PH. D. THESIS SUMMARY
ON
„POLICE MANAGEMENT OF MASS EVENTS IN THE POMERANIAN VOIVODESHIP”
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Nowadays in the public space there are numerous situations that can be a real threat to safety. One of them may surely be mass events that are attended by a lot of people spread over a limited area. While organizing such events, one should take into account dangers connected with e.g. negative influences of natural forces or technical danger. However, the most serious dangers are caused by human behavior.

The most problems concerning safety of mass events are generated by sport events, especially football matches which are qualified as increased risk ones. Those increased risk matches engage a lot of police forces and measures, and require using special multi-variant police operation tactic.

The Pomeranian Voivodeship is a characteristic area since it gathers numerous tourists each year and a lot of mass events are organized there. Furthermore, it is a voivodeship in which there are two football teams of the best Polish ligue - premier ligue Ekstraklasa S.A.

Taking into account the above-mentioned conditions and the eagerness of an author to deepen his knowledge, he decided to make research into this issue and formulate the results in this thesis.

The scientific dissertation concerns the issue of safety of mass events and the role of the police including the Pomeranian Voivodeship.

The research work and its analysis consists of four chapters, introduction and conclusion where the above-mentioned issues are presented in details.

Chapter one introduces the term of safety in different aspects and its necessity in the hierarchy of human needs. One can also find basic terms connected with mass events as well as their division and characteristics.

Chapter two provides formal and legal issues regulating mass events organized in Poland. Since Poland is a member of the European Union, one can find the EU rules that need to be followed when organizing mass events in the EU countries including Poland. The second chapter presents the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the event organizer to hold a
successful event. Moreover, there is a detailed description of tasks and the role of the forces responsible for safety of mass events and a kind of compendium of knowledge on crimes and offenses that can be committed during such an event.

Chapter three is an analytical part of the dissertation on mass events in the Pomeranian Voivodeship. The research results shown in this chapter concern the number and kind of mass events and crimes as well as offenses committed in relation to mass events that were held in the Pomeranian Voivodeship in 2015-2017. This chapter also includes the detailed description of security during an increased risk match between two football teams: Arka Gdynia and Lechia Gdańsk as well as the description of operations undertaken by the Pomeranian garrison of the police in order to ensure safety of the mass event.

Chapter four provides an attempt to answer the question: What changes in the functioning of the Pomeranian police should be made to the increase safety of the mass events in the Pomeranian Voivodeship? In this chapter the author describes the organizational structure of the Regional Police Department in Gdańsk as well as its subordinate units and basic acts of domestic law regulating the issue of mass events in Poland and Pomeranian Voivodeship. The last chapter also presents the way the statutory reforms as well as changes in the domestic law should be undertaken to improve tasks connected with safety of mass events that are fulfilled by the police.

It may be concluded on the basis of the research presented in the dissertation concerning mass events held in 2015-2017 that sport events, especially football matches are of highest risk to safety. One may observe the systematic increase in the number of mass events, including sport events, organized in 2015-2017 in the Pomeranian Voivodeship. Such situation engaged more police forces and measures in order to ensure safety of these events. What is more, in this period the number of discovered crimes and offenses increased due to antagonistic football hooligans supporting especially Arka Gdynia and Lechia Gdańsk. Consequently, the operations of the police must have been adjusted to the real danger caused by the football hooligans.

As a result of numerous changes in the organizational system, the structure of the police in the garrison of Pomerania Voivodeship has been adjusted to the practical operations concerning safety of the mass events held in the voivodeship. Such structure should not be changed except providing further equipment necessary to fulfill effective operations.

One should fairly judge the the practical operations of the police in the Pomeranian Voivodeship concerning ensuring safety of the mass events. However, legal issues concerning mass events safety require crucial changes, starting from the act concerning the above-mentioned issue and finishing on adjusting appropriate orders by the voivodeship Police Chief
of Gdańsk. The most important changes are: increasing the responsibility of the organizer for safety before and after the event, restricting carrying the big flag into the stadium. Serious problems occurred while searching for reliable data on safety of mass events as well as crimes and offenses committed in the Pomeranian Voivodeship in 2015-2017. The basic database (SENSPol) was critically assessed and compared with the analyses of files concerning specific mass events which led to discovery of important differences. The analysis of the above-mentioned issue helped to diagnose the source of the differences which was the wrong way of entering the data into the police systems. The discovery of such irregularities was a basis for changing the legal standards regarding these operations in the Regional Police Department in Gdańsk.

The above-mentioned results presented in the dissertation are a crucial problem in conducting research on safety of mass events in the Pomeranian Voivodeship or even the whole country.