



## Protective Policing

### Overview

Protective Policing business line is part of Federal Services provided by 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 of Public Safety, major events held in Canada, and Canadian air carriers.

### Canadian Dignitaries

The RCMP is mandated at all times, during both private and official functions, for the personal protection of the Governor General of Canada, the Prime Minister, their families and residences. When traveling abroad, the Governor General and the Prime Minister are accompanied by Protective Policing members. These members maintain communication with local protective and law enforcement authorities, ensuring that appropriate levels of protection are provided.

The security measures implemented are commensurate with the high profile

positions held by the Governor General as the representative of the Head of State and of the Prime Minister as the Head of Government.

The RCMP continuously assesses the security requirements, and as a matter of practice makes recommendations to the Governor General and Prime Minister with respect to the effective delivery of security measures, which would include advice regarding transportation. For security and safety reasons, the RCMP requests that all their air movements be on government aircraft.

Protective Policing is responsible for the safety of Supreme and Federal Court judges, as well as Federal Cabinet Ministers. Protective Policing also secure designated protected sites, including the grounds of Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, and the Supreme Court of Canada. It also has a Traffic Unit that is responsible for enforcing provincial and federal traffic acts on National Capital Commission roadways in the National Capital Region.

### Foreign Dignitaries

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

### Major Events

Security at significant national or

### Quick Facts

RCMP Protective Policing is responsible for:

- Over 125 embassies and high commissions in the National Capital Region;
- The protection of 500 Resident Foreign Diplomatic Missions;
- Approximately 500 foreign Consulates across Canada;
- The security of approximately 500 visits by foreign dignitaries and Internationally Protected Persons per year;
- Responding to approximately 600 demonstrations a year on average; and
- Providing specially trained police officers on board select Canadian registered aircraft.

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international events hosted by the Federal Government, including Royal Visits and international summits fall under the mandate of Protective Policing. Additionally, certain events can be designated to receive RCMP security, such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### **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 specially-trained RCMP police officers on board select Canadian registered aircraft.

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