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## **FUTURE POLICE OFFICERS' ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING ACCORDING TO NATO STANDARDS**

There is more and more information about the introduction of NATO standards into the educational process of higher education institutions nowadays. The Foreign Languages Department at the Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs implements NATO language standards.

**NATO LANGUAGE STANDARD.** The aim of this standard is to provide NATO forces with a table describing language proficiency levels. Participating nations adopt the table of language proficiency levels for the purpose of: a) Communicating language requirements for international staff appointments; b) Recording and reporting, in international correspondence, measures of language proficiency; c) Comparing national standards through a standardized table while preserving each nation's right to maintain its own internal proficiency standards. The given detailed definitions of the proficiency levels of the commonly-recognized language proficiency skills: «listening», «speaking», «reading», and «writing» [1].

In our practical activities, we distinguish several levels of foreign language proficiency according to the given standards:

**NO PROFICIENCY.** No practical ability to maintain any of these skills.

**SURVIVAL.** Able to understand and maintain simple skills.

**FUNCTIONAL.** Sufficient comprehension to read and to understand conversations; able to communicate and write in everyday social and routine workplace situations, correspondence and related documents, such as memoranda, brief reports, and private letters, on everyday topics.

**PROFESSIONAL.** Able to understand and participate most formal and informal speech on practical, social, and professional topics; can use the written language for essay-length argumentation, analysis, hypothesis, and extensive explanation, narration, and description.

**EXPERT.** Demonstrates strong competence in reading newspapers, magazines and professional literature written for the well-educated reader; can prepare highly effective written communication in a variety of prose styles, even in unfamiliar general or professional-specialist areas.

**HIGHLY-ARTICULATE NATIVE.** Comprehension and speaking proficiency equivalent to that of the well-educated native listener and speaker;

reading and writing proficiency is functionally equivalent to that of a well-educated native reader and writer [3].

The most spoken language standard now is STANAG 6001. STANAG (Standartization Agreement, Standart NATO) is an international agreement valid in NATO countries and partner countries. One of the many agreements in this treaty, namely STANAG 6001, deals with foreign language proficiency standards for military personnel. According to the STANAG standard, testing is carried out and a corresponding certificate is issued. In Ukraine, the exam is conducted in accordance with the order of the Minister of Defense of Ukraine.

- Candidate applies to be sent to work abroad as part of national contingents, national personnel, multinational military administration bodies, in foreign diplomatic institutions of Ukraine, international organizations, for training;

- Candidate holds a position that requires the use of a foreign language, or is in the reserve of candidates for such a position;

- Candidate participates in international events [2].

We understand, that successful passing of the exam indicates that a cadet/student has a foreign language at a level sufficient for foreign language communication in certain professional fields. The main teaching method in exam preparation courses is the communicative method.

Therefore, in the process of teaching English to future law enforcement specialists at the Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs, we pay special attention to the formation of their foreign language communicative competence. Every month, in addition to dialogical/monological speaking at practical classes, we hold meetings with native speakers that have a practical component of studying. In particular, cadets and students had the opportunity to receive and discuss information on the following topics: «Los Angeles Police», «Court Procedure», «Police K-9 Units» and many others. All teachers of the Foreign Languages Department and a certain group of cadets are registered on the «CEPOL-LEEd» platform and participate in webinars and seminars. Cadets can also improve their knowledge of a foreign language at meetings with the Red Cross Mission. Meetings of the «English Discussion Club» are held every month at the university. Club members discuss pressing issues of their professional activities, such as: «NATO Language Standards», «European Court of Human Rights», «CEPOL» and others.

We see further researches in the justification and implementation of NATO Language Standards in the educational process of learning a foreign language.

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