

**Andriy Ye. Fomenko. Concepts and Features of Criminological Activity of the National Police of Ukraine.** The author has defined the concept of criminological activity of the National Police as a type of policing, which is a set of lawful actions of police officers who have knowledge and skills of their application in law in general, and criminology in particular, carried out by legal means and methods using current criminological technologies in education, scientific and practical forms in order to combat criminal offenses, as well as related negative phenomena for society, elimination of determinants of criminal offenses, identification of criminal offenses and crimes, victims of criminal offenses, identification of persons in need of special protection by the state and / or rehabilitation.

In accordance with the characteristics of such activities should include: 1) is a type of police law enforcement activity, characterized by standardization, system, organization and professionalism; 2) is a set of active actions of authorized entities (officials and officials of police bodies) who have knowledge and skills in the field of law and special criminological knowledge; 3) is carried out by legal means and methods allowed by the legislation with use of actual criminological technologies (methods), and also scientific methods of knowledge; 4) possible forms of such activity are educational, scientific and practical, while scientific criminological activity performs a supporting function in relation to this kind of practical activity; 5) in its intellectual content can be organizational (managerial), cognitive-search, communicative; 6) its general purpose is to counteract criminal offenses (their detection, cessation, prevention, prevention), as well as related negative phenomena for society (abuse of rights, etc.), elimination of determinants of criminal offenses, identification of criminal offenses and crime, victims of criminal offenses, identification of persons in need of special protection by the state and / or rehabilitation; 7) each of the forms of such activity within the de-fined purpose, aimed at solving a separate task, namely: a) criminological educational activity – training of specialists with special criminological knowledge and skills; b) criminological scientific activity – the search for ways to solve current theoretical and applied criminological problems; c) criminological practical activity – reduction of the number of committed criminal offenses, elimination of their causes and conditions, taking appropriate measures against persons who are prone to committing offenses or have already committed them, as well as with regard to potential and actual victims; 8) may be carried out as an independent type of police activity, and in parallel with its other types, for example in the implementation of operational and investigative or criminal procedure activities.

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