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November 26 proclaimed Disabled Parking Awareness Day *Tickets for parking in disabled spaces increase by 20 per cent since 2008*

The Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) asks motorists to leave designated parking spaces for people with disabilities as parking ticket numbers climb for people parking illegally in disabled stalls.

“We expect to see a 20 per cent increase in the number of parking tickets for parking in disabled spaces this year, so our Disabled Parking Awareness campaign is timelier than ever,” said Dale Fraser CPA General Manager.

On November 26 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.

“Our campaign is designed to educate people about why these parking spaces are necessary and let them know the consequences of parking illegally in a designated stall,” said Fraser.

Each year the CPA undertakes a month-long Disabled Parking Awareness campaign. Starting November 26 and running through the month of December, the CPA will step up its patrols of parking stalls for people with disabilities. During the campaign, officers also check to make sure that vehicles display either a valid parking placard or designated license plate.

“This is typically the time of year when people are more likely to take a chance and park illegally in a designated stall while they run an errand or shop. We want to remind people that a snap decision could be costly,” said Fraser.

Failure to display a parking placard or license may result in a \$150.00 fine.

From January 1 to the end of October 2009, 3,484 tickets were issued for unauthorized parking in a designated stall. In 2008, a total of 3,417 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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