

Territorial Defense Forces in activities for National Security

ABSTRACT

The PhD dissertation entitled "Territorial Defense Forces in activities for National Security" was developed by the author after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, when large-scale cooperation between the youngest type of armed forces and the public administration began. The diversity of current military and non-military threats have challenged the modern armed forces and allowed to define the main purpose of the work, which was to identify the most effective forms and methods of support useful to the public, and to propose directions for the development of new TDF capabilities, which in perspective will allow greater specialization of the formation in terms of crises that may occur in the future.

Unfortunately, the current reality continues to define new threats for us, such as the migrant crisis on the border with Belarus, or the need to support Ukrainian refugees after the outbreak of military conflict with Russia. The author presents the results of a survey conducted among soldiers involved in such direct counter-crisis operations, in which none of the previous types of armed forces have been as heavily involved as the Territorial Defense Forces. It is precisely this formation's experience of these operations that allows the author to draw relevant conclusions, which are the most important element of the dissertation confirming the timeliness and validity of the subject matter undertaken. The author presents them after each chapter. They are intended to translate into improved cooperation of relevant entities and institutions in joint activities for the security of the state.

The main motive for writing this dissertation was the lack of proper coordination between the services and the paralysis of the authorities responsible for crisis management in the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, which uncritically exposed all systemic imperfections. The author identified the risks and pointed to the implemented innovative solutions that allow authorities to control the crisis situation and gradually return to normal functioning.

The doctoral dissertation is a comprehensive set of exhaustive content relating to the role of the Territorial Defense Forces in activities for the benefit of state security. A thorough analysis of the literature on the subject made it possible to create a compact, innovative work that exhausts the main research issue.