

Review of the monograph *Public Security* by Dragomir Jovičić and Gojko Šetka

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The monograph *Public Safety* by Dragomir Jovičić and Gojko Šetka was published by the Faculty of Security Studies, University of Banja Luka, at the beginning of 2020. The monograph is intended as primary literature on the subject of Public Safety, which is studied in the third year at the Faculty of Security Studies. In this way, the body of literature on the subject Public Safety will be increased.

This book resulted from of their joint long-term scientific and academic work. With this review, we seek to present a scientific work entitled *Public Safety* by Dragomir Jovicic and Gojko Šetka. It is a scientific work, a monograph, written by excellent university professors who also have extensive, valuable practical experience in this field, giving this work an invaluable combination of theoretical approach and practice. This monograph is written in understandable, clear language and style in which the author's considerable knowledge and experience is woven and the joy in reading this book is found the fusion of theoretical findings and practical value.

At the same time, by publishing this monograph the Faculty of Security Studies has achieved its goal of continuous innovation of its curriculum, with the task of enabling students to better understand the conceptual and content explanation of public safety, especially general issues related to public safety.

Considering all the above, there was a clear and quite indisputable need for such a work, which, in terms of content, deals with the matter thoroughly, in a clear, systematic, comprehensive and logically consistent way. It is especially important that the authors, since it is a material that includes several different categories, taking into consideration the importance of some of them, found the right measure of the volume of the manuscript, both as a whole and in individual segments, at the same time, of course, adhering to the Curriculum of the Faculty of Security Studies, University of Banja Luka, that is, the number of contact envisaged for individual thematic units and methodological units within them.

The monograph follows the basic program and conceptual bases of the subject Public Safety and is adjusted to the study program. Starting with the determined scope, content and goals of the subject, the authors created a complete and usable source of the subject called Public Safety. The very concept, structure, system and method of presenting the monograph are set in a way to help students master the material and prepare for exams in this subject. In this way,

through this literature, the topic of Public Safety is completely and systematically processed according to the high scientific criteria of educational practice

This monograph, which is written in clear and understandable language, explains the area of public safety in a comprehensive and appropriate way; it consists of eleven chapters logically arranged so as to represent a harmonious whole.

The introductory part, which refers to the conceptual and content explanation of public safety, addresses the object of public safety and some general issues concerning public safety. Additionally, this section discusses the relationship between public safety and other academic disciplines.

The second chapter discusses the concept, significance and content of public safety. Through this part, the authors elaborate on general notions of security, and also talk about the conceptual definition of security. After these considerations, they discuss the origin and historical development of public safety. The chapter concludes with a review of the role and importance of public safety in the security system.

The third part of the monograph refers to the system of public safety and addresses the concept, elements and characteristics of the system of public safety are discussed first. Special attention is paid to the actors within the public security system. First, it discusses the position and competencies of main security actors within the Republika Srpska public security system. The main security actors that make up this system are clearly defined and their role and competencies are precisely determined. After that, the position and competencies of other actors that participate in the Republika Srpska public security system are determined. With regard to other security actors, the role played by state and local self-government bodies, municipal police and the role of citizens are discussed.

The fourth part deals with groups and types of public safety responsibilities, more precisely with operational professional work, which is very important because there are few publications that have a comprehensive approach to this area. The entire area is processed in accordance with the applicable laws and bylaws currently in force in Republika Srpska. This part includes all operational and professional tasks performed within public security in Republika Srpska, whose performance directly affects the state of public safety.

The fifth part deals with administrative internal affairs, whereby the basic concepts are clarified, the concept of inspection is defined, and the procedure, organization and methodology of inspection within the police of Republika Srpska are explained, including the procedure following the inspection. Within this area, the personal status of citizens is processed in a simple and clear way, primarily the registration and control of residence and stay, the issuance of personal and travel documents, which certainly represents a significant discussion for the current situation of public security in Republika Srpska.

The sixth chapter is the most important part in terms of public safety, as it addresses public security police work. It is clear to everyone that without efficient policing and the successful performance of their duties in practice, we can hardly expect a favorable state of public safety. Bearing this in mind, the authors pay substantial attention to how public security police carry out their activities and perform operational and professional tasks. The monograph describes police preventive and repressive activity in an appropriate and simple way, as well as preventive control by police. In this part, police measures and actions are defined and systematically processed, and a connection between them and public safety is logically established. Within this area, police powers are dealt with, because they are practically a mechanism for achieving public safety, including a discussion on the contribution of continued watch, operational work and police assistance to public safety.

In the seventh chapter, for the first time in the literature, the authors establish a connection between security culture and public safety in a cause-and-effect manner. After defining security culture, they discuss the main factors of security culture, the culture of living, and the impact of security culture on public safety.

The eighth chapter addresses the relationship between the police and the public. The authors explain the purpose of the relationship and the public, which is important for the profile of students for whom this monograph is primarily intended. Additionally, the relationship between the police and the institutionalized public, as well as police training on public relations is discussed. The authors also correctly perceive the topicality of the relationship between the police and the public and address the relationship between a police officer, as an individual, and the public. Attention is also paid to the representation of police in public and the principle of public security police work in a democratic state.

As we all know, in modern conditions, police work is realized in interactions with the public, therefore the authors, justifiably, pay their attention to the psychological aspects of the relationship between the police and the public in the ninth chapter which also discusses extremely important and current issues primarily relating to the authority of the police officer, the media as a factor regarding attitudes toward the police, police officers' behavior (their unprofessional attitude on the basis of which citizens can form a negative opinion of the police), and an important fact that speaks about the public in the eyes of the police.

As it is impossible to observe police work independently from interactions and cooperation with important actors who play a role in achieving public safety, the authors, in the tenth chapter, deal with the mutual relationship and cooperation between the police and other government bodies. They first discuss the relationship between the government and the police, followed by the relationship between the police and the public prosecutor's office and courts. Taking into account all factors of the security system of Republika Srpska and Bos-

nia and Herzegovina, this chapter also adressed cooperation between the police and the BiH Intelligence and Security Agency, including the municipal police and local self-government bodies. The authors systematically approached the preparation of this monograph and attempted to absolve all the aspects and factors that may have an impact on the public security in Republika Srpska.

The special significance and value of this monograph is that it a is rare manuscript in Republika Srpska which discusses public safety in a comprehensive way adapted to current laws and bylaws. It is precisely the topicality and systematization of this monograph that recommends it for academic and professional training.

In the methodological sense, this book is a combination of the authors' scientific knowledge and practical experiences in the field of public safety, and in this regard, it is completely correct, without any remarks. The sources used are in line with to the purpose of this manuscript and were properly cited.

Based on the above issues, we believe that the monograph *Public Safety* by Dragomir Jovičić and Gojko Šetka will fill a significant gap that exists in Republika Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding public safety, which will also fill the gap that has existed in this field for many years and help the students to familiarize with the problems and challenges in this area.