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For your safety. Your National Police

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We safeguard your security.

Security is a prerequisite for people to feel secure in their surroundings. Security creates quality of life. Safeguarding this security is one of the essential tasks of the National Police.

However, security is not measured merely with objective criteria such as, for example, crime statistics. A key component is the general subjective sense of security. The simple fact that people know Liechtenstein has an effective and efficient National Police, able to arrive at the scene of a crime within the shortest possible time, helps create a positive feeling of security. A further element of this subjective sense of security is the circumstance that in Liechtenstein children are still able to walk to school unaccompanied, or that residents can leave their houses without having to lock their doors.

At the same time, it is one of the central tasks of the senior police management to meet new challenges in the fight against crime and to prepare the National Police for future challenges. This is important in order to ensure that people in Liechtenstein continue in future to feel they are living in a secure country.

We are determined to carry on exercising these tasks in the future with commitment and dedication. Our remit is to ensure that you feel secure and free in our society. This is not just our task, but also our driving motivation. This is our promise to you.

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Adrian Hasler, lic. oec. HSG
Commissioner

Who we are.

Organisation chart



20 female staff

118 employees

85 police officers

Who we are.



Adrian Hasler
Commissioner



Uwe Langenbahn
Chief of Staff



Mario Büchel
Head of the Security &
Traffic Division



Jules Hoch
Head of the Crime
Investigation Division

We are a dedicated team.

Our modern police corps employs over one hundred people. In addition to the armed police corps, this also includes civilian, unarmed units as well as the riot police. They all work with great dedication around the clock in a variety of services. By this means we ensure a high standard of security and fulfil our statutory remit.

We are a diversified service enterprise, and have specialists in the widest possible range of fields at our disposal. Our lean and efficient organisation is headed by the Commissioner. This comprises the Commissioner's Office and the three Executive Support Division, Security and Traffic Division as well as the Criminal Investigation Division.

International police co-operation is an important part of our successful fight against cross-border crime.

Since 1960 we have been a member of Interpol, the world's largest international police organisation, and we maintain a national Interpol office in Vaduz.

At the regional level, the trilateral police agreement with Switzerland and Austria guarantees cross-border co-operation in the field of crime fighting, mutual assistance in the case of major events as well as in conjunction with the search for suspects.

37 riot police officers

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33 civilian staff

Who we used to be.



1930



1940



1960

1933

1945

1964

1933 to 1945

The Princely Liechtenstein Security Corps was conceived in 1932 – in the spirit of the age – as a uniformed and armed civilian security force with the remit to maintain order, peace and security.

In April 1933, the newly-founded «Princely Liechtenstein Security Corps» became operational in Vaduz. During the intervening period, seven police officers completed their training at the Constabulary School in Bregenz. The original purpose of the Security Corps was to create a centrally organised police organisation in Vaduz. With the billeting of the police officers in the government building, the foundation stone was laid for Liechtenstein's first police station.

In 1937, the Security Corps was assigned an additional 19 auxiliary policemen. This number increased still further during the war years, ultimately peaking at 50. The establishment of the Princely Liechtenstein Security Corps and the affiliated Auxiliary Police Force had become a matter of urgency. On the one hand, from 1938 onwards the Security Corps helped the Border Guards protect the border with the German Reich. On the other, on 24 March 1939 there was an attempted coup by National Socialists. During these hours and days, the Security Corps worked around the clock to safeguard Liechtenstein's independence.

1945 to 1964

With the end of the 2nd World War and the associated stabilisation of the international political environment, the situation became easier for the Liechtenstein police force. At the same time, however, there was no reduction in the number of tasks for which the Security Corps was responsible. By the end of the fifties it had already become apparent that the existing structure needed to be revised and was no longer up to date. For this reason, at the beginning of the sixties the then Chief of Police initiated a reorganisation. On 31 January 1964 the Princely Government announced that it had decided during its session to re-organise the Princely Liechtenstein Security Corps. A new service remit came into force with immediate effect. The Security Corps was split into departments, each dedicated to a particular task. This was the origin of the Traffic Division, the Crime Investigation Division as well as the Security and Administration Division.

1960 Interpol

1937 Auxiliary Police

1933 Foundation of the Security Corps

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Who we used to be.



1970

1980



1990

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2005

1991

1964 to 1991

During the years 1964 to 1991 the foundations for a modern police organisation were laid. On the one hand, international contacts increased with the establishment of the Interpol office. On the other hand, in conjunction with the reorganisation of 1964, departments were created which for the first time facilitated a specialisation of police work. Even if the names of the various departments at the time (Administration, Trace and Traffic Unit) were not identical to those normally used today, the new departmental structure essentially corresponded to that customarily deployed in modern police organisations. The planning of the new Police Headquarters, the creation of an Special Police Unit (SWAT) by police grenadiers, and the drawing up of a modern Police Act at the end of the eighties indicate the direction taken by the National Police over the following years.

1991 to 2006

The new Police Headquarters building was occupied in 1991. This represented a milestone in the history of the organisation. For the first time, it became possible to use a building which had been specially constructed to meet the needs of the police. Acting with foresight, the architects integrated infrastructure facilities in the building which it is now impossible to imagine our police operating without. The tasks of the police have expanded more rapidly than originally assumed, meaning that the space at our disposal has become insufficient in recent years. Wisely, however, the building was planned from the outset for expansion. The introduction of the new uniform in 1997 visually underscored the transformation from the Security Corps to the National police. The reorganisation which was then introduced a year later served to complete this transformation at the internal organisational level, and to give the National Police a modern organisation. The events of the year 2000, the German Intelligence Service report and the inclusion of Liechtenstein in the FATF list had far-reaching repercussions for the National Police too. For the first time, foreign police colleagues from Vienna's Economic Crime Department worked together with the Crime Investigation Division in Vaduz to combat economic crimes. This resulted in the formation of the Financial Crime Unit (the present-day Financial Crime Unit).

8 Reorganisation

1997 New uniform

1991 Police Headquarters

2000 EWOK

This is who we are.



We work for you.

Our responsibilities are varied and complex. Our remit includes, inter alia, safeguarding public security and order in Liechtenstein, conducting investigations in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure, monitoring traffic on public roads, contributing towards the prevention of accidents and crimes, searching for missing persons as well as providing support and assistance in the event of accidents and disasters. We view these tasks as a challenge which we tackle with courage and energy day in, day out. In this conjunction we act in a friendly, open and respectful manner.

In our contacts with the population, we exercise our responsibility for a peaceful co-existence in Liechtenstein. We helpfully offer protection, provide information, co-ordinate, safeguard, explain and provide support whenever and wherever we are needed.

We are here for you.

We work for you around the clock – 365 days of the year. Our Emergency Command and Dispatch Centre receives a call every nine minutes. We receive these emergency calls, phone calls and alarms, and co-ordinate the assignments of the security and emergency services. These include inter alia the units of the National Police, the Rescue Services, the Fire Brigade as well as the Mountain Rescue and Water Rescue Departments.

We are professionally trained and equipped to handle minor as well as major events. State-of-the-art communication and information technologies form the basis for efficient police work. These support us daily while we perform these demanding tasks, and help us deal with them rapidly, reasonably and effectively.

committed

close to people

reliable

on duty every

This is who we are.



We solve crimes.

Liechtenstein is one of the safest countries in Europe. Despite this, not even Liechtenstein is entirely immune from crime. This is the challenge we face.

The fight against crime entails demanding team work. Today, we have at our disposal experts in the widest-possible variety of specialist fields. This means we are able to solve even the most complex crimes. Forensic evidence needs to be collected professionally from the crime scene. Such evidence is an important precondition for the success of an investigation. Wide-ranging investigations often keep our employees busy for months at an end. It is not unlike a puzzle; every item of evidence is checked, irrespective of how trivial this might appear to be. Perhaps it will lead to the crime being solved.

ready

fair

day of the year

efficient

This is what we do.



We investigate over 1100 crimes per annum.

The fight against crime requires a great deal of specialist knowledge and a painstaking approach. We solve crimes through careful scrutiny, and provide judicial authorities with support when it comes to prosecuting the crimes. The crimes which we most frequently encounter include property crimes, sex crimes, offences against life and limb, narcotics as well as economic and financial offences.

Our duties include not merely the securing of evidence, arrests, house searches, the seizure of data, the checking of residence permits and any possible deportations, but also searches for persons who have absconded or who are missing.

Our specialists are supported by advanced criminal investigation technology. This contributes significantly to the solving of criminal acts.

We oversee road safety.

Liechtenstein's roads are busy. For this reason it is important to ensure road safety at a number of levels.

In order to prevent accidents, we train even the youngest schoolchildren, monitor school routes, launch preventative campaigns and conduct targeted traffic controls.

80% of all accidents occur in built-up areas. If an accident has occurred, we secure the site of the accident, provide help and assistance until the emergency services arrive, co-ordinate any urgently-needed immediate measures and draw up an official record of the incident.

We make a further important contribution towards road safety by checking adherence to working hour limits and rest periods in the field of heavy goods vehicles, and also monitor the transport of hazardous goods.

Prosecution of crimes
Accident protection

Safeguarding school routes

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This is what we do.



We safeguard security.

Security, peace and order are the guiding principles of our police work. In order to make sure we are able to respond quickly in an emergency, we have officers on duty around the clock. With our patrols we demonstrate our presence, and intervene as and when we are needed. Police dogs accompany us on many assignments. These help us trace illegal narcotics, as well as during searches for wanted or missing persons. In order to safeguard public security, police officers are deployed within the framework of major events and sporting encounters. Our responsibilities also include acting as bodyguards during state visits, and protecting the Parliament when this is in session. We increasingly operate on a cross-border basis, and our assignments take us not just to Liechtenstein, but also to neighbouring Switzerland.

Support in the event of disasters

Search for missing persons

Protection

Crime prevention

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This is also who we are.



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We are not just police officers.

Behind every uniform is an individual citizen. An individual with a history, a social environment, with a past and with a future. All of us at the National Police have one thing in common: we serve the community, and assume responsibility for others. Why? Because this country and its security are close to our heart.

Coach driver
Skier

Percussionist

Mother and father

This is also who we are.



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Captions:

- 1) Urs Nipp, deployment co-ordinator and percussionist
- 2) Andreas Schädler, policeman and family man
- 3) Peter Reichl, policeman and skier
- 4) Michael Gätzi, criminal technician and brass instrument player
- 5) Hans Mündle, policeman and coach driver
- 6) Günter Marte, policeman and martial arts specialist
- 7) Alexandra Schädler, policewoman and artist

Artist

Brass instrument player

Martial arts expert

PEOPLE

We are here too.



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We boost Liechtenstein's position as a place to do business.

In an internationally networked economy, Liechtenstein occupies a very special position. The ability of such a small state to exercise influence is comparatively modest. For this reason, it is crucial to create favourable operating conditions and to make the most of its advantages as a place to do business.

In today's environment, security is incontestably an important factor when it comes to doing business. Security is part and parcel of our business. We create security through our presence on the street, by combating crime and through our preventative work.

Whether as a financial investigator, traffic instructor, traffic police officer or deployment co-ordinator – our employees safeguard security on a daily basis, and thereby create one of the key operating conditions for a Liechtenstein which is a successful and competitive place to do business, and above all a country with an outstanding quality of life.

We have international networks.

Security organs throughout Europe increasingly find themselves confronting new challenges. To meet these challenges, new forms of co-operation are necessary. In this conjunction, effective international co-operation in particular is becoming ever more crucial.

Today, we already have a well-developed network at our disposal. We are able to draw upon this as and when required. This enables us to respond promptly to any new developments, and to strengthen cross-border co-operation in the fight against crime.

And it goes without saying that we also endeavour to support our partners to the very best of our ability. For example, our officers are regularly deployed at major events such as the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Summer

Mountain

Forest

Winter

Rhine

We are here too.



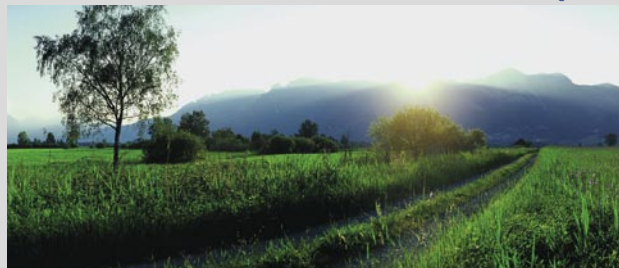
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Captions:

- 1) Panorama view of Gaflei
- 2) Winter sport centre Malbun-Steg
- 3) Rest stop Pfälzerhütte
- 4) Chapel St. Mamerten, Triesen
- 5) Planken, the smallest municipality in Liechtenstein
- 6) Ruggeller Riet
- 7) Gutenberg Castle and Balzers Church

Autumn

Spring

Paths

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