



**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
POLICE SERVICE**

SERVICE RECOGNITION

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POLICY

1. Members of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) entitled to wear military decorations or medals may do so on official occasions.
2. Members are entitled to wear service stars for continuous service as recognized in the regulations to the Police Act.

Police Exemplary Service Medal

3. The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board (SCBCTA Police Board) approves the adoption of the Police Exemplary Service Medal for issuance to Members as they become eligible according to prescribed requirements.

REASON FOR POLICY

4. To officially recognize exemplary service.
5. To provide direction on the appropriate method of displaying military decorations or medals.

PROCEDURES

[See also: AC150 – Uniforms, Insignia and Dress Standards]

Medals and Decorations

6. Medals and decorations will be worn in the proper manner as dictated by the military organization they were awarded from.
7. Medals are to be worn on the left breast of the uniform tunic, in a single horizontal row, overlapping where necessary due to their number.

Note: *Information regarding the wearing of medals, ribbons and miniatures in uniform or formal dress is available in AC 150 – Uniforms, Insignia and Dress Standards and a booklet issued by the Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations.*

Service Stars

8. Service stars will be awarded on the basis of one for each 5 years of completed police and/or peace officer service.
9. A long service ribbon and bar may be worn in place of service badges.

POLICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

10. The Police Exemplary Service Medal has been instituted to commemorate long, efficient, and faithful service in a recognized Police Force in Canada, and to honour those police officers who qualify.

Service Requirements

11. All full-time serving police officers are eligible to receive the Police Exemplary Service Medal according to the following:
 1. upon completion of twenty years service which may be cumulative in more than one Police Service or in the same Police Service,
 2. each additional ten years after the first twenty will be recognized as follows:
 - a. 30 years: silver bar with maple leaf, and
 - b. 40 years: two silver bars with maple leaf.

Good Conduct Requirements

12. Good conduct and efficient service will be considered by a Commendations Committee according to the following:
 1. no consideration can be given to a Member who has been convicted of a major offence under the Disciplinary Code within the past five years, and
 2. Committee may take into account all disciplinary offences on the Member's Service Record of Discipline, together with an assessment of the Member's performance ratings.

Procedure

13. The Commendations Committee will forward its recommendations to the Chief Officer.
 1. **Chief Officer** - The Chief Officer will forward to the SCBCTA Police Board for approval of those Members' names of the Service, who, in the opinion of the Committee and Chief Officer, are eligible to receive the Police Exemplary Service Medal.
 2. **SCBCTA Police Board** - The SCBCTA Police Board has the power to cancel the confirmation of the medal to any Members, to annul its presentation, or restore the medal, which may have been so forfeited.

Forfeiture

14. Once a Member has received the Police Exemplary Service Medal or an additional bar with maple leaf, recognition of this nature for past good conduct will not be forfeited for future breaches of discipline, but bars and maple leaves will not be awarded when a Member has been convicted of a serious discipline charge within the past five years.

Reproductions

15. Reproductions of the Police Exemplary Service Medal, known as miniature medals, may be obtained and then worn on special occasions by those Members to whom the medal has been awarded.
 1. Purchase of miniature medals is at the expense of the Member.

Positioning

16. The Police Exemplary Service Medal will be on the left breast of uniform tunics to the outside (towards the arm) and following any military long service and efficiency medals and to the inside (or preceding) any foreign decorations.