

SUMMARY

Kyrbiatiev O.O. Experience of Post-Soviet Countries in the Field of Criminal Law Protection of Professional Activity of Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Chosen the European Vector of Development. The article analyzes the experience of the post-Soviet countries in the field of criminal law protection of the professional activities of law enforcement officers, and proposes its harmonization with domestic law-making and law enforcement.

The Constitution of Ukraine proclaimed in article 17 that protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, ensuring its economic and information security, shall be the most important function of the State and a matter of concern for all the Ukrainian people. Ensuring the security of the State and protecting the State borders of Ukraine shall be entrusted to respective military formations and law enforcement bodies of the State, whose organisation and operational procedure shall be determined by law.

Such a thesis of the Constitution shows that ensuring the proper functioning of society is priority task of its members, who have not only rights but also duties. The only mention of law enforcement agencies in the Constitution of Ukraine testifies to their role in ensuring state security. However, it is impossible for Ukrainian citizens to implement their rights, forgetting their duties – this led to a crisis of respect to authorities, in the case of law enforcement officers – impossibility of proper fulfilment of their professional duties.

In fact, there is situation, when the higher authorities, the prosecutor's office and the court force law enforcement officers to constantly feel their inferiority, little significance, disability. They are obligated to write statements about the malicious disobedience as an administrative offense, when during fulfillment of official duties received bodily injures, spoiled uniform, which was purchased by their own expense.

It is only one side of the medal, but bigger and more important. Indeed, the behavior of individual law enforcement officers provokes others to actively counteract, until the non-recognition of police officer as a person who endowed with authority, more often through disrespect to the state, but in essence to himself first of all. Active part of the society, who more likely to hinder the proper fulfillment of a law enforcement officer's duties, perfectly knows its rights and requires their immediately implementation, but reminder about its duties is mainly caused aggression.

It is worth remembering that the public order starts with you, from the simple things, like, will not pass through the road to the forbidden sign of traffic lights, will clean up for the your pet after walk in the park, will throw garbage only in the urn etc. Only after that, when biggest part of the society will follow these elementary rules, we can talk about overcoming the crisis of trust to authority at all and to officers in particular. Unfortunately, so far this is not present, that is why scientific search of optimal system of criminal legal protection of professional activity of law enforcement officers is expediency.

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