



Protective Policing Services

Quick Facts

RCMP Protective Policing is responsible for the protection of:

- Over 100 embassies and high commissions in the National Capital Region;
- Over 500 foreign Consulates across Canada;
- 400 visits a year on average of foreign dignitaries or Internationally Protected Persons; and
- Approximately 300 demonstrations a year on average in the National Capital Region.

Overview

Protective Policing Services is part of the Federal Services business line of the RCMP. In the 1950s and 1960s, RCMP members were assigned to Canadian dignitaries and major visits for ceremonial presence as well as for security. It is only in the 1970s that Protective Policing was established as an independent, identifiable function within the RCMP.

Protection is extended to Canadian and foreign dignitaries, persons designated by the Minister, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (PSEPC), and major events held in Canada and Canadian air carriers.

Canadian Dignitaries

The Governor General, Prime Minister, their families and residences are under the watchful eye of Protective Policing members. When traveling abroad, the Prime Minister and Governor General are accompanied by Protective Policing members. Their presence maintains communication with local law enforcement authorities, ensuring that complete protection is provided according to Canadian standards.

Protective Policing is responsible for the safety of Supreme and Federal Court judges, as well as Federal Cabinet Ministers.

Protective Policing also guards designated protected sites, including the grounds of Parliament Hill and Rideau Hall.

Foreign Dignitaries

Internationally Protected Persons, such as Heads of State and government and foreign diplomats, are provided with protection while in Canada.

Major Events

Significant national or international events hosted by the Federal Government, including Royal Visits, international summits, and sporting events like the Olympic and Paralympic Games, fall under the mandate of Protective Policing.

Air Travel

In 2001, as a result of an initiative put forward by Transport Canada, the RCMP entered into an agreement with Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) to provide armed RCMP members on Canadian aircraft.

Protective Policing is responsible for the training and deployment of Aircraft Protective Officers (APOs) for selected domestic and international flights. These APOs have a mandate to respond to security threats on board an aircraft.

For more information, please visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.