

Medal for Distinguished Service in FSO (Federal Protective Service) of Russian Federation, 3rd class.

In brass, 33.2 mm wide. The obverse shows FSO insignia of double-headed eagle with Russian heraldic shield and sword, and Roman numeral III (3rd class, awarded for 10 years of service) and inscription "For Distinction in Military Service". The reverse shows inscription "Federal Protective Service of Russian Federation". Excellent condition.

Federal Protective Service known by its Russian acronym FSO (ФСО, for Федеральная Служба Охраны) was originally the 9th Main Directorate of KGB. It was reorganized into a separate agency during the breakup of the Soviet State Security in late 1991 following the unsuccessful coup against Gorbachev and just before the collapse of the USSR. Initially, the agency was called GUO (Main Protective Directorate); in 1996, it was reorganized into FSO which remains its current name. Among other divisions, it now includes Presidential Security Service and Kremlin Regiment. The FSO length of service medals were established in 1997 and are apparently being awarded to these days.

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