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April 1, 2018

Ms. Leah Flanders  
ACP/Colleague  
12122 17 Avenue SW  
Edmonton Alberta T6W 1M1

Dear Ms. Flanders:

Thank you for submitting an application for the Alberta Emergency Services Medal.

Enclosed is the medal/bar and certificate for presentation to the following recipient:

***Meloney J. Cross (AESM & Service Bar 22 year)***

If you are planning a formal ceremony it is recommended that the appropriate MLA(s) and/or Reeve/Mayor and council members present the medal.

Sincerely,



Kevan D. Jess  
Fire Commissioner

Enclosures



## **Cold Lake Fire-Rescue**

### **Alberta Emergency Services Medal (AESM)** **22 year & 32 year bar recipients**

The Alberta Emergency Services Medal (AESM) recognizes those who selflessly dedicate their time, talents, and in some cases their lives, to the service of others. With the expansion of the Alberta Emergency Services Medal program from 12 years of service to include bronze, silver and gold bars for 22, 32 and 40 years of service Cold Lake Fire-Rescue (CLFR) has nine members who qualify. The names from Cold Lake Fire-Rescue are:

- Captain Dave Fitch → Bronze & Silver rosette (37 years of service – All Cold Lake)
- Assistant Chief Doug Sirant → Bronze & Silver rosette (33 years of service – Barrhead/Cold Lake)
- Deputy Chief Kelly Sweeney → Bronze rosette (31 years of service – All Cold Lake)
- Fire Chief Jeff Fallow → Bronze rosette (30 years of service – All Cold Lake)
- Firefighter Brent Stasuik → Bronze rosette (30 years of service – Glendon/Cold Lake)
- Deputy Chief Norm Hollis → Bronze rosette (29 years of service – Military/Cold Lake)
- Deputy Chief Hugh McKay → Bronze rosette (27 years of service – All Cold Lake)
- Captain Jason Spears → Bronze rosette (26 years of service – All Cold Lake)
- Lieutenant Mel Griffith → Bronze rosette (26 years of service – All Cold Lake)

The nine (9) members listed above from Cold Lake Fire-Rescue (CLFR) have given 269 years of service to Albertans and included in that total is 256 of those years to the City of Cold Lake and surrounding area.

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August 17, 2018

Mr. Jeff Fallow  
Manager of Protective Services / Fire Chief  
5513 48 Avenue  
Cold Lake Alberta T9M 1A1

Dear Mr. Fallow:

Thank you for submitting applications for the Alberta Emergency Services Medal.

Enclosed are the medals/bars and certificates for presentation to the following recipients:

*David Lawrence Fitch (Service Bar 22, 32 year)*  
*Norman Laurence Hollis (Service Bar 22 year)*  
*Douglas William Sirant (Service Bar 22, 32 year)*  
*Brent Michael Stasulk (Service Bar 22 year)*

*Melvin Russell Griffith (Service Bar 22 year)*  
*Hugh John McKay (Service Bar 22 year)*  
*Jason Donald Spears (Service Bar 22 year)*  
*Kelly Sweeney (Service Bar 22 year)*

If you are planning a formal ceremony it is recommended that the appropriate MLA(s) and/or Reeve/Mayor and council members present the medal.

Sincerely,



Kevan D. Jess  
Fire Commissioner

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September 7, 2018

Mr. Glenn C. Barnes  
General Manager of Community Services  
Cold Lake Fire Rescue  
5513 48 Avenue  
Sylvan Lake Alberta T4S 1G6

Dear Mr. Barnes

Thank you for submitting an application for the Alberta Emergency Services Medal.

Enclosed is the medal/bar and certificate for presentation to the following recipient:

***Jeffrey Howard Fallow (Service Bar 22 year)***

If you are planning a formal ceremony it is recommended that the appropriate MLA(s) and/or Reeve/Mayor and council members present the medal.

Sincerely,



Kevan D. Jess  
Fire Commissioner

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ALBERTA  
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Leduc-Beaumont*

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Dear Elected Officials,

The Alberta Emergency Services Medal recognizes those who selflessly dedicate their time, talents, and in some cases, their lives, to the service of others. It is my pleasure to announce that the Alberta Emergency Services Medal program has been expanded from 12 years of service to include bronze, silver, and gold bars for 22, 32, and 40 years of service.

Eligible emergency services include emergency medical services, law enforcement, urban and wildfire fire protection, search and rescue, and environmental emergency response. Acknowledging all emergency personnel reflects the unified relationship that exists among the emergency services community, which is critical to the security of all Albertans.

About 7,900 medals have been issued since the program began in 2003. I encourage municipal officials and emergency response service providers to nominate eligible personnel year-round for the Alberta Emergency Services Medal and Bars. The nomination form and updated program details, including the complete list of eligible personnel, are posted on the Office of the Fire Commissioner website at [www.ofc.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-services-medal](http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-services-medal). I have also included key messages for your information.

Should you have questions about the Alberta Emergency Services Medal and Service Bars program, please contact the Office of the Fire Commissioner at 1-866-421-6929 or at [firecomm@gov.ab.ca](mailto:firecomm@gov.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

Hon. Shaye Anderson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Attachment

# Alberta Emergency Services Medal Program Expansion

## Key Messages

### Background information:

- Since 2003, the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) has been issuing the Alberta Emergency Services Medal (AESM) recognizing 12 years of service.
- Individuals who are members of organizations involved in or directly supporting the prevention of, preparedness for and response to emergencies are considered partners in Alberta Emergency Services and eligible for the AESM.
- The AESM program has been expanded to include bronze, silver and gold service bars for 22, 32 and 40 years of service.
- Qualifying emergency services discipline include:
  - Firefighters (structural and wildland);
  - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, including paramedics and emergency medical responders;
  - Law enforcement personnel, including police, sheriffs, peace officers, commercial vehicles enforcement, fish and wildlife/conservation officers and correctional officers;
  - Search and rescue personnel;
  - Responders to environmental emergencies;
  - Personnel from a municipal emergency management agency; and
  - Personnel from the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Alberta Emergency Management Agency;
- The OFC provides the guidelines for the expanded program, maintains the AESM master database and is the nominating authority for structural fire, search and rescue personnel and Alberta Emergency Management Agency.
- Due to the expansion of the program, representatives from other ministries/entities (Calgary Police Services, Alberta College of Paramedics, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Parks) will now assist in administering the program.
- Nominations are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly.

# Alberta Emergency Services Medal Program Expansion

## Key Messages

### Key Messages:

- The Alberta Emergency Services Medal recognizes those who selflessly dedicate their time, talents, and in some cases, their lives, to the service of others.
- The Alberta Emergency Services Medal is given after 12 years of service, and bronze, silver and gold bars are now given for 22, 32 and 40 years of service.
- Personnel from law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire protection, search and rescue and environmental emergency response are eligible for the medal and bars.
- Acknowledging all emergency personnel reflects the unified relationship that exists among the emergency services community, which is critical to the security of all Albertans.
- About 7,900 medals have been issued since the program began in 2003.
- Nominations are accepted year-round, and the nomination form and updated program details, including the complete list of eligible personnel, are posted on the Office of the Fire Commissioner website at [ofc.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-services-medal](http://ofc.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-services-medal).



# Alberta Emergency Services Medal

## Medal



The Alberta Emergency Services Medal (AESM) is a 3.5 cm diameter polished nickel disk with a clasp mounted on top. The inverse side of the medal has an Alberta Wild Rose circumscribed with the words 'In Service Of Albertans'. On the obverse side of the medal is the Alberta Shield circumscribed with the words 'Emergency Services Alberta'. The medal is suspended by a 3.5 cm wide blue ribbon with three thin white stripes. The blue colour represents the Province of Alberta and the white for good service, loyalty and conduct. Bronze, silver and gold service bars with smooth polished edges and rosette are 0.95 cm wide by 3.18 cm long to fit the width of the ribbon.

*The attached images are provided as a **suggestion** for each jurisdiction to utilize in creating any undress ribbons in accordance with the AESM Guidelines 2017.*



**AESM Bar**



**AESM Bar with bronze rosette**



**AESM Bar with bronze and silver rosette**



**AESM Bar with bronze, silver and gold rosette**

## Certificate

The certificate does not reflect the total years of service the recipient may have within their qualifying emergency services discipline. It is awarded based on twelve, twenty-two, thirty-two or forty years of service and this is reflected on the certificate.



## QUALIFYING SERVICE – EMERGENCY SERVICES



- Firefighters (structural and wildland);
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, including paramedics and emergency medical responders (EMR) as defined by the *Health Professions Act*, employed in public service;
- Dispatchers employed in the public sector supporting emergency responders;
- Any Police Officer as defined by the *Police Act of Alberta*;
- Search and Rescue personnel;
- Personnel from a municipal emergency management agency appointed by municipalities under the *Emergency Management Act*;
- Personnel from the Alberta Ministry of Environment and Parks, the Alberta Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch (Fire Protection, Alberta Parks Conservation Officers, Fish and Wildlife Officers, and emergency responders to environmental emergencies);
- Personnel from the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Alberta Emergency Management Agency;
- Correctional Officers as defined by the *Alberta Corrections Act* or the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*;
- Any Peace Officer as defined by the *Peace Officer Act of Alberta*;
- Any officer (Police, Auxiliary or Special Constable) as defined by the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act* and whose Alberta service time equals twelve, twenty-two, thirty-two or forty years collectively.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the medal, personnel must have been serving on or after January 1, 2000, in a sector of the Alberta emergency management system.

Personnel must have undertaken all required phases of training and duty prescribed by their respective municipalities and ministries, and must be certified by their administrative authority as efficient and in every way deserving of the award.

### Nominations

Nomination for a candidate for the AESM and service bars must be based on a total of twelve years of service for the medal, and twenty-two, thirty-two or forty years of service for service bars with one or more municipal, provincial or federal emergency services in the province of Alberta. Notification of eligibility, plus verification, must be made by the endorsed administrator of the organization.