

► AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITY

A documentary film “White Dance” about life of commercial sex workers was presented

On 7 July 2016 in MediaHub presented was a documentary film “White Dance”, dedicated to destinies and problems of commercial sex workers. After watching a film there was a discussion of it with participation of a film director Ms. Ksenia Kravtsova, the protagonist Olena, the Head of All-Ukrainian Charity Organization “Legalife-Ukraine” Nataliia Isaeva and an expert of the group “Police under Control” Mr. Yevhen Krapivin.

The film was produced by the Studio Real Stories Production with the of the Association UMDPL.

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Presentation of the film “White Dance”

Basic trainings “Police under Control” – a way to improve the work of police



Association UMDPL held basic training “Police under Control” in Dnipro and Ternopil. Among the participants of the events were local activists, representatives of mass media and members of NGOs interested in the work of police and are ready to improve it by monitoring its activity. Regional Coordinators of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights were also engaged to these trainings. The final task for the participants was to monitor the patrol service and police units (police dispatch centers).

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Summer season of master-classes “Rules of Talking to Police”

During the summer camps for youth in Kyiv region, Uzhgorod and Vinnytsia there were a series of master-classes “Rules of Talking to Police”. Their participants could in detail get to know about changes that are happening in the police reform process. During the practical part of the training participants tried to use the received knowledge by visiting a police unit or by imitating in play mode the process of detention and further delivery of a person to police unit.

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Civil activists will know how to talk to police officers

Member of the Board of the Association UMDPL Mr. Yuriy Chumak told civil activists and activists from Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Volyn, Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv regions on how to correctly speak with police officers.

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A training was held in Kyiv on support of civil monitors

On 14 September 2016 the Association UMDPL together with the FRI Human Rights Service held an educational training on monitoring police units and support of civil monitors. Participants learned how to conduct monitoring visits to police units, detect and register violations, master the rules of talking to police officers. Conducted was also an educational visit to the territorial police unit.

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A one-day basic training “Police Under Control” in Odessa

On 3 September 2016 with the support of the Regional coordinator on Public Relation of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Odessa region, the Association UMDPL conducted a one-day training “Police under Control”.

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UMDPL launched a series of animated films “You and Police” for youth

On 21 September 2016 regional activists of monitoring campaign “Police under Control” held a working meeting during which presented was a 6-episode animated cartoon for youth “You and Police”, produced by the studio Real Stories Production in cooperation with the Association UMDPL. Participants of the meeting also discussed the issue of proliferating the series in the regions and conducting educational and awareness raising activities using this video.

An animated film covers the most common situations a teenager can face when talking to police. The film describes 6 typical cases: “Open up! Police”, “Show me a passport! What’s in the pocket!”, “Come to an investigator right away”, “You are being detained for an administrative offence!”, “Police Violence”. All these topics are being described based on personal experience by the cartoon characters – a teenager Vas-Vas and his older sister Olenka. The film is, first of all, aimed at teenagers of 14-16 years old as well as at all interested people who would like to raise their legal awareness of how to talk to police officers.

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As of now workshops on methodological use of educational and informative animated film and demonstrations of a multi-episode cartoon are being held for youth in different cities of Ukraine:

- in the city of Kharkiv for pupils. [Read more](#)
- in Chuguiv town of Kharkiv region for senior high school students of the city. [Read more](#)
- in Starobilsk town of Luhansk region for first year students of the Taras Shevchenko Luhansk National University. [Read more](#)
- in Luschansk town of Luhansk region for representatives of city administration, civil activists, teachers at educational institutions. [Read more](#)
- In Sumy PTDC for minors. [Read more](#)
- In Sumy district, Zarizhia and Kovpak Units of Criminal and Executive Inspection of the Department of State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine in Sumy region. [Read more](#)
- In the city of Sumy for eighth-graders of School №2. [Read more](#)
- In Ternopil city for members of Youth NGO “Faine Misto”. [Read more](#)



► ANALYTICS, USEFUL MATERIALS

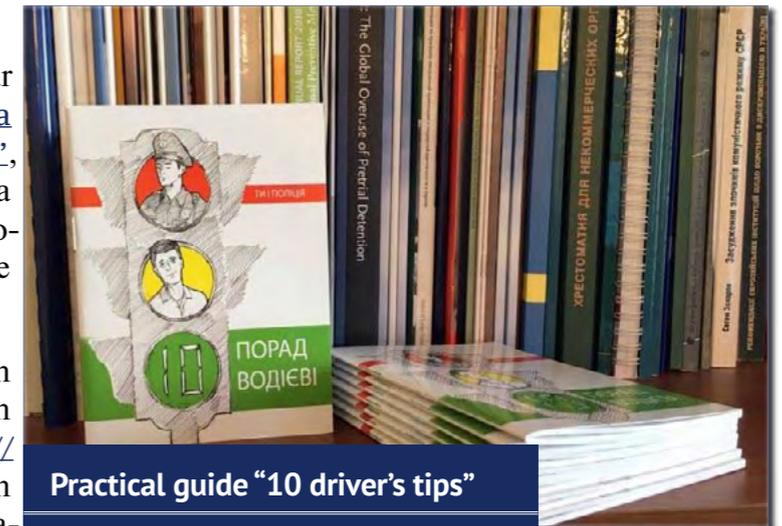
Education

Association UMDPL published a practical guide “10 driver’s tips”

Association UMDPL offers to your attention [a renewed version of a practical guide “10 driver’s tips”](#), where you can find basic tips on how a driver should behave oneself with police officers on the road: patrol service and State Automobile Inspection.

A practical guide is also available in Section 5 of the mobile application “Police under Control” — <http://policeundercontrol.org/>, which includes information about all situations that can happen when communicating with police. Anyone can get a brochure free of charge.

[Read more](#)



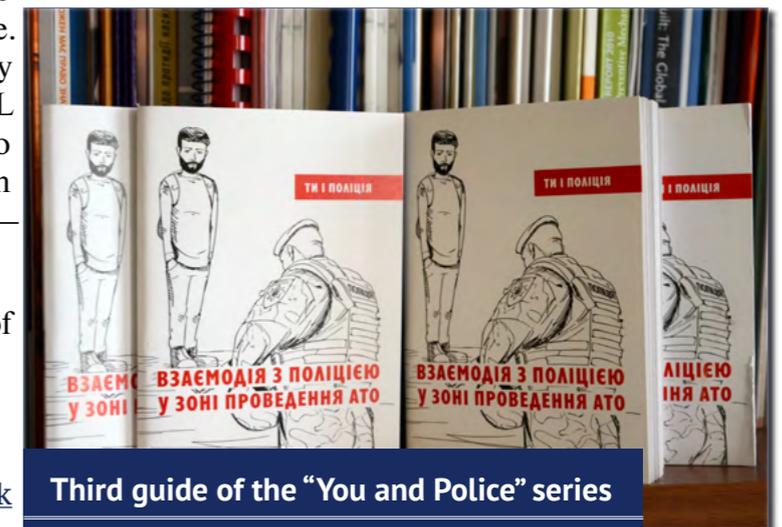
Cooperation with police in the Anti-terrorist operation zone – third practical guide out of series “You and Police” published

The Association UMDPL offers to your attention [a third issue of “You and Police” series – “Cooperation with police in the Anti-terrorist operation zone”](#). It covers typical situations when encountering police in the anti-terrorist operation zone. A practical guide was elaborated by the experts of Association UMDPL and is oriented at those people who try to avoid conflicts while being in the anti-terrorist operation zone – volunteer organizations, locals, etc.

Anyone can get a brochure free of charge.

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[Listen about the guide on Hromadske radio at the following link](#)



How to appeal against illegal actions of a police officer? – informational material

Police does not always perform its duties in accordance with the law or consciously violates it. Illegal can be both active actions and inactivity. The material covers two types of appeals (procedural and general). An example also gives a detailed explanation of how to form a complaint on illegal actions of a police officer.

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Open police

From secrecy to openness. What is to change within the Prosecutor General's Office?

A first month of service of Viacheslav Svirets at the position of the Head of Department for Oversight over the Observance of Laws in the Execution of Judicial Decisions in Criminal Proceedings of the Prosecutor General's Office has passed. We'd like to remind you, that the Prosecutor General Mr. Yuriy Lutsenko was the first one to appoint to this position an "outsider" – a human rights defender, civil activist, regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Rivno region. First steps to be done in order to change the work of the Department were discussed with Mr. Viacheslav.

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How British police cooperates with community online?

Level of openness and transparency of actions of police officers in the eyes of city and village residents is measured, in particular, by accessibility and user-friendliness of police website as well as by information published there. This article gives analysis of how a website of Avon and Somerset police functions (Great Britain).

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Police Reform

A year after the reform. Has the Ukrainian police changed?

On 4 July 2015 first patrol police officers started working. This was the time when one of the most prominent law enforcement reform started – police reform. The article provides analysis of how effective changes turned out to be and what was really achieved during this time.

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Why the reform of police training is necessary and how it should be implemented? – Borys Malyshev

The article is dedicated to problems with police education. One of the main problems is the need for reform of institutional higher educational facilities subordinated to the Ministry of Internal Affairs. For a more detailed description of problems and ways to overcome them see the article.

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Other topics

"Cages" in metro police stations will be dismantled

Disregard the fact that Ukrainian legislation does not foresee "cages" for holding people in the subway, they are still being installed in the new metro stations.

For more information about the real state of affairs, danger of such installments, as well as the commentary of the Deputy head of National Police Mr. Kostiantyn Bushuev on urgent dismantle of "cages", read this article.

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Proposals to draft decree of the Cabinet of Minister of Ukraine "Order of Functioning of the Automatic System of Recording Offences in the Sphere of Traffic Security"

In this article you can read about propositions, elaborated by the Expert group "Police under Control", to the draft decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine regarding automatic recording.

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MAKARATZIS v. GREECE: ECHR regarding the use of firearms by police officers to stop a motor vehicle

Referring to the tragic incident on the night of 7 February 2016 in Kyiv when as a result of a chaotic shooting of police officers chasing a BMW driver died a 17-year old passenger of the car, the article gives analysis of the practice of the European Court of Human Rights regarding *the use of firearms by police officers to stop a motor vehicle*. One of such cases, considered by the court, was Makaratzis v. Greece in 2004.

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What threats a draft law № 5110? Commentary regarding strengthening responsibility for offences committed against law enforcement officers

Commentary on proposed introduction of an “insult” of a police officer to the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences and strengthening the responsibility for resisting a police officer in the Criminal Code.

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What is the “imperative of the police officer’s presumption of innocence”?

“Police officer’s presumption of innocence” or “imperative of the police officer’s presumption of innocence” became a widely discussed term after relevant statements of the Minister of Internal Affairs about the fact that the mentioned presumption has to be anchored in the law. However, this term stays undefined, and everyone puts his or her own meaning into it when discussing the necessity of its introduction. This article gives a comprehensive answer to this issue.

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► MONITORING CAMPAIGN

The aim of the traditional monitoring campaign “Police under Control” – is to detect strengths and weaknesses in the work of new police, attract the attention of civil society and of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine to the problems with human rights observance by law enforcement officers and encourage to improve the situation.

The Association UMDPL publishes reports of participants of our monitoring campaign “Police under Control”:

- Shevchenko Unit of Holodnogirsk Department of the Directorate General of the National Police in Kharkiv region. [Read more](#)
- Osnoviansk Police Unit of Slobodka Department of the Directorate General of the National Police in Kharkiv region. [Read more](#)
- Kyiv Police Department of the Directorate General of the National Police in Odessa region. [Read more](#)
- A number of police units in cities and district centers of Dnipropetrovsk region [Read more](#)



Monitoring campaign in Dnipropetrovsk region

► OTHER NEWS

Expert of the Association UMDPL in the morning show on “Radio Freedom”. “Savchenko Law” was discussed

Expert of the Association UMDPL, Head of the Program “Human Rights behind Bars” Mr. Olexander Fedoruk took part in the morning show on “Radio Freedom”. “Savchenko Law” was discussed. Listen to the recording of the show [here](#).

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Kharkiv police promised to listen to civil society

Chuguiv human rights group addressed the leadership of the Directorate General of the National Police in Kharkiv region with a proposition to establish a cooperation in conducting events aimed at improvement of the work of law enforcement authorities and raising the level of trust in police. PR unit reacted at the request positively.

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“White dance” at GOGOLFEST!

A documentary film “White dance” about the destiny of sex workers in Ukraine, produced by the Real Stories Production studio in cooperation with the Association UMDPL, was selected to the outside program of the national competition “Modern Ukrainian Cinema” taking place within the 9th International Multi-disciplinary festival of modern art GOGOLFEST.

[Watch trailer](#)

Діяльність Асоціації УМДПЛ здійснюється завдяки підтримці: Міжнародного фонду «Відродження» та інших інституцій мережі Фондів Відкритого Суспільства, Національного Фонду підтримки демократії (NED) (США), Програми розвитку ООН в Україні, Фонду Чарльза Стюарта Мотта, Фонду підтримки жертв катувань (ООН).

