The National Police of Ukraine (NPU) is the central executive body within Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), tasked with safeguarding human rights and freedoms, combating crime, and ensuring public safety and order across the country.

The modern NPU emerged from the reform of the law enforcement system following the Revolution of Dignity. Its legal foundation was established with the Law of Ukraine On the National Police, which was adopted on 2 July 2015. Just two days later, on 4 July of that same year, the first patrol police officers took their oath of allegiance to the Ukrainian people, ushering in a new, service-oriented culture within the MIA structure.

Working closely with other security agencies, the NPU carries out a broad spectrum of duties, including street patrolling, rapid response, criminal investigations, and protecting critical infrastructure. Under martial law, police officers maintain law and order and ensure safety in liberated communities, participate in stabilization efforts, civilian evacuations, and the documentation of war crimes.

The National Police includes patrol police, criminal police, pre-trial investigation bodies, security units, special formations, and special purpose police.



With the start of russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, the police transformed their functions to adapt to new challenges. Personnel not only carry out law enforcement duties in the rear but also honorably represent the agency in combat units. This includes special forces like KORD, Liut (Fury), Khyzhak (Predator), and rifle battalions operating on the front lines.

The NPU's operations are based on the principles of legality, political neutrality, and service to society. Police officers serve with heightened responsibility, taking into account both the challenges of wartime and the daily needs of citizens.

The National Police of Ukraine is a guarantor of safety, embodying resilience, professionalism, and loyalty to the state. Its motto – "Serve and Protect!" – is more than just words; it is a daily calling.

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