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## **THE STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLICE IN ITALY**

The State Police is the civil power structure of Italy, which has been leading the history since 1852. The police have their own division into agents, assistants, superintendents, inspectors, officers and managers. It is subordinated to the Department of Public Security, which in turn is part of the Ministry of the Interior. The range of police duties is very wide: from preventing crimes to patrolling streets, from controlling the safety of citizens during all sorts of manifestations (sports, music, political, etc.) to guarding prisons. In this regard, various types of police were organized with specific tasks and special vocational training.

The officer's college is located in Rome, and the training of future officers is also conducted in Florence and in Velletri (Lazio). The officers study for two years at the military academy in Modena and then three years at the officer college. The student ends his studies as a lieutenant. Officers who will subsequently perform logistic and technical tasks also need special education. They receive diplomas in medicine, engineering, communications, psychology, economics and veterinary medicine.

Law and order in Italy is the responsibility of five national police forces, and two local police forces. Together, these organizations employ over 300,000 officers, the highest number employed by any of the countries in the European Union.

The two local forces are:

-ProvincialPolice. This force is responsible for enforcing national and local hunting and fishing laws as well as some traffic regulations.

- MunicipalPolice. Each comune has a Municipal Police force, responsible for enforcing local regulations, traffic control and investigating petty crimes. In some regions the Provincial Police and the Municipal Police are grouped together as Local Police.

The five national forces are: State Police; Finance Police; Military Police; Prison Police; Forestry Police.

There is an additional organization, called Anti-Mafia Investigation Department (DIA) which is a cooperative venture between all five of the police forces which is charged with tackling organized crime.

The State Police is a civilian police force primarily responsible for the maintenance of public order and security, under the control of the Department of Public Security. It currently employs around 110,000 personnel.

There are several divisions operating within the State Police force including 'Polizia Stradale' (highway patrols); 'Polizia Ferroviaria' (the railwayspatrols); 'Polizia Postale' (postal and internet communications); 'Polizia di Frontiera'(border controls, alongside the state); 'Carabinieri' and 'Guardia di Finanza'.

A police station in Italy is called a 'Questura', and there is one located in each of the 103 provincial capitals of Italy. In true Italian style, two 'Lamborghini Gallardo' supercars were donated to the Highway Patrol in 2004.

The *guardia di finanza* (numbering around 68,000) is responsible for regulating national and international financial dealings and combating fraud, counterfeiting, tax evasion and smuggling. They're particularly active at border crossings, airports and ports, where they operate fast powerboats to apprehend smugglers.

The Carabinieri is the national military police force of Italy. Controlled by the Ministry of Defense, they have both military and civil responsibilities. It deals with national and serious crime, including organized crime, and is Italy's most efficient and professional police force (and the best-funded). The name *Carabinieri* comes from the *carabina*, the rifle they traditionally carried. In 2000 they became the fourth element of the Italian Armed Forces and have since taken part in peace-keeping

missions in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. They drive navy blue cars and also employ helicopters, aircraft and speed boats.

The Prison Police is under the control of the Italian Ministry of Justice and is responsible for the operation of the Italian prison system. Its responsibilities include maintaining order inside prisons; protection of prisoners inside the system; preventing escapes; transporting prisoners to and from court and medical facilities; managing work and education programs for inmates.

The Forestry Police is controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, and is responsible for protecting Italy's natural resources, the environment, countryside and ecosystems, especially the 24 national parks and national forests. It is also responsible for safeguarding protected animals and enforcing laws to protect endangered species. In addition, it is responsible for policing criminal activities such as poaching, violations of environmental legislation and the production of counterfeit or unlicensed foods.

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## CRIME PREVENTION IN CANADA

Crime prevention is the key to a safe society in the modern world. This is a qualitative indicator of the development of the state: if the crime rate is small, then living in it is safer. According to research by World Economic Forum experts at 2017, the safest countries are Finland, the United Arab Emirates and Canada. The rating of countries consists of several criteria: the situation with crime and terrorism, military conflicts, the level of security during tourist stays in the country. Ukraine occupies 127th place in this ranking.

What is Crime Prevention?