Vasyl A. Savchenko, Ihor I. Ravlyuk. Peculiarities of professional training of employees of the federal police and special police forces of Germany. The article considers the peculiarities of professional training of employees of the federal police of the Federal Republic of Germany. The requirements for a candidate for police service have been clarified, as well as the basic standards that must be met by police officers in physical and fire training.

Keeping fit is the responsibility of every federal police officer. Therefore, all federal police officers are required to participate in sports. Federal police departments organize regular training courses with specific dates and locations. In addition, police officers are encouraged to train outside of office hours to keep fit. And this is justified, because the federal police have to be tested annually in the sprint and endurance zone.

The minimum requirements are based on the achievements of the German sports badge of the "Silver" category. The German Sports Badge (DSA) is an award from the German Olympic Sports Confederation. This is the highest award outside of competitive sports and is given as a sign of achievement for average and versatile physical performance. The standards to be met are based on basic motor skills, endurance, strength, speed and coordination. Swimming is always a must. In some federal states, the presence of such a mark in the applicant is a condition of recruitment to the police.

The peculiarities of professional training of special police forces are analyzed, including special operations teams, mobile target groups, negotiating groups, technical target groups and the Special Unit of the Federal Border Guard Service. Of particular note is the last of them, designed to combat terrorism and hostage-taking. Functional interchangeability promotes high combat effectiveness and coordination of actions of fighters. Therefore, each of them must have as many specialties as possible: sniper, demolition worker, search dog guide, liaison officer, paramedic, driver. Fighters also study foreign languages, as they often have to negotiate with terrorists in their native language.

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