Module / Course: METHODOLOGY FOR INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUAL CRIMES

Course offered at Police Academy of the Czech Republic in Prague

Required prerequisites: knowledge of Criminal Procedure, Criminalistics gained during the bachelor’s studies.

Credits: 6 ECTS

Aim and prospective competences of students: Through lectures and practical demonstrations, students will be familiar with how to use the criminalistics science to detect selected specific crime. This activity is of course in accordance with the law, specifically criminal procedure and criminal law. Graduates of the course should be able to use the latest knowledge of criminalistics theory and practice, to conduct methodical investigation team for the investigation of selected criminal offences. They should prove to apply theoretical knowledge in practical police work.

Short description of content: Methodology of the investigation is part of criminalistics science, which reveals and explores the laws of origin and emergence of traces and specific features of the procedures for searching, ensuring and exploitation of traces, use of other forensic evidence and criminalistics significant relevant information with regard to a specific type of offense and the expected type of inquiry situation. The course will deal with general theory, structure and methodology for investigating the specific procedures. Main attention is focused on the introduction to the methodology, the methodology of investigations of thefts of motor vehicles, the methodology of investigation of criminality of foreigners, the methodology of investigations of insurance frauds, murder investigation methodology, the methodology of investigations of sexual crimes, accidents investigation methodology, methodology for the investigation of criminal offenses against the currency and methodology for investigating organized crime. Each type of models, methodologies investigating various types of crimes, is an organized system of knowledge and recommendations with a fixed structure. Structure of Methodology for investigating of individual types of crime is possible to define by the specific components. In the subject will be discussed typical track, the type characteristic of the offense, subject to investigation, the initial operations at the venue and the possibility of use of expert examination in the elucidation of the offense. Different tactical methods and their use will be analysed.

Structure/Methods of teaching: Lectures, seminars, practical demonstrations, writing work.

Attendance requirement: yes

Form of Assessment: The discipline will be completed by an examination.

Person in charge: JUDr. Jan Stach

Reading list:
2. STACH, J.: Metodika vyšetřování vražd, Praha, 2005, Policejní akademie ČR.
4. HRIB, N.: Metodika vyšetřování požárů, Praha, 2007, Policejní akademie ČR.