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When talking about Switzerland police we should mention three directions: Federal Police, Service Police, Police of Cities and Communities.

The first link is the Federal Police Service. The FPS has the following functions: a) Protecting the rule of law of its democratic foundations; b) ensuring internal security of Switzerland; c) the fight against crime, especially with crimes posing a threat to the state; d) protection of employees and buildings of the confederation, as well as persons and buildings protected under international law; e) maintaining contacts with national and international law enforcement agencies.

The second link is the police of the cantons. There are 26 cantons in Switzerland. The structure of the police varies. In German-speaking cantons, the police carry out three main activities: investigation of criminal offences, ensuring safety and ensuring road safety. This division has functions of the patrol police, including the prevention of accidents and crimes, the maintenance of public safety and order, the prosecution of crimes, the provision of road safety, and the provision of assistance to the authorities in the event of disasters.

The third link is the police of cities and communities. The focus of the work of the police of cities and communities is to investigate administrative offences and minor crimes. By available units and number of employees, the police corps of municipalities differ from each other. Cantons and municipalities may set their own requirements for their police units, but they generally do not differ from those provided by the Confederation. Police in Switzerland work very clearly like a clock, because they have many units that perform specific functions.

To conclude all mentioned above we should say that the Swiss police are the most organized and systematic organization to maintain public safety and order in Europe. We believe that the Swiss police will continue supporting people and will be the example for the other countries in Europe how to do the job of the police services excellent.

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