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## PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF POLICE OFFICERS AS A COMPONENT OF PROFESSIONAL APTITUDE FOR ACTIVITY

The article is devoted to the results of an experimental study, which highlights the personal characteristics of police officers of the National Police of Ukraine. They are considered as one of the components of professional fitness of a personality for service. In the course of the study, a set of methods of psychological diagnostics of personal professional suitability of police officers for a certain type of activity and the choice of police specialization was substantiated and developed. The study was

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conducted during 2019–2021 with coverage of more than a thousand police officers in the main types of activities (patrol, criminal police, precinct police officers, security police, etc.) from 15 regions of Ukraine, which are characterized by experts as successful. According to the indicator of personal characteristics, the highest indices of the sthenic and hyposthenic type of interaction were recorded among police officers of the patrol police, as well as the security police. The largest number of policemen with strong and medium-strong types was found in the divisions of precinct police officers. followed by investigators, patrol officers, operatives and security police officers. The largest number of highly labile policemen work as operatives, investigators, and patrol policemen. Obviously, this testifies to the importance for the employees of these units of the ability to quickly arise, flow and stop the nervous process, its switching. The highest indices of stenic scales – spontaneity and aggressiveness – are characteristic of criminal investigation officers, and high indices of these scales, as well as of rigidity, are also observed in pre-trial investigation officers. High indices of the hyposthenic scale were found among patrol police officers; the lowest indices were typical of district police officers and security police officers; the highest indices of demonstrativeness were typical of district officers and investigators, and the lowest were typical of security police officers. Octants of the stenic type of response, reflecting leadership, confidence, independence, rivalry, directness, impulsiveness are most pronounced in patrol officers, investigators, police officers, and detective operatives. Hyposthenic-type octants, indicative of tendencies toward pliability, modesty, dependence are not expressed much and are partially manifested in patrol officers, as well as in security police; they are the least in operatives. The article shows that the use of the proposed methods of evaluation and measurement of a personal component of the professional fitness of personality will help the psychologists of National Police of Ukraine to formulate a reasonable forecast about the effectiveness of the future professional activity of policemen when appointing persons to posts, thereby to increase the effectiveness of psychological support of their official activity.

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