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1. Relevance and significance of the research

The effective management of emergency structures is an integral part of the defense of the national security of any country. This applies above all to the bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, whose main task is the preservation of order in the country and the fight against crime, in the context of the effective guarantee and protection of the rights and freedoms of all persons under the jurisdiction of the country. On the other hand, the protection of national security, not only in our country, but also on a global scale, is a permanently relevant and significant issue, which has a direct bearing on the subject of the dissertation research.

In addition, this problem is also a challenge from the point of view of actually guaranteeing security and order in a given country, and also on a European and global scale, in general. The need for scientific research on this topic is permanent. It is constantly increasing given the dynamics of threats and the increased danger of terrorist acts and the commission of serious crimes. These negative phenomena have a direct impact on security and public order, in all spheres. This in itself necessitates the search for new forms and directions to improve not only the organization of work of each structure or country, but also the relations and interaction between the countries of the European Union.

From what has been said so far, we can summarize that the dissertation research submitted for defense is dedicated to one of the most important issues, standing to be resolved before the specialized bodies not only in the country, but also outside it, which have the competences to manage the systems in various emergency cases. This is because precisely the timely and correct reaction during a crisis is a guarantor for the effective protection of security and guaranteeing the

rights and freedoms of all persons under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Bulgaria, as the author of the study himself mentions in his presentation. In itself, this applies to every EU country and, of course, to the Union as a whole. All this predetermines the significance of the dissertation proposed for review.

The work is a successful attempt to consider the issues related to the management of one of the most important aspects not only for the Ministry of Internal Affairs. As a country at a crossroads, the Republic of Bulgaria is particularly vulnerable to emergency situations, which necessitates taking measures of different types and severity. It is important to note that the problems under consideration have not only theoretical, but also particularly practical significance. They will be useful both for students studying in higher schools and universities, as well as for all employees of the structures with competences in the organization of activities in emergency situations in the country. The conclusions and recommendations made can also be useful to structures whose tasks are not directly related to the research problems.

What has been said makes the relevance of the study indisputable and will contribute to the training process and future research projects dedicated to the management of the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and especially the organization of the activity in emergency situations. It is also necessary to note the fact that our country is an external border of the EU, which also determines its role in protecting the security of this territory.

2. Characteristics of the study

The work consists of 141 standard typewritten pages. It is structured in an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion, a bibliography and appendices. The

purpose, tasks, object and subject of the work are very precisely defined in the introduction.

Important for any research of this nature is the performance of an analysis related to theoretical knowledge. This is because the concepts should underlie the legal regulation that underlies the organization of work. In addition, the normative acts and documents also contain the basic concepts, which should be legalized and used both in daily work and in the training process. These questions are the subject of analysis in chapter one, which is devoted to the theoretical foundations of the management process, in emergency situations. The main elements of the management process relevant to the implementation of measures in emergency situations are analyzed. Differentiated attention was paid to the main elements in the planning of the various activities. The doctoral student successfully remixes his views, refracting them through the prism of a peculiar decision-making model. The main priorities in decision-making are considered.

In the second chapter, the doctoral student has made an analysis of scientific research on the characteristics of different types of emergency situations, whatever their name is. Special attention is paid to their essence, conceptual apparatus and classification. It is focused on possible emergency situations on the territory of the country. In this context, the role of emergency situations caused by natural phenomena is emphasized.

The main aspects of earthquakes and floods are outlined, as well as winter-specific phenomena such as icing, frost and storms.

The topic of terrorism was not omitted either, as one of the most negative phenomena of our time, leading to a lot of material damage and victims. Emphasis is also placed on group violations of the public order established in the country.

Attention has been paid to its importance for the normal functioning of all organs and systems.

When it comes to emergency situations, we cannot fail to note the importance of those of a man-made nature. It is a question of fires, accidents and catastrophes, as an integral part of taking the necessary management measures and a key element of the protection of national security for each country as well as for the EU. This is one of the highlights of this part of the work.

It is also essential to consider the threats to our country and especially to its security during epidemics and pandemics. The need to maintain the right philosophy and, in particular, policy regarding the prevention of these phenomena, as a possible significant factor of destabilization not only for the country, but also for the region, is emphasized.

At the end of this part of the work, a number of summaries, conclusions and recommendations have been made, with a view to improving the work of ensuring the protection of citizens in various emergency situations.

It is focused on external and internal risks and threats to the national security of the Republic of Bulgaria from the point of view of emergency situations. It makes a good impression that the doctoral student pays attention to each of them differently, not missing the opportunity to present his views on these issues.

Similar to chapter one, motivated conclusions and recommendations are made in this part of the work.

As a natural conclusion of the topic, we can determine the presence of an exhibition dedicated to improving the management of the structures of the

Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations. A place is devoted to this question in chapter three.

It is emphasized that the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as a specialized body of the executive power, is directly involved in the implementation of the state policy to guarantee the internal security of the country. In this sense, it is also one of the principles for working in the ministry, namely that it is an administration with a hierarchical nature and centralism in management, whose activity is aimed at protecting the rights and freedoms of citizens, national security and public order.

In accordance with the name of this part of the research, the main characteristics of a model for the System for automating the management process are also presented, which, apart from being dedicated to emergency situations, has an emphasis on the preparation of the management bodies of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs , in emergency situations. It is mainly about the possibilities to improve the training of the competent and authorized bodies, and also the main problems related to this.

Attention has been drawn to the fact that the emergency management system created in the Ministry of Internal Affairs is based on ensuring the actions of the leadership, the ministry and the heads of structures in the management of forces and resources, for the prevention and control of situations of a crisis nature and overcoming the consequences of such. Emphasis is placed on the fact that it consists of functionally related: management bodies; situation centers and communication-information system, which has a key role in this part of the study.

The role and activity of the management bodies, the situational centers and the communication and information system are examined in a differentiated

manner. On this basis, it is explained that emergency response is an activity carried out by the governing bodies and response forces of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, with the aim of controlling the main risks and threats.

On the basis of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the interaction between the structures, in the implementation of the activities in emergency situations, the main aspects of the model were considered in a differentiated way. In particular, it is about the criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of the interaction and in this connection - the available forces and means and the preparation. Paying attention to the provision and sufficiency of the available resources should be specially emphasized. A distinctive feature is that awareness is also emphasized.

What is essential about this model is both its rationale and the proposition of a system of elements that identify it. This is one of the most significant contributions of the dissertation research.

The procedure for publicizing and attracting the forces to act in emergency situations has also been explained.

At the end of the presentation and in this part of the work, a number of justified conclusions and recommendations for change have been made, which can serve as a basis for increasing the efficiency of the work of specialized bodies, in ensuring the management process, in emergency situations, which is essential for the protection of national security in the country.

Important for the level of work is paying attention to the state of our country, from the point of view of the level of readiness for effective actions in emergency situations.

Special emphasis should be placed on the doctoral student's opinion on individual issues related to the specifics of actions in emergency situations, which further raises the level of the work. All these details can also be used in the process of training specialists in this field.

3. Scientific and applied contributions to the research

3.1. Scientific contributions

- The first, at the same time, very significant contribution is the enrichment of the theory related to emergency situations, as part of ensuring order in the country, countering terrorism and other negative phenomena, in the context of the protection of national security. The contribution is offered through an analysis of existing doctrines. On this basis, the views of the author regarding actually existing trends in the development of theories of effectiveness in emergency situations are built.
- An analysis of doctrinal views and achievements on the problem of emergency situations is proposed. It includes historical overview, current knowledge, current theory and practice, opinions of other researchers and results of other studies.

3.2. Applied Contributions:

- The most important and essential contribution, not only from the point of view of the system for protecting the national security of the country, but also from the point of view of security, as a phenomenon is the proposed model of a System for automating the management process in the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations. Its essence consists in the creation of software for an Integrated Information System. It is about the external borders. The wide scope of the model makes it applicable to other

activities as well. I motivate my statement with the fact that similar models are also proposed for the counteraction of other negative phenomena, such as the counteraction of terrorist acts, migration control and others.

- As a practical-applied contribution, we can perceive the developed and proposed system of measures to counter emergency situations. It is a question of modeled main directions for improving the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations.
- The theoretical analysis of the management process, on the basis of which the main elements logically related to the improvement of the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations are determined, is also essential.

4. Opinion on the presence of plagiarism

Until now, I am not aware of the presence of plagiarism in the dissertation submitted for review, which gives me reason to assume that another development with this name and above all content is not available in scientific research in the country.

5. Testimonials

In the first place, I will take the liberty of recommending a reordering of the main elements in the introduction, beginning with the purpose, then the tasks, and after them the object and subject. I motivate my proposal by the fact that in research related to organization and management in the sphere outside of material production, the purpose of the research is of primary importance. It is decisive for the other elements.

Secondly, I suggest that the author, in his future research on the subject, should more boldly state his position on individual issues, mainly of a practical

and applied nature. This will help to provoke a dispute about phenomena on which there is no unified opinion. The doctrine of raising the level of management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs during crises will benefit from this.

My third recommendation is related to the need to publish and thus popularize the work. This will give even more meaning to the results of the research and allow for its widespread application.

What has been said in no way diminishes the value of the study. It shows the author's desire for an innovative approach to issues of our time, on which there is no unified understanding. His pragmatic views on the state and the way to improve the level of the organization of work in emergency situations by the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs can be an example for other researchers and what is essential for the managers and the executive staff of the ministry.

Combining theory with the organization of work is always a good example for all researchers. The brought problems to the attention of the specialists, together with solutions, with a view to improving the organization of work on matters of strategic importance further increases the level of work.

At the end of each chapter, summaries, conclusions and recommendations are made, with a view to improving the organization of work, in accordance with the requirements of the current norms.

I would also like to bring one question to the doctoral student's attention. It refers to his opinion on the systemic nature of the management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the context of emergency response.

6. Personal impressions of the candidate

I have known Mr. Krotnev for 4 years, as the director of one of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. I can with complete CONVICTION testify to his exceptional professionalism and skill in setting the tasks and their implementation. One of the most respected leaders from the representatives of the various structures in the ministry. It is characterized by exceptional correctness in fulfilling the commitments made.

7. Conclusion

The research submitted for defense is the personal work of the doctoral student. The work is the result of the author's knowledge and ability to collect and analyze the available information. His affinity for the problems of the management of the structures of the Ministry of the Interior, in the context of emergency situations, allows him to link theory with practice and offer reasoned proposals. This helps improve not only the current norms and theoretical doctrine, but also the organization of work.

Taking into account the overall work of the doctoral student, the implementation of the individual plan, the achieved results from a scientific and practical-applied point of view, and the analysis made, I allow myself to CONVINCEDLY recommend to the respected scientific jury to award the educational and scientific degree "doctor" to Mr. Stiliyan Ognyanov Krotnev.

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