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**HISTORICAL MILESTONES
IN FORMATION OF PERSONNEL SERVICE
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

The article investigates the historical aspects of the formation of personnel service officers, the basic requirements for law enforcement structures, functions and characteristics of personnel services.

The relevance of the study of this problem lies in the fact that the scientific literature pays not enough attention to the historiography of militia staffing in Ukraine and its impact on the stages of the personnel policy on problematic issues of law enforcement agencies to meet modern requirements.

The authors describe the gradual formation and activities of the personnel of law enforcement agencies apparatus, considering one of the first legal acts, which declared the class character of the militia, its organizational structure, defined the main objectives and the order of personnel recruitment, areas of politi-

cal work among the troops – NKVD decree “On a Working Militia” of November 10, 1917.

The authors believe that significant progress was achieved through reforming the system of training for Internal Affairs of Ukraine and therefore a significant increase in the licensed number of enrolments in higher education institutions of MIA of Ukraine in the specialty “Law Enforcement”. The issue of involvement in the learning process of experienced teaching staff, who are able to develop future employees’ practical skills and knowledge needed to address law enforcement tasks, is important today.

Despite significant achievements, reform of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine needs further improvements to bring it up to international standards.