

AUSTRIA'S  
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FORCE



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# THE PROJECT



## „team04 - the new law enforcement body“

Austria ranks among the safest countries in the world; our police and gendarmerie staff enjoy a high reputation, owing to their performance and know-how, both in Austria and abroad. In order to better meet the many challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and, especially, to improve the organizational background in terms of clearer structures and better working conditions, Austrian Federal Chancellor Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel and Minister of the Interior Dr. Ernst Strasser gave instruction on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to adjust the structure of Austrian law enforcement bodies to the requirements of a modern police force.

Hundreds committed staff members, chosen for their expertise and social competence from the gendarmerie, the criminal investigation service, the public security constabulary and the security authorities, developed an overall concept for the new “Federal Police.” In December 2004 the federal legislative body passed a resolution calling for a merger of all law enforcement bodies into a “Federal Police” organization.

Within a short period, experts from various special branches of the Ministry of the Interior and subordinate authorities and agencies elaborated an implementation program. In more than 1600 work packages, the steps to be taken were compiled, and controlling flows and communication paths were established. In the course of countless talks with staff members and staff representatives, constructive and positive suggestions were brought up, and these were taken into account in the implementation of this project. The goal was to incorporate the necessary characteristics for a law enforcement body of the 21<sup>st</sup> century into the new Federal Police:

a modern appearance with competent staff members, being communicative and transparent in their actions, cautious in the exercise of their rights and powers, consistent in their humanitarian basic attitude, but also in their approach to the endangerment of citizens, and firmly rooted in the principles of human dignity and democracy.

We owe our thanks to all those who have contributed with their work and dedication to the further development of the police force, but also to all those who very critically observed the progress of the project and contributed their opinions and experience in a constructive way.

The merger of police and gendarmerie offers a great opportunity to create modern and flexible structures, in order to efficiently encounter the manifold new challenges to the Federal Police. By introducing flat hierarchies, removing two-pronged responsibilities, and streamlining workflows, and by strengthening the criminal investigation tasks in the police stations, it should be possible to jointly cope with the challenges with which a modern police organisation is faced.

The Austrian police are always there for you!

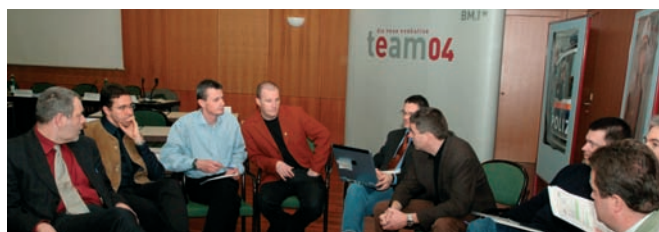
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# THE PROJECT

## Teamwork



# THE UNIFORM

## Operational uniform

Throughout the federal territory – from Lake Constance to Lake Neusiedl - policewomen and policemen present themselves homogeneously in their new blue uniforms, which are designed for the most difficult operations. The high-quality, functional uniform makes an active, dynamic impression, and it protects. It is distinctive and eye-catching. This uniform is intended to guarantee a consistent appearance and express self-perception as well as self-image. It conveys competence, promotes confidence and expresses the philosophy of a modern police.



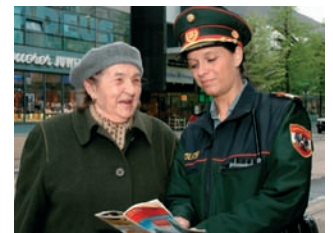
# THE UNIFORM

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## Uniform - old & new

In the interest of the efficient and economic use of resources, existing uniforms that are still in mint condition will be in use until the end of 2007 alongside the new blue ones with their modern design.

Whether they wear the green, grey or blue uniforms – police officers are ready to serve citizens, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



## Dress uniform

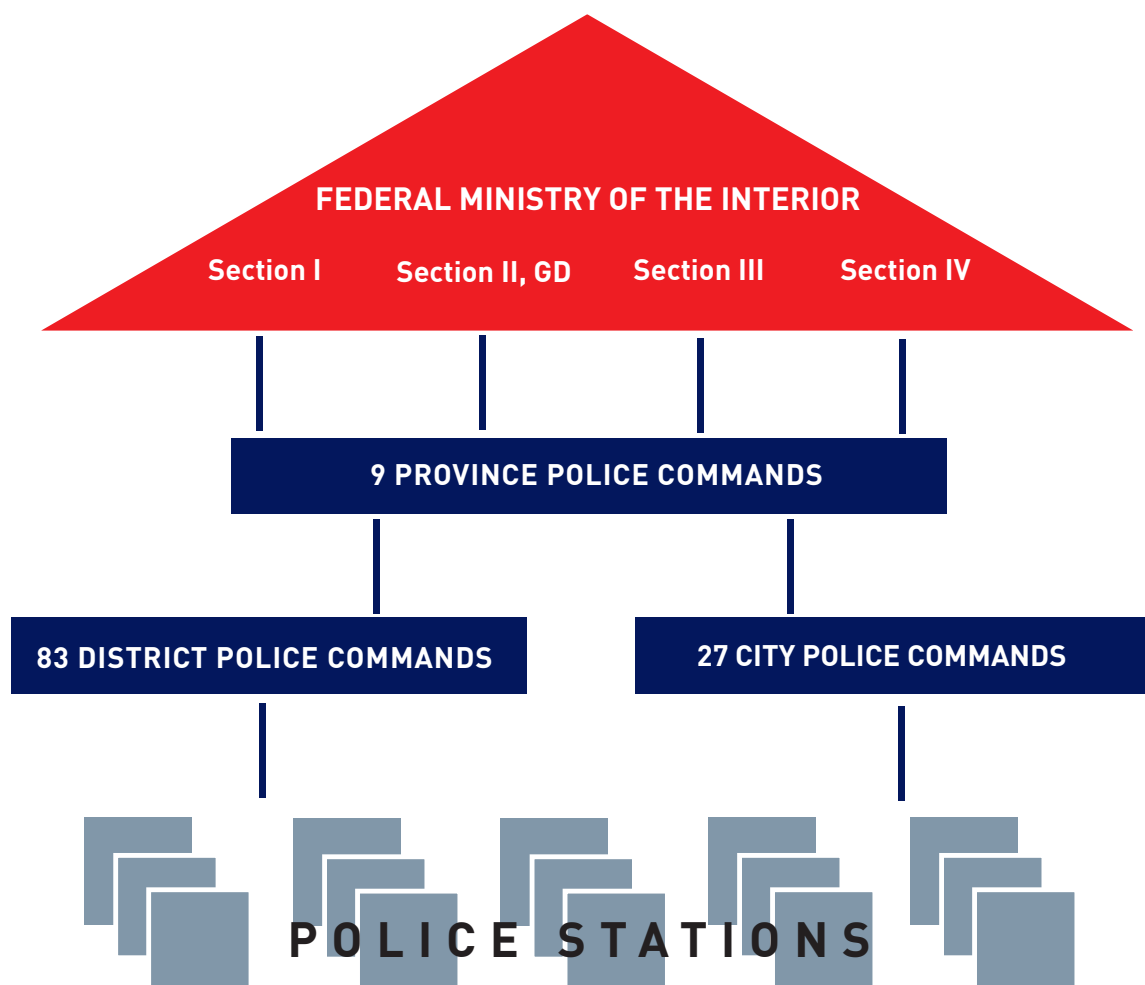
The new police uniform for representation purposes follows the Austrian tradition, and at the same time has a modern design. The highest possible functional value, a high degree of comfort and high quality material, all that forms this elegant uniform for staff members of the new Federal Police. This uniform will be worn on dress occasions. Officers of the criminal investigation units of the Federal Police wear civilian clothes on duty.





# THE STRUCTURE

Organizational chart of the Federal Police



# SIGNPOSTS

## Police stations

Police guard stations and gendarmerie posts will now be designated as „police stations.“ More than 1000 police stations are available to provide services such as public security, traffic control, criminal investigation and prevention on a local level, and to serve as a first contact point for citizens.

Citizens can reach the police by phone under the service number 059133 all over Austria at the local rate. Thereafter they will be connected with the nearest police service station. In urgent cases, the police emergency number 133 can be dialled.



# VEHICLES

## The new vehicle design

Blue, red and silver: these are the colours of the new cars and motorcycles of the Federal Police. This new design makes them unmistakable.

The emergency number 133, printed on all vehicles, points to 24-hour accessibility.

For purposes of optimal recognizability of operational forces, especially at dawn and in darkness, all lettering and the thick line in signal red colour are reflective.



## Vehicles - old & new

The Federal Police department applies its resources in an efficient, economical and cost-saving way. Therefore, existing patrol vehicles still in good condition will be used until the end of 2007, along with the new vehicles in a modern design. Patrol cars of the gendarmerie will bear the inscription „Police“ as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.



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