

### Medal for Blameless Service in Police, Nicholas II Reign, 1894-1917.

In silver; measures 43.1 mm in height incl. eyelet, 36.5 mm in width; weighs 25.2 grams not including the ribbon and connecting link.

Excellent condition. Raised details of the bas-relief portrait and wreath are beautifully defined and crisp; both sides retain a great amount of the original mint luster. Comes with an original Imperial era St. Anne ribbon in moiré silk, 27 mm in width and approx. 17 cm in length, glued to a recent makeshift cardboard suspension. 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 a 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 7, 1894-1917, p. 50, fig. 1145.1; also Dimitri Romanov, The Orders, Medals and History of Imperial Russia, pp. 214-215/

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