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## THE SERVICE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN

18 January 2016

### TERMS



In Canada, the medal is awarded for 12 years service to the St. John Ambulance organization. Qualifying time counts for service in both the Brigade and the Association but only one year may be counted per year. In Great Britain, the qualifying time was changed late in the 20th century from 15 years to 12 years.

### BARS



A bar is awarded for each additional five years of service. The bars are of the slip on type, silver, laurelled with a St. John Cross in the centre. After three silver bars are awarded, a gilt bar is worn (thirty-two years of service) and additional gilt bars

are awarded for each five years. Once a gilt bar is awarded, only that gilt bar and subsequent gilt bars are worn. A bar is 40-mm wide, 8-mm wide and 2-mm deep.

### DESCRIPTION



A circular, cupro-nickel, rhodium plated medal (silver in colour), 38-mm in diameter. Older medals were in silver.

### OBVERSE

The crowned, veiled effigy of Queen Victoria, facing right, is displayed on a circular field with a beaded edge. The legend:

VICTORIA + D + BRITT + REG + F + D + IND + IMP. appears between the beaded circle and the raised edge of the medal.

### REVERSE

The reverse shows the Royal Arms within the Garter bearing the legend: HONI . SOIT . QUI . MAL . Y . PENSE .

Above this is an Imperial Crown and below it the Prince of Wales' Feathers. On each side is the badge of the order, each bearing a shield, the one on the left charged with the arms of the order and that on the right with the arms of the Prince of Wales. The whole device rests upon a sprig of St. John's Wort. The central motif is surrounded by a border bearing the words: . MAGNUS . PRIORATUS . HOSPITALS . SANCTI . JOHANNIS . JERUSALEM . IN . ANGLIA .

**MOUNTING**

Single toe claw with inward scrolls going to a straight bar.

**RIBBON**

The ribbon is 38-mm wide, and consists of five equal stripes: black, white, black, white, and black. A single stitch of white is at each edge. A miniature silver St. John Cross is worn in undress for each bar up to three. At four bars, one cross of rolled gold is worn.

**NAMING**

Current Canadian practise is to issue the medals unnamed. Before 1970 the recipient's name was engraved on the rim.

**DATES**

The medal was first issued in Great Britain from 1898 to the present time, and in Canada since 1955.

**ISSUED**

There have been 5,063 medals awarded to Canadians to 06 May 1993, but the number of bars awarded is unknown. No update since then.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Colonel Michael Allen, KSTJ, CD – Medals in St. John Ambulance Museum, Vancouver, B.C. (Note: ICSC medal is third from left)

## CANADIAN CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES LONG SERVICE MEDAL

18 January 2016

### TERMS



Awarded to members of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires for 12 years service. The B.C. Corps of Commissionaires discontinued their Long Service Medal in 1990 and began to issue this medal.

### BARS

The bar to the Medal is silver and bears a stylized maple leaf in its centre and is awarded for each additional 5 years of service. The award of bars to the Medal is denoted by the wearing of the ribbon devices on the undress ribbon. The ribbon devices consist of small silver maple leaves bearing a sword, an anchor and an eagle.

### DESCRIPTION

A 35-mm diameter, nickel-plated brass (silver in colour) medal.

### OBVERSE

A natural maple leaf surmounted by the crest of the Commissionaires (a sword, an anchor and an eagle) surrounded by an annulus bearing the words "VIRTUTE ET INDUSTRIA" (With courage and hard work).

### REVERSE

Around the outer edge are the words "THE CANADIAN CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES - LE CORPS CANADIEN DES COMMISSIONNAIRES", the center being plain.

### MOUNTING

The medal has a straight suspension bar bearing the words "LABOR OMNIA VINCIT" (work conquers all) linked to the medal by three eyelets.

### RIBBON

The ribbon is 32-mm wide with a dark red central stripe (13-mm) on each side of which are stripes of white (6-mm) and dark blue (3-mm), the dark blue being on the edges.

### DATES

This medal was first approved by the Secretary of State on 20 August 1948 (in a slightly different form) and has been incorporated into the Canadian Honours system by Privy Council Order PC 1998-301, 26 February 1998, as published in the **Canada Gazette** Part II, page 919, 18 March 1998. The medal is to be worn following the Service Medal of the Order of St. John.

**ISSUED**

Annually approximately 380 Medals and 470 bars Nationally.

**B.C. Corps of Commissionaires in the 21st Century (to June 2013)**

Medals: 321 (25 per year average)  
 Bars 5 Years: 168  
 Bars 10 Years: 49  
 Bars 15 Years: 18  
 Bars 20 Years: 3  
 Bars 35 Years: 1

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MGen WA Milroy  
 Order of Canada, DSO, Order of the  
 order of St John, 1939-45 Star, Italy  
 Star, France & Germany Star, Defence  
 Medal, CVSM w/Bar, War Medal, SSM,  
 CPSM, LSGC, Centennial Medal,  
 Queen's Silver Jubilee, 125, Queen's  
 Golden Jubilee, ED, CD w/2 Bars,  
 Commissionaire's Long Service Medal.

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Col T.F.G. Lawson CM, ODAS, CSTJ, CD

CAPT. J. K. USHER  
 Medal of Military Merit  
 1939-45 Star  
 France & Germany Star  
 Defence Medal  
 C.V.S.M. with 2 Clasps  
 Victory Medal  
 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth  
 C.D.  
 Police Medal  
 Police Medal

<sup>2</sup> Honorary Colonel Tom G.F. Lawson, CM, KStJ, CD – Canadian Corps of Commissionaires Long Service Medal is the last medal in his group – Royal Canadian Regiment Museum, London, Ontario

Captain Jack Kenneth Usher, MMM, CD – Canadian Corps of Commissionaires Long Service Medal is the last medal in his group – Royal Westminster Regiment Museum, New Westminster, B.C.

Major-General William Alexander Milroy, CM, DSO, CD – last medal is the Canadian Corps of Commissionaire's Long Service Medal with two bars – the medals are displayed in the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Museum in Calgary Alberta

<sup>3</sup> Colonel Michael Allen, KStJ, CD – Medals in St. John Ambulance Museum, Vancouver, B.C. (Note: ICSC medal is third from left)

**ONTARIO MEDAL FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP**  
**(Province of Ontario Award)**  
**OMC**

**TERMS**



Awarded by the Ontario Government to recognize the virtue of good citizenship and those individuals whose lives and actions exemplify that virtue. It honours people who act in a particularly generous kind or self-sacrificing way in the common good without expectation of reward.

Any citizen of Ontario may nominate a resident of Ontario who has acted in a particularly generous, kind or self-sacrificing way to improve the quality of life in their community. It is **not awarded** for acts of bravery nor is it awarded posthumously. A maximum of 12 per year are presented by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Recipients may use the post-nominal letters: **OMC**.

**DESCRIPTION**

A silver circular medal, 36-mm in diameter.

**OBVERSE**

The Coat of Arms of the Province of Ontario fills the bottom 2/3rd of the disc with the words **FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP** around the upper rim.

**REVERSE**

A Trillium (Ontario's official floral emblem).

**MOUNTING**

Scroll type mounting.

**RIBBON**

The green ribbon is 32-mm wide with a central white stripe (15-mm) and within the white stripe centred a single gold stripe (3-mm).

**ISSUED**

518 persons to August 2017 (announced November/December each year)

8 October 2013

13 November 2014

19 total for 2015 and 2016

**DATES**

The Order was created in 1973 by the Ontario Legislature. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1998-591, 02 April 1998 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1446, 29 April 1998.

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<sup>4</sup> Auxiliary Superintendent of the Toronto Police Frank Fenandes, OSTJ, OOnt, OMC – 2012 recipient of the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship – also shown wearing the Service Medal of the St. John Ambulance with bar and the Ontario Auxiliary Police Medal for Good Conduct

**ONTARIO MEDAL FOR POLICE BRAVERY**  
(Province of Ontario Award)

**TERMS**



Awarded by the Ontario Government to encourage the virtue of bravery and to recognize individuals whose actions exemplify superlative courage and bravery of members of Ontario's police forces performed in the line of duty. The award focuses attention and support of the public behind the efforts of Ontario's police forces.

Recipients of the award will be those men and women who are members of Ontario's police forces and whose nomination is endorsed by their chief. The medal may be awarded posthumously.

**DESCRIPTION**

A slim, gold-plated, sterling silver cross with a maple leaf in each of the four corners of the cross. The top arm of the cross is surmounted by a crown. The cross is in red and white enamels.

**OBVERSE**

There is a trillium in the centre; the arms of the cross are plain; and, a maple leaf in each corner of the cross.

**REVERSE**

Numbered

**MOUNTING**

A link on the top of the crown is joined by a link to a link on the bottom of a straight bar (3 links total).

**RIBBON**

A bright blue ribbon, 32-mm wide, with a bright gold stripe 3-mm wide and 6-mm from each edge.

**OTHER**

Each recipient receives a provincial scroll and a miniature of the medal. A recipient may also receive a Canadian Bravery Decoration for the same deed.



**ISSUED**

279 to August 2017; Unlimited number awarded per year.

- 5 - 2008
- 11 - 2009
- 7 - 2010
- 5 - 2011
- 10 - 2012
- 14 - 2013 (announced 21 November 2013)
- 6 - 2014 (announced 27 November 2014)
- 15 - 2015 and 2016 (announced 25 November 2016)

**DATES**

The Order was created in 1976 by the Ontario Legislature. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1998-591, 02 April 1998 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1446, 29 April 1998. Nomination deadline each year is August 31st.

**NOTE:** A recipient may also receive a Canadian Bravery Decoration for the same deed.

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<sup>5</sup> Windsor Police constable Susan McCormick the Ontario Medal for Police Bravery for her efforts when she jumped into the Detroit River and saved a man in November 2011.

## **ONTARIO MEDAL FOR FIREFIGHTERS BRAVERY**

(Province of Ontario Award)

### **TERMS**



Awarded by the Ontario Government to encourage the virtue of bravery and to recognize individuals whose actions exemplify superlative courage and bravery of members of Ontario's firefighting forces performed in the line of duty. The award focuses attention and support of the public behind the efforts of Ontario's firefighting forces.

Recipients of the award will be those men and women who are members of Ontario's firefighting forces and whose nomination is endorsed by their chief.

The medal may be awarded posthumously.

### **DESCRIPTION**

A slim, gold-plated, sterling silver cross with a maple leaf in each of the four corners of the cross. The top arm of the cross is surmounted by a crown. The cross is in red and white enamels.

### **OBVERSE**

There is a trillium in the centre; symbolic flames along each of the arms; and, a single maple leaf in each corner of the cross.

### **REVERSE**

Numbered

### **MOUNTING**

A link on the top of the crown is joined by a link to a link on the bottom of a straight bar (3 links total).

### **RIBBON**

A bright red ribbon, 32-mm wide, with a bright gold stripe 3-mm wide and 6-mm from each edge.

### **OTHER**

Each recipient receives a provincial scroll and a miniature of the medal.

**ISSUED**

227 to August 2017

Unlimited number awarded per year.

Nomination date by 31 August each year

- 5 - 2009
- 7 - 2010
- 4 - 2011
- 10 - 2012
- 4 - 2013 (announced 21 November 2013)
- 16 - 2014 (announced 27 November 2014)
- 6 - 2015 and 2016 (announced 25 November 2016)

**DATES**

The Order was created in 1976 by the Ontario Legislature. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1998-591, 02 April 1998 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1446, 29 April 1998.

The recipient may also receive a Canadian Bravery Decoration.

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<sup>6</sup> Captain Michael Black, Firefighters Darrell Black, Daniel Glanville, Brent Kirchner and Benoit Ladouceur of the London Fire Department receive the Medal of Bravery from the Governor General while wearing their Ontario Medal for Firefighter Bravery.

**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**  
(Province of Ontario Award)

**TERMS**

Awarded by the Ontario Government to members of the Ontario Provincial Police for 20 years of service. The qualifications are:



1. The Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was awarded to those members of the Force who were of irreproachable character, and who had served in the Force not less than 20 years, the last 10 of which was with good conduct and satisfactory service.

2. Medal awards were made to any authorized regular members of any municipal police force absorbed into the Ontario Provincial Police as a result of a policing contract between the Commissioner and such municipality. In such cases, regular municipal police service, which must have been continuous up to the time of absorption, were counted towards qualifying service for the award.

3. War service in the armed forces of Canada could be counted towards qualifying for the award in cases of those who were members of the Force immediately prior to joining the armed forces and who rejoined the Force within three months of their honourable discharge from the armed forces.

4. Recommendations for the medal awards were to be made by the Officer commanding the district, or administrative branch in which the member of the Force in question was serving.

**Note:** The recipients of this medal would also receive the Police Exemplary Service Medal from the Governor General for the same 20 years of service

**BARS**

Further service of 5 year intervals are denoted by a Trillium Device as follows:

- 25 Years Service - 1 Silver Trillium device
- 30 Years Service - 2 Silver Trillium devices
- 35 Years Service - 1 Gilt Trillium device
- 40 Years Service - 2 Gilt Trillium devices

**DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal, 38-mm in diameter made of sterling silver.

**OBVERSE**

The observe features the Coat of Arms of the Province of Ontario part of which is the motto VT INCEPIT FIDELIS SIC PERMANET with the word ONTARIO underneath the crest.

**REVERSE**

The words ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE are surrounded by the words FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT and at the base of the medal are two crossed maple leaves.

**MOUNTING**

The medal is suspended by a fixed, scroll suspender with a plain back, to the riband.

**RIBBON**

The dark red ribbon is 32-mm wide with two 5-mm green stripes bordered by 1.5 mm white stripes placed 4-mm from each edge.

**DATES**

The Order was created in 1949 by the Ontario Legislature. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1998-591, 02 April 1998 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1446, 29 April 1998.

**NAMING**

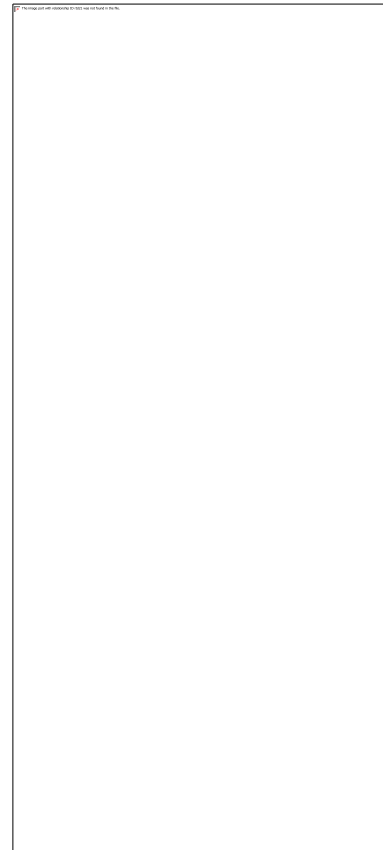
On the rim of the medal is engraved the rank or regimental number, initials and name of the recipient.  
A scroll type mounting is used.

**RIBBON**

A 32-mm wide maroon ribbon with a wide white central stripe (8-mm) with narrow green stripes (2-mm) separating the maroon and the white.

**DATES**

The medal was established in 1949. It was incorporated into the Canadian Honours System in 2003.<sup>7</sup>



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<sup>7</sup> Permission has been received from the Ontario Provincial Police to display this photo of the medal.

## **Ontario Paramedic Bravery Medal**

(Province of Ontario Award - not yet part of Cdn Honours System)

### **TERMS**

The Ontario Award for Paramedic Bravery recognizes individual acts of outstanding courage performed by members of Ontario's paramedic services. The recipients of this award are women and men whose actions exemplify selfless courage without concern for their own personal safety.

### **ELIGIBLE**

Any Ontario paramedic, under the jurisdiction of the Ambulance Act, is eligible to receive this award for an act of superlative bravery that has occurred within the last 24 months.

Under special circumstances nominations for actions that have occurred beyond 24 months may be considered. A letter explaining the delay in submitting the nomination is required.

Actions performed by paramedics both on-duty and off-duty may be considered.

The nomination of a paramedic chief must be endorsed by the Chief Administrative Officer or Clerk of the Municipality.

The award may be bestowed posthumously.

### **AWARDED**

18 in May 2015 (first awards)

**This is NOT a MEDAL.**