

Medal for Blameless Service in Police, Alexander III issue, late version marked "AG", circa 1886-94.

In silver; measures 36.0 mm in width, weighs 24.9 grams not including the ribbon and connecting link. This is the last version from the Alexander III reign, featuring portrait of the Emperor with longer beard and more muscular neck. The undercut of the shoulder is marked with initials АГ ("AG") of the engraver Avraam Grilikhes.

Outstanding, excellent condition. Raised details of the bas-relief portrait and wreath are beautifully defined and nearly free of wear. The reverse is nearly pristine. Comes on original St. Anne ribbon in moiré silk of regulation 15.5 cm length. The connecting link is a replacement.

This medal, originally established by Emperor Alexander II in 1876, was consequently redesigned to show the portrait of the ruling monarch. It was awarded to lower ranking policemen and firefighters who had served with distinction for minimum of five years. The recipient would only be allowed to wear the medal after another five years of blameless service.

/Se Mikhail Diakov, Medals of the Russian Empire, Part 6, 1881-1894, p. 59, fig. 925.5; also Dimitri Romanov, The Orders, Medals and History of Imperial Russia, pp. 214-215/

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