

"Police in support of civil authorities and society in crisis situations"

SUMMARY

Doctoral dissertation entitled "Police in support of civil authorities and society in crisis situations" effected the separation and specification of areas, directions, forms and methods of improving the activities of the Police in cooperation with civil authorities and society during crisis situations.

The subject of research in the dissertation was the activities of the Police in support of civil authorities and society in crisis situations. In the context of the subject of the research presented above, the aim of the doctoral dissertation was to present the place, role and tasks of the Police in supporting civil authorities and society in crisis situations, as well as to indicate rational and scientifically justified areas, directions, forms and methods of improving their activities. Due to the purpose of the research, the main research problem was formulated as follows: *What kind of activities do the Police perform in support of civil authorities and society to counter crisis situations and what are the areas and directions of their improvement?*

The main motive for writing this doctoral dissertation were the shortcomings and deficiencies noticed in the literature on the subject, specifically in the not very detailed description of the cooperation of entities during the occurrence of threats causing crisis situations. Moreover, an urgent need to improve the already existing procedures of cooperation between the Police, civil authorities and society in several areas was noticed.

The dissertation consists of an introduction, four substantive chapters with conclusions, conclusion, bibliography, list of figures, list of diagrams, list of tables, list of graphs and appendixes.

The first chapter, entitled "Methodological foundations of research", outlines the problematic situation and presents the subject and purpose of the research, as well as research problems, research hypotheses, research methods, techniques and tools. The stages, organization and course of research are presented, and the research sample is delineated.

The second chapter entitled "Organization and functioning of the Police" presents a historical outline of the Police, legal grounds, organizational chart, methods and forms of operation, as well as the main tasks of the Police.

The third chapter, called "Crises and crisis situations as challenges and threats to security", consists of three subchapters in which the definitions of the terms crisis and crisis situation are presented, and the features, dependencies and types of these concepts are discussed. A typology of non-military threats was presented, and moreover, the causes, course and effects of crisis situations were determined.

The last chapter entitled "Forms and methods of implementation and improvement of Police activities in support of civil authorities and society" presents issues connected with the cooperation of the Police with civil authorities, society and services, inspections and guards. The cooperation of the Police with the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland, society and other entities is also presented and characterized. The range of cooperation between entities during the emergence of threats was also presented. The obtained results of the conducted empirical research were presented, illustrated and interpreted using the diagnostic survey method, carried out using the survey technique and observation method. On this basis, regarding the considerations and conclusions from the previous chapters, the last subchapter defines the areas, directions, forms and methods of improving Police activities in crisis situations.

The doctoral dissertation is a comprehensive collection of content regarding the cooperation of the Police and other entities during a crisis situation. Furthermore, it is worth noting that the dissertation consists of both theoretical and empirical research. The paper presents the most important research issues supported by a reliable and detailed analysis of the literature, analysis of empirical material, using appropriately selected research methods. In the content of the dissertation, the author extensively and innovatively discusses the issues related to the activities of the Police in support of civil authorities and society in crisis situations.

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