

Police actions in the area of security and public order in Poland

Summary

The main objective of the doctoral dissertation is to determine the issue, which is functioning of the Police in the public security and public order system in contemporary Poland. The dissertation consist of an introduction, six chapters and completion.

The main problem of the research is included in three main questions. The first one: *what is the function of Police in the public security and public order system*, the second: *what place takes Police in the structure of public administration?* The third question is *which legal forms of action used by Police shapes a desired state of safety in Poland?*

Separated research problems are focused on finding answers to the following questions: *What is the essence of public security and public order and what is the meaning of these terms? What is the level of threats to public security and public order in contemporary Poland? Which entities implement their competence in the field of public safety and public order? What is the organizational structure of the Police? Which legal forms of action are used by Police in order to protect public safety and public order in Poland? The last one, what is the significance of special powers used by Police in order to provide the desired state of public security and public order?*

Adopted research goals and research issues are enabled to formulate working thesis, which is *the protection of public security and public order is the responsibility of the competent authorities of public administration, especially the Police, because this formation has a diverse catalog of legal forms of action.*

Considerations taken in doctoral dissertation are supported by analysis of normative acts and analysis of available scientific literature and scholarly publications. Analysis allowed to draw clear conclusions in the above specified range, and resolve all established research problems signaled in the introduction.

The dissertation has repeatedly emphasized that the protection of public security and public order is the responsibility of many public institutions, which are responsible for preventing all kinds of threats. Prevention each of threat constitutes one of the core functions of the modern state, which is determined by the Constitution of April 2nd 1997. The main subject of discussion depicted in this dissertation was an attempt to show the functioning of the Police in public security system in Poland, because that formation have particular importance in the country, and its legal position and scope for an action is conditioned by the current threats to public safety and public order.

To show the functioning of the Police in this area requires prior scratches of several significant problems. In the first place there was a need to present the essence of the protection of public security and public order. These concepts, due to their indeterminate nature, require extensive discussion on the basis on the available scientific literature and an analysis of normative acts, as their interpretation was necessary for further, more detailed discussion in this regard. Based on statistical material the dissertation shows the various categories of offenses, which enabled draw the appropriate conclusions.

Another problem, which is noted is the problem of the origin of police institutions operating in Poland. Especially focused on circumstances bring into being in 1990. Police in its current form. The dissertation also paying attention to the essential functions of the Police, conferred by the legislature.

The next focus of the disquisition was a thread discussing about competent entities having powers to protecting public security and public order. Further attention was paid to changes on the model of the Police with related to the decentralization of public authority. It was also examined organizational structure of the Police.

Relatively much space is devoted to issues of legal forms of action of the Police used by that formation to protect public security and public order, which essentially decide on the nature and the character of its activity.

Analysis that circled the research problem made it possible to assume that the Police is a part of the system for the protection of public safety and order, but the regulations are not fully adequate for the current level of social relations and the current development of technology. Besides it , there is a need to emphasized that, while the police has been equipped by the legislature in special powers intended primarily for the detection and prosecution of crimes and offenses, as well as maintaining public security and public order, but also on this stretch of Police activity requires continuous improvement.