

History of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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When did the RCMP start?

They started in 1873 as the North-West Mounted Police. The NWMP became the RCMP on Feb 1, 1920.

What does the RCMP do?

The RCMP protects our country. They also protect the people who live in it. They enforce laws.

How do they use dogs in the RCMP?

The RCMP has officially utilized police served dogs since 1935. They smell drugs to protect people. They are also used to track people, evidence, and bombs.

Where does the RCMP train?

RCMP Academy Depot Division, located in Regina SK. The academy opened in 1885. RCMP training lasts 26 weeks and includes things like defensive tactics, driving, and firearms training. They go out of the city to fight crime.

Why did the RCMP start?

All provinces in Canada had their own policing except for the Northwest Territories. They relied on the federal government for policing. It was a small group, so they made the NWMT before turning into the RCMP.

How did the RCMP change over the years?

In 1874, Northwest Mounted police had only 300 men. In 1904 the name changed to the Royal Northwest Mounted Police (RNWMP). In 1920,

RNWMP merged with Dominion police to form the RCMP. In 1937, the RCMP added planes.