## **SUMMARY**

Chaplynska Yu. A. The issue of essence and structure of forensic description of crimes. An important component of the methodology for investigating a particular criminal offense is the forensic description of crimes. This element is necessary to provide the most effective methodological guidelines for the investigation of criminal offenses for law enforcement officials. In general, its value is to provide a specific information model that can be used to promote certain versions and plan investigations.

The scientific article deals with some aspects of crime investigation. The content and structure of the forensic characteristic for faster investigation of a criminal offense are considered. It is determined that the nature and structure of the scientific category under study is an important component of the investigation methodology. The author points out that the forensic characterization of crimes is based on the materials of the forensic investigative practice of a criminally significant information system of a separate category of socially dangerous acts, which facilitates their rapid investigation by constructing investigative versions and conducting investigative (search) actions and other investigative measures. This element is necessary to provide the most effective methodological guidelines for the investigation of criminal offenses for law enforcement officials.

The analysis of the positions of different forensic scientists regarding the quantitative and qualitative filling of the structure of the specified scientific category. In view of this, the following elements were distinguished in the structure of the forensic characteristics of crimes: the mode of committing the crime, the situation of the crime, the "trace picture" of the crime, the identity of the victim and the identity of the offender. These elements have been identified in view of their importance in the practical activity of police officers in criminal proceedings of any category.

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