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FORMATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE POLISH STATE POLICE IN EASTERN GALICIA IN 1919-1921

The object of this paper is the Polish State Police in Galicia during 1919-1921. The purpose of the article is the study of the legal basis, the genesis, the internal structure and organization of the state police at Western areas.

The paper analyzes the process of forming the system of police authorities in Galicia in 1919-1921. Officially, the Polish state police was organized at the period of adoption of the Law "On State Police". In Galicia, formation of the structure of the State Police was held with approval of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Minister of Defense of November 12, 1919 "On the Inclusion of Military Gendarmerie and Military Police on the Former Territory of Galicia to the State Police". Law-enforcement agencies were built on a military model and were subordinated to the Minister

of Internal Affairs. In terms of territory, the police was divided into districts, which included county commandant. Commissariats were created in larger cities. In the district teams were created investigative departments. Their basic objectives were prevention of crime and the disclosure of the latter. Law enforcement railway and water transport agencies were included in the state police. Major challenges faced by the Polish government in the creation of law enforcement at Western areas as part in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth were the issues of inadequate funding, low moral and professional qualities of workers and the lack of candidates for service. The main attention is given to the counteraction of the Polish State Police and Ukrainian national movement and communist organizations.