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TRAINING OF FUTURE FBI OFFICERS

The American structure of police systems is one of the most complex and interesting if we talk about foreign experience.

The police structure of the United States of America is characterized by a variety of organizational and legal forms.

Police forces operate at the federal (FBI), state, and local levels.

Due to the presence of police bodies in individual ministries and departments, the specifics of training police personnel are different.

In particular, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has its own training system - from a number of academies and university faculties and colleges to short-term courses. A significant feature of the police training system in the USA is the presence of numerous private and public training centers. One of the largest federal law enforcement training centers is located in Georgia.

The Center is funded by the US Congress.[1]

Each of the US law enforcement agencies has its own selection system, determined by the specifics of the activity and departmental requirements. The task of selection is to choose the most worthy candidates who will be able to fulfill their official duties with dignity, meet the required educational level, have good physical fitness and have no health problems. Most police agencies in the United States hire candidates who have a high school or college degree or pass an exam in law enforcement, psychology, American history, or legal relations.

Also, young people who have graduated from school practice internship in the police in large cities. Experienced instructors conduct classes with this category of persons. Training includes classes on the Constitution and civil rights, as well as state laws. Patrolling, traffic regulation, firearms training, personal safety techniques, rules of behavior

in extreme situations are practiced. The recruitment competition is very large - 20-40 people for one place. This competition is typical for ordinary departments. This is due to the fact that the profession of a police officer in the USA is a respectable one and gives individuals many preferences. In such a reputable agency as the FBI, the competition can reach several hundred people for one place.

Personnel training for the FBI is carried out at the FBI Academy (Quantico, Virginia).

The general requirements for the selection of candidates are American citizenship, age from 23 to 37 years, having a bachelor's degree, having three years of work experience in the profession and having a valid driver's license.

The process of professional selection to the ranks of the FBI is carried out during seven stages. At the beginning, the person submits an online application to the FBI office and waits for its consideration.

After that, the candidate will be tested, which consists of two stages: in the first stage, skills and abilities are assessed, judgments and logical thinking are tested, and in the second stage, a written exercise and an interview await the candidates.

Candidates who successfully pass the second phase of testing receive notification of conditional appointment. After that, there is a physical fitness test, a special personal check, which includes a polygraph test, a criminal record check, a drug test, a credit and debt check, and educational achievements.

This inspection is completed by a full medical examination. All FBI recruits undergo a 20-week basic training at the FBI Academy.

Training programs at the FBI Academy in four main areas:

- 1) theoretical part;
- 2) practical exercises;
- 3) fire training;
- 4) tactical training [2]

Theoretical training. Students study a wide range of subjects, including the basics of jurisprudence, methods of investigating crimes, interviewing and interrogation techniques, criminology, forensic medicine. The

theoretical part of training also includes studying the basics of national security, counter-intelligence and anti-terrorist activities.

Practical exercises. In the process of training future employees of the FBI, great attention is paid to practicing practical skills of professional activity. The methods of hand-to-hand combat, repelling attacks, shooting with pistols loaded with cartridges with paint are being developed.

Fire preparation. A lot of attention is paid to fire training at the Academy.

In the course of training, each trainee shoots about 5,000 rounds of ammunition. In addition, in the training process, the possibilities of electronic shooting ranges are widely used, which allow simulating various situations of using weapons. They learn to shoot indoors, in the air, in the dark, in the fog, in the cold, from the hip and in other imaginable and unimaginable conditions and positions.

Tactical training. This training includes everything an FBI agent needs to effectively perform their functional duties: self-defense tactics and detention tactics; special physical training; control tactics and shooting tactics. Future agents go through serious physical training to prepare themselves for the challenges they will face in real life. Future law enforcement officers undergo a safety and survival program and a program of tactical actions in critical situations on vehicles. Just as a pilot must master aerobatics, an agent must be an ace at driving a car.

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