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RELATION OF THE UKRAINIAN POLICE WITH THE PUBLIC

The National Police of Ukraine commonly shortened to Police is the national police service of Ukraine. It was formed on 3 July 2015 as part of the post-Euromaidan reforms launched by Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko to replace Ukrainian's previous national police service, the Militia.

So, a lot of aspects appear at the edge of reforms. The very important aspect of this service is relation with the public. It happens due to the fact that exactly relation with the public can help prevent committing crimes and also can help to solve the existing problems in social life. And the rising rate of criminal offences clearly stresses the necessity of making researches in this field.

Of the many activities in police departments today few are more important than those which aim to better the public relations for the police service. These activities are at the very root of police efficiency. They engender the kind of public co-operation without which the police service could not function. In times past this fundamental truth was not recognized, but everywhere today we see police administrators diligently working to improve relations with the public they serve. Improving of these relations is so actual, because in law enforcement, there is a constant restraint on the people, and this the people do not like. Moreover, there is frequently the job of making people do things they do not especially want to do. Neither of these tasks is possible for the police without the public's willingness to cooperate.

Other advantages accrue to the police from good press and public relations and not the least of these is the increased pleasantness of the police job. It is a soul satisfying experience to the officer when he finds the public

supporting him in his work. When this support is in evidence in a department,

good men are attracted to it and this, in the long run, redounds to the benefit of the public in an all around improved police service. Policing, in striving to raise itself to the level of a profession, will succeed in doing so in direct proportion to the amount of public relations work that it conducts. No subject is more important to police officers today than this vital matter of developing good public relations.

A lot of people in different countries were trying to install good relationship between the police and the public. The interaction of police and citizens is carried out in various public councils and committees, which include representatives of labour, religious and other public organizations. Of course, not all of these social formations stand the test of time, but along with that, international practice knows a lot of vital forms of public participation in the work of law enforcement, the fight against crimes and other offences.

It is well known that Japan has very low crime rate. And, according to experts, first of all it is connected with the able cooperation of law enforcement with the public. In all police stations and prefectures the Departments and the Associations of crime prevention are functioning. The Associations formed so-called "point contacts" where a citizen almost any time can get effective help or advice.

Considerable interest is performed by the work and the activities of Japanese police and civil' organizations in order to confront crimes jointly. When in the late 80-ies in Japan special anxiety began to cause the growth of so-called "blind spots" within the cities - the population was scared to provide information to the police; the police provide the necessary assistance in the establishment of the crime areas of community safety. As a result, close contacts between the citizens and police based on trust had been established and as a consequence has been a dramatic reduction in the crime rate. Today in Tokyo, for example, only one murder per month is committed, one rape in 12 days and only 4 robberies in a week.

More than 20 years ago the United States of America began to establish groups of volunteers in the fight against crime, which now operate throughout the country. The duties of members of voluntary groups included patrolling the streets after work or school. Lately the American police also has been working to fight crime with the postmen, who, on their routes sent by telephone or pager information about the crimes and all questionable subjects to the police.

So, we can state that the experience of the United States, England, Sweden and Japan in the fight against crime and other offences of minors deserve special attention as this problem is very acute in Ukraine in connection with the sharp increase of the crime rate of this category of citizens.

Based on the above mentioned information we can conclude that regardless of state, political and national features, different countries are establishing different forms of public participation in the protection of public order, which give a positive result in the fight against offences and crimes. And it would be very useful in Ukraine, to analyze, generalize and implement the best foreign experience of public participation in the protection of public order and fight against offenses.

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