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November 22 proclaimed Disabled Parking Awareness Day *Please leave designated stalls for people with disabilities*

The Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) is asking motorists to be even more considerate as the busy holiday season approaches.

On November 22 the CPA kicks off its Disabled Parking Awareness campaign by reminding all Calgarians of the importance of leaving designated parking stalls for people with disabilities.

“With the economic boom Calgary is experiencing, space is at a premium,” said Dale Fraser, CPA General Manager. “So it’s more important than ever to let drivers know that designated parking stalls are there for a reason.”

Each year the CPA undertakes a month-long Disabled Parking Awareness campaign. Starting November 22 and running through the month of December, the CPA steps up its patrols of parking stalls for people with disabilities. During the campaign, officers ensure that vehicles display either a valid parking placard or designated license plate.

“This year we expect to see more vehicles competing for the same number of parking spaces,” said Fraser. “And this is the time of year when people often take a chance and park illegally in a designated stall while they run an errand.”

That snap decision could be a costly one because failure to display a parking placard or license may result in a \$150 fine.

From January 1 to November 2007, 1,657 tickets were issued for unauthorized parking in a designated stall. In 2006, a total of 2,124 tickets were issued for the year. On average more than 200 parking tags are issued in Calgary each November and December for parking in a designated stall without the proper identification.

The Calgary Parking Authority asks Calgarians to be considerate this holiday season and leave designated parking stalls for those who need them.

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