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SYMBOLISM
OF THE ARMORIAL BEARINGS OF THE
CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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ARMS

A blue shield with a thin white band running parallel to the edge. In the centre is the shield of the arms of British Columbia, which is white with three wavy blue horizontal stripes and a golden sun at the base, and the top third being the Union Jack with a small gold crown of triangular points in the middle.

The use of the provincial arms indicates that the Conservation Officer Service is a provincial agency. The blue is a colour of the Service, and is often associated with law enforcement. The white band, or orle, is a mark of protection, and it refers to the Conservation Officer Service's mandate to protect the province's environment.

CREST

The upper half of a Kermode bear in white with gold highlights holding in its right paw a sprig of western red cedar in green. The crest is set on a steel helmet draped with cloth mantling in blue and white, set in place by a wreath of twisted cloth in these colours.

The bear is a traditional symbol of protection, as the animal is well known for protecting its young. Here it appears as the rare and beautiful Kermode bear, found only in a few places on British Columbia's central coast. The image alludes to the Conservation Officer Service's role in protecting the province's natural heritage for future generations. The cedar is the province's official tree.

MOTTO

Integrity, Service, and Protection were chosen by the Service as an expression of three of its core values.

SUPPORTERS

On each side of the shield is a bighorn sheep in white, with gold horns and hooves. They stand on a rocky outcrop.

The bighorn sheep is one of the supporters of the provincial arms. It alludes to the tenacity and determination of the Conservation Officer Service. The rocky compartment refers to the mountains that are an outstanding feature of British Columbia's geography.

FLAG

The design of the shield has been adapted as a rectangular flag.

BADGE

The shield of the arms appears at the centre. Around it is a white ring with blue edging and inscribed with the motto in blue letters. At the bottom of this ring is a dogwood flower. Encircling it on either side are gold maple leaves and green sprigs of red cedar. At the top is the Royal Crown. The name of the Service is placed on a scroll below the badge.

The badge takes the form of a police badge, to indicate the Service's law enforcement responsibilities. The main difference is the use of the cedar sprigs along with the maple leaves.

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