLICE (stylized runner) / half
marathon

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WM IrrL 75 x 34 mm 22 g (small loop)



CALGARY POLICE (stylized runner) / half
marathon

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WM IrrL 76 x 35 mm 28 g (large loop)





CALGARY POLICE (stylized runner) / half marathon

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NS IrrL 76 x 36 mm 28 g (large loop)

Basketball



CALGARY POLICE / (basketball & net, CPS coat of arms, basketball & net) / BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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C IrrL 57 mm 83 g

Soccer



VIGILANCE (maple leaf) COURAGE / (CPS badge, POLICE / CPS coat of arms / CPS / (maple leaf) PRIDE (maple leaf)



CALGARY, AB • HOST CITY / (maple leaf, cowboy hat, soccer players, Canadian flag, USA flag) / 2016 NAPST [North American Police Soccer Tournament], maple leaf) / SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2016

Bp 44 mm 38 g

Conclusion

Collecting Calgary City Police challenge coins and medallions can be, well, challenging. They do on rare occasion show up with numismatic dealers and some are generally available on eBay. However, many of the ones on eBay are knock-offs shipping direct from China.

There are likely many other coins and medallions issued by the CPS that I have not yet come across in order to record and take photographs. And at the rate that they have been issued I am sure there will be many more to come in the not too distant future.

Also produced by or for the Calgary Police Service are the myriad of awards, trophies, patches, badges, pins, etc., etc. that I will leave up to others to catalogue, if not already done. Doing this article was a lot of fun given the interesting range and high quality of the objects I was able to work with and the tremendous generosity of my main supplier of material to record and photograph.

Coin / Medallion Notes

Sizes are given to the closest millimetre and weight is given to the closest gram. This should be suitable for collectors but not for the accuracy generally required by archives or museums.

Metal Composition

In current manufacturing processes most, base metal is either brass, copper, nickel silver, zinc or steel with a plating of some sort with most pieces also being enamelled. In the U.S. suppliers almost always refer to nickel silver as being nickel. A quick magnet test quickly shows their use of nickel for non-magnetic coins is incorrect. The colour of these challenge coins and medallions does not make it easy to determine what the underlying material consists of. So, in many cases it is best guess aimed at giving collectors an idea of what the pieces look like. For material composition either the manufacturer would have to be contacted or a forensic analysis done on each piece. Hardly necessary in the context of this article.

Many of the challenge coins have electro-plating applied over the base metal. Suppliers of challenge coins have a wide range of terminology in describing what options are available. These include:

- gold; antiqued gold; high polished gold; matte gold; goldtone
- silver; antiqued silver; high polished silver; matte silver; silvertone
- nickel silver (nickel); antiqued nickel; black nickel; black metal
- copper; antiqued copper; high polished copper; matte copper
- dual plating is also available

Given the confusing terminology I have used the following to describe the coins and medallions:

Metal Abbreviations

ap – antiqued plating (with so many plated and enamelled coins the base metal is not identifiable)

B - brass (if it looks like brass, I have called it gold plated – some mints also call it commercial bronze)

BZ – bronze (if it looks like bronze or darkened copper, I have called it bronze)

C – copper (if it is a lighter brownish colour, I called it copper)

WM - white metal (pewter and other tin based material including zinc)

NS – nickel silver (I do not use N for nickel as I have not found any magnetic challenge coins, yet)
(I have used NS for those coins that can be nickel silver, cupro-nickel or similar metals)

nm – non-magnetic (enamelling and coatings make it difficult to determine what the base metal is)

m – magnetic (could be steel, nickel or iron)

Sp – silver plated (a shiny plating)

Gp – can be either gold or brass plated

BZp – bronze plated

Other Abbreviations

/ - line change

// - edge markings

Irr – irregular shape

L - looped

O – Oval

p – pierced

R - round

The enamelling can be either soft enamel (appears painted and is often used in the background fields) and hard enamel which is the hard glossy raised enamel found on most pieces.

There are now many different edge varieties including plain, standard, curve wave, flat wave, petal, rope, rope line, oblique line, cross-cut, spur and others. I have not bothered to identify which edge was used.

Sizes range from 25 mm (1”) to 75 mm (3”) with thickness of 3 mm to 6+ mm. From simple round, square or rectangular coins the industry, due to popular demand, has evolved to an almost unlimited variety from 3D to weird shaped coins to ones with bottle openers and other accessories as part of the coins.

For an excellent ten-minute video on *The Coin Production Process* visit signaturecoins.com

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