

Volkov Yu.M., Polyvanyuk V.D. Problematic issues of the use of firearms by national police officers while performing official duties. The article is devoted to separate aspects of the use of firearms by the employees of the National Police of Ukraine during the performance of official duties. A police action is one of the key functions of the police, which consists in the fact that the police officer has the right to apply to the person the action or complex of actions of preventive or coercive nature.

On the basis of international legal acts on the use of firearms by police officers, the enforcement of coercive measures is considered on the lawful basis in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine, according to which a policeman has the opportunity to use firearms without warning, but the actions of police officers are not always timely and appropriate, especially when using firearms during official duties, which leads to a violation of the lawfulness of its application. In some cases, police use firearms with tactics and methods of use, but do not have sufficient psychological training, which also leads to negative consequences. This is precisely one of the problem issues related to the use of firearms by the officers of the National Police of Ukraine during the performance of official duties.

Also in the scientific article, the authors analyze normative acts defining the guidelines for police coercion, procedural aspects and restrictions on the intensity of use of firearms by police officers.

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