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OF THE STATE SECURITY POLICY
AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

SUMMARY

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Political and managing activities of the state are related to the implementation of many specialized tasks, individual areas are related to specific policies. The area of public safety and order is related to the implementation of the state security policy and its management. On the one hand, the activities of the Police are directed at the implementation of the objectives characteristic of this specialized institution. On the other hand, they are an instrument of the state policy. The given doctoral dissertation pays its attention to a country that achieves its goals both with regard to the national community and local communities and its activities at this level of political decision-making.

The dissertation entitled “Participation of the police in the implementation of the state security policy at the local level” is the analysis of police cooperation at the local level with local government units of the Konin County for the security of its citizens and is a part of the local prevention program “Together for Safety”. Many years of reflections were the main motive for this work. These reflections are based on an in-depth analysis of the literature on the subject and are related to the results of the changes to the provisions governing the operation of the police, implemented system solutions for the cooperation of police units with the public and deepening social dialogue about ensuring safety between the police, territorial self-governments and the local community. The author justifies the selection of the topic by the willingness to present a new concept of the functioning of the Polish Police, the main task of which is service to society understood through the prism of the socialization of its activities, the implementation of the principles of a democratic state of law and educational and preventive activities carried out in the field. It is the political will of decision-makers and control mechanisms that determines the degree of social acceptance for security and public order institutions, which include the Police.

The subject of activities, which is formulated at the beginning of the research work, is the effectiveness of measures taken to shape safety in the local community by institutions responsible for public safety and activating the society, local governments and the police in

activities for local safety through the implementation of a preventive program “Together for Safety” in the city of Konin and its county. The author included a broad justification of the need to increase public awareness and the need to be active in the field of cooperation with public administration aimed at counteracting threats occurring in local communities. Shaping the safety of the local community is the task of all institutions that are responsible for the public safety. Hence the effectiveness of the implementation of the prevention program of the police in Konin and the effects of cooperation between the police and local governments at the commune and county level became the subject of the research in the presented dissertation.

The aim of this work is to analyze the functioning of the mentioned preventive program “Together for Safety” and to evaluate its role in the safety management system in the local community as well as to evaluate the functioning of the district police. The dissertation presents the important role of the district policeman as the policeman of first contact with the citizen in socializing the activities of the police. The work includes the systematization of theoretical knowledge in the field of security of citizens and the cooperation carried out at the local level between the police and the local government as well as it presents the evaluation of the functioning of public administration in shaping local security policy and cooperation with police officers, especially with the district police, as a part of the preventive program “Together for Safety”.

The structure of the given doctoral dissertation was subordinated to the gradual completion of the dissertation. The author adjusted the layout of the work to achieve the goals of the work and the solution of research problems. The research consists of introduction, five chapters, conclusion, a reference list, a list of labels, pictures and figures.

The first chapter entitled “Methodological assumptions of the work” includes the justification for the choice of the topic, the formulation of the subject, aim, research problems and preliminary hypothesis and presents the characterization of research methods, research techniques and tools, which allowed to effectively search for answers to the research problems. The second chapter titled “The essence of security” is theoretical introduction devoted to security as science. It should be noted that the current science of security is largely derived from the science of politics, functioning today as the science of politics and administration. Research areas that are classic for political science are currently subject to interdisciplinary research due to the evolution of systems, fields and disciplines. Creating security at all levels of the functioning of the state is a political decision-making. State and local government management institutions participate in it, in democratic countries the voice

of citizens is also taken into account. The changes that took place in the Police after the systemic transformation were and are the result of an extensive social dialogue. The approach of the Police to local government institutions and the society itself, which is reflected in the preventive program "Together for Safety" analyzed in the dissertation, is an example of the functioning of the institutions of a democratic state. It presents the genesis of security, the basic terms and the main currents of considerations on the functioning of generally understood security. The third chapter, which title is "Security policy at the local level", includes the analysis of the security policy conducted at the local level. It covers the genesis and the legal conditions for the functioning of local government, the structure of the units of local government in Poland and its organs, tasks and competences. It describes the tasks of local government authorities in relation to local safety. It clearly shows how political decision-making directly influences specialized activities, assessed by various disciplines, including political and administrative sciences and security sciences.

"Police and security" is the fourth chapter of the dissertation. It discusses the police system in Poland, including the police bodies of government administration and the tasks, competences and powers assigned to them. This part presents the role of the police in shaping local security policy, emphasizes the role of IT applications as important elements of the public safety management process in the Polish police, includes the analysis of the functioning of the police in Poland based on the idea of community policing and shows the activation of the society for the benefit of local security in the field of nationwide police preventive programs. Systemic position of the Police, its place and role in the system of a democratic state are directly related to the political system of the state. Security and public order institutions function in completely different system realities, depending on the nature and system of the state. The last chapter, the fifth, ("Local security and realization of the *Together for Safety* program") constitutes the major part of the dissertation. It includes the characteristic of the city and council of Konin and analysis of the state of security and public order in the area of operation of the Municipal Police Station in Konin. The chapter presents the innovative preventive program of the Konin police "Together for Safety" being implemented in the Konin County, its goals and assumptions and the results of empirical research evaluating the effectiveness of the program implementation as part of the research process. The research results were compiled with the use of statistical tools selected appropriately to the quantitative and qualitative data. In the research project the author used the diagnostic survey as a research method and the research tool was a general and expert questionnaire.

In this work an attempt was made to diagnose and evaluate the cooperation of the police on the example of the Municipal Police Station in Konin with local government units of the Konin county in terms of the security of its citizens during the implementation of the preventive program “Together for Safety”. Based on studies of literature, observation of “Together for Safety” program, analysis of the results of empirical research and analysis of the state of safety and public order in the city of Konin and its county, answers to the main research problem and detailed problems were obtained as well as the hypotheses and research questions were verified. In the context of the main research hypothesis, its verification in the tested sample was found and its details and the description are discussed extensively in the practical part. The following research methods were used to carry out the research and to develop the research material: analysis and synthetics, document analysis and inference, observational method, questionnaire method and statistical inference.

The summary part contains the most important findings resulting from empirical research and literature studies and presents the directions and recommendations for the use of the obtained research to construct, inter alia, future crime prevention strategies in a county, province or even country.

The doctoral dissertation is a collection of comprehensive and exhaustive content relating to the subject of security and the participation of the police in the implementation of the state security policy at the local level as part of the preventive program “Together for Safety”.