

## CHAPTER 12

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## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR BRAVERY AWARD**

### **TERMS**



The government of the Newfoundland and Labrador may present an award to a citizen of the province whose life and safety have been risked while giving assistance to another person.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a review panel for the purpose of accepting and considering nominations of persons eligible to receive the award. The review panel shall recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council the names of those persons who are eligible to receive the award

### **DESCRIPTION**

The award is 57-mm square and is minted in bronze with a gold plated mat finish.

### **OBVERSE**

A circular inner rim enclosing a stylized drama at sea symbolic of the courageous heritage of Newfoundland and Labrador.

### **REVERSE**

The words "NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR FOR BRAVERY".

### **RIBBON**

A 25-mm wide, blue, grosgrain ribbon (Grosgrain - a coarse, often stiffened fabric made of silk, mohair, wool or a blend of them).

### **DATES**

The current version has been in effect since 01 June 1992 and was first created in 1984 and accepted into the Canadian Honours System on 26 September 2001.

### **ISSUED**

Four people were invested in 2001 - none since.

## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL**

### **TERMS**

The government of the province shall award a medal to each person:

- (a) who is a Canadian citizen and is a current or was a long-term resident of the province;
- (b) who has provided a volunteer service to his or her community, without reward or gain, in an area that is beyond his or her normal duties or responsibility, for a minimum of 10 years; and
- (c) who has been recommended by the selection committee as a person considered deserving of the award.

The selection committee shall be comprised of 7 members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:

- a chairperson who shall serve in that capacity for a maximum of 3 years; and
- 3 additional members; and
- 3 members shall be appointed by virtue of their office as follows:
  - (i) the Clerk of the Executive Council,
  - (ii) the Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador, with the Chief Justice of the Trial Division acting as his or her alternate, and
  - (iii) the President of the Memorial University of Newfoundland, and with a head of a community college as his or her alternate.

Where a person who would be eligible to receive a medal under this Act has died since the recommendation for an award was made public, a medal may be presented to a relative of the volunteer on behalf of that volunteer as prescribed by the regulations.

A member of the House of Assembly, a member of the House of Commons or Senate of Canada or a judge of a court of Canada or of a province is not eligible to receive a medal.

The motto is: "NON SIBI SED ALLIS"

"Not for oneself but for others"

### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm in diameter.

### **OBVERSE**

The entire motif (four royal lions) is surrounded on the outside rim by the words: **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL.**

### **MOUNTING**

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 assented to by the Newfoundland and Labrador legislature on 19 December 1996 **but only issued in 2001**. It was incorporated into the Canadian Honours System in 2003.

**ISSUED**

96 medals

**NOTE**

There was a **one time issue of this medal in 2001** for the Year of the Volunteer.

**EXAMPLE** <sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Inspector Paula Walsh is a Police Officer with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and a Long time volunteer and a Past President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Division of the Canadian Red Cross. She is shown here wearing the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal along with the Canada 125 Medal, the EIIR Golden Jubilee Medal and the Police Exemplary Service Medal. On her right breast she wears the Order of the Red Cross. She was the Officer in Charge in the Labrador West Region in 2011 and is now (2016) head of the Economic Crime, General Investigation Unit & Mobile Support Unit, Criminal Investigation Division, in St. John's.

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRE SERVICES BRAVERY MEDAL**

### **TERMS**

The Medal of Bravery was established for members of the fire service, to express, on behalf of the citizens of British Columbia, their gratitude to the fire fighters who have performed acts of courage and bravery without concern for their own personal safety. Nominations must be made in writing, to the Fire Commissioner. Nominations will be researched by the Office of the Fire Commissioner and forwarded to the Bravery Award Committee for consideration and final recommendation to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.



### **DESCRIPTION**

A red maple leaf outlined in silver with silver maple leaves (6) between the arms of the maple leaf. In the centre is an annulus.

### **OBVERSE**

Superimposed upon the central annulus is a red fireman's cross with a gold emblem of the Province of British Columbia superimposed on it and around the bottom of the Red Cross, in gold, a ribbon.

### **RIBBON**

A red ribbon with two wide white stripes 5-mm from each edge.

### **MOUNTING**

A straight silver bar attached to the medal by three links.

### **DATES**

Established on 08 June 1988. <sup>2</sup>

### **EXAMPLE**

View Royal's fire chief Paul Hurst was honoured with a rare Medal of Bravery for his courageous actions, saving the life of a young girl during a house fire on 14 March 2013.



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<sup>2</sup> Fireman Kris Rainey Kelowna Fire Department & B.C. Fire Commissioner

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRE SERVICES LONG SERVICE MEDAL**

### **TERMS**



Awarded by the Provincial Government to persons who have completed at least twenty-five (25) years of paid or volunteer fire service in British Columbia. This is to recognize the dedication and selflessness with which these individuals have served their community and this province in the protection of life and property.

### **BAR**



A British Columbia Long Service Bar is also awarded for thirty-five (35) and forty-five (45) years of fire service.

The bar is 24K gold plated copper and has the BC Fire Service Crest in the centre.

### **DESCRIPTON**

A circular, 24K gold plated copper medal which is 36-mm in diameter.

### **OBVERSE**

An inner circle with a Maltese cross with the British Columbia Coat of arms in the centre. Between the inner circle and the outside edge of the medal are the words BRITISH COLUMBIA at the top and FIRE SERVICES ACT at the bottom.

### **REVERSE**

At the top of the medal is the British Columbia coat of arms with the words "For Long Service" engraved below it. The lower part of the medal is engraved with the name of recipient and their years of service.

### **RIBBON**

The 34-mm wide ribbon has three central stripes, maroon, gold and maroon each 8-mm wide with blue edges 5-mm wide.

**MOUNTING**

A straight bronze bar attached to the medal by two links.

**DATES**

The Fire Services Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 144, 2 June 1999 authorized this medal and stated that any medals issued previously by the Fire Commissioners would be *deemed to be medals issued under this section*.

**ISSUED**

Over 3,200 medals have been awarded to firefighters in British Columbia.

**INTERNET**

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/firecom/awards/plsm.htm>

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<sup>3</sup> New Westminster Fire Chief Jim Armstrong wearing his British Columbia Fire Services Medal to the right of his Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.