

Patrol officers in the USA like law enforcement officers in other countries are responsible for monitoring the area. That means that they drive in a car or patrol on foot their beat with the purpose of spotting the problems. Their duties are to respond to calls, make arrests, deal with conflicts, take crime reports, conduct traffic enforcement, investigate traffic accidents, transport criminals and perform crime prevention measures.

A patrol officer is the first person to arrive at the scene of any incident. Further investigation depends greatly on his actions there. The patrol officer is in the beat every day, he may be close to potential crime and can give important information.

Due to foot patrols the level of crime in Philadelphia reduced. There were identified 'hot spots' – 60 locations with the highest violent crime corners in the city. Police commanders organized officers' patrol in pairs with two pairs assigned to each foot patrol. Statistics showed that in several months violent crime decreased. There were positive changes of police activities in the target areas in detection of drug-related incidents, pedestrian and vehicle stops, making arrests.

Law enforcement patrol officers not only enforce the laws but also communicate with the members of the community, visit schools and talk with the pupils about police job, drug or alcohol addiction, safe driving. In large cities the police chiefs meet business owners and talk with the residents.

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REFORMING THE PATROL POLICE IN UKRAINE. EXPERIENCE OF GEORGIA

The reforms that have been taking place in Ukraine for three years have started with the launch of the new patrol police and in a short time have already made it possible to improve the quality of the work of patrols. It should be mentioned that the functions of the ministries of internal affairs in the majority of foreign countries are much wider than those of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. At the beginning of the reform of the National Police in Ukraine, the government has selected the experience of Georgia as the basis for organizing activities in the field of internal security.

The reform of the Georgian and Ukrainian police forces is supported by similar international organizations and countries, such as the United

States. But, when the training of Ukrainian policemen takes place mainly within our country, many Georgian patrols were trained at the Georgia State Security Police Academy. Police stations are built mostly of glass – a symbol of transparency of power.

Today, three years after the launch of the police reform in Ukraine, the concept of “police station” has not yet been fully implemented in the systemic aspect. Yet, there a lot of common things between Georgia and Ukraine police. For example, the basic rules for entering the ranks of the patrol police also have many identical criteria. In Georgia, as in Ukraine, new people were attracted and invited without law enforcement professional experience to patrol service. But at the same time, a significant part of former law enforcement officers had the opportunity to stay in the police after undergoing re-certification.

In our opinion, a detailed studying of the experience of the development of police units in a number of other countries, namely Georgia, the wide exchange of police officers at the level of territorial units and specialized higher education institutions may be useful for Ukraine as a state that is willing to have a European police model.

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HIGHWAY PATROL

A highway patrol is either a police unit created for the purpose of overseeing and enforcing traffic safety compliance on roads and highways, or a detail within an existing local or regional police agency that is primarily concerned with such duties: gathering evidence to determine the cause of a roadway accident; enforcing highway laws related to commercial transport, including weight limits and hazardous materials rules; securing the scene of a traffic accident by using cones and flares as well as providing first aid to the injured; assisting local police in rural areas, and keeping an eye out for non-traffic violations.

In Brazil, traffic policing is the responsibility of state and federal police forces accordingly to the highway administration status. State administered highways are policed by a branch of the Military Police forces, called State Highway Military Police. At the same time Federal highways and roads are the responsibility of the Federal Highway Police.