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APPLICATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
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The Code of Ethics, being a general system of principles and values, is aimed at regulating human behavior and the organization's activity, taking into account the interests of stakeholders. *The purpose* of our research is to describe the application of the Code of Ethics in the law enforcement authorities of Ukraine, namely social codes. Moreover, we would like to examine more thoroughly the use of the Code of Ethics not only in business but in some other areas (on the example of the National Police of Ukraine).

The following codes are distinguished in the scientific literature: contract codes, social codes, corporate codes, and professional codes. Social codes are codes that regulate obligations to citizens, employees, and the state. Company activity is closely connected with the mechanism of work of the social code which acts as job descriptions [1].

In the modern system of social relations, the task of law enforcement agencies, in particular the police as a subject that constantly interacts with society, is to position themselves as a guarantor of social and psychological comfort of citizens, social justice, but not just as a power institution. Primarily, this can be achieved by forming the appropriate level of legal culture of police officers [2].

The Police Code of Ethics can be applied from the point of view of the axiological (value) aspect that reveals a system of values created in the course of society development and accumulated by humanity in the field of law, that is, all that pertains to legal progress.

Nowadays, the level of public trust in law enforcement agencies is not very high, that is why this approach will make it possible to reduce distrust and improve the relationship between society and the guarantor of civil rights [3].

The Code of Ethics can be divided into two parts: ideological and regulatory. The ideological part includes ethical principles that are the basis for the thinking and activity in the form of goals and values. Moreover, the ideological part meaningfully reveals the link between the activities of law enforcement agencies and the Code of Ethics that forms the legal culture. The common features of legal culture are characteristics specific for all types of culture as condition, method and result of the activity of any individual and society. The development of human forces, human relations, and the individual itself in all the variety of its manifestations takes place in the course of legal culture.

Having analyzed the scientific literature and job descriptions of police officers, and taken into account the concepts and axiological aspects of the legal culture of police officers, we proposed to identify some articles of the police officers' code, which regulates the fundamentals based on the Code of Ethics, conduct of the police officers and their interaction with the public. The main provisions of this Code are loyalty to service, dignity, honesty, recognition of the respect for a person as the highest value and the sense of responsibility for police officers actions. Simplicity in communication and modesty in self-assessment of police officers will enable citizens

feel themselves equal to law enforcement officers. This will increase public confidence in the police.

In conclusion, we would like to emphasize that the formation of ethical behavior is important for organizing the work in the collective, as well as in society and the state. Nowadays, as we are trying to develop and improve the standard of living of both people and the country, we need to learn how to apply the Code of Ethics in our daily lives. The existence of codes of professional ethics is an indicator of the moral maturity of society, which can regulate the behavior of its members without the assistance of the state.

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