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## **NEW GENERATION OF TEXTBOOKS ON CRIMINOLOGY IN TWO VOLUMES<sup>1</sup>**

Changes taking place in the world affect the transformation of modern crime that which operates through improved ways, methods and techniques, develops and integrates into social processes, overcoming the borders of states. The mentioned above conditions the necessity to attract scientific achievements into practice and, accordingly, increases the level of requirements for mastering the discipline “Criminology”. It is necessary to find new, innovative approaches to solve objectives of crime fighting in modern realities. Taking into account the above circumstances, it is important to update qualitatively the content of the discipline “Criminology”, which has been done by the authors of the two-volume textbook of the same name [1, 2] prepared by the authors of the department of criminalistics of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, edited by the head of the department – Doctor of Law, professor, academician of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine V. Yu. Shepit’ko.

The high scientific level of the peer-reviewed work was provided by the author’s team that worked on its preparation. It consists of doctors of legal sciences, professors, academicians of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine V. Yu. Shepit’ko, V. A. Zhuravel, V. O. Konovalova; Doctors of Law, Professors V. M. Shevchuk, B. V. Schur; Doctor of Law, associate professor M. V. Shepit’ko; Candidates of legal sciences, associate professors G. K. Avdeyev, V. I. Alekseychuk, V. V. Bilous, I. V. Bo-

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Kharkiv Forensic School is a leader in the preparation of fundamental works on topical issues of science of criminalistics. Scientific developments are transformed quite naturally into the educational process of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, as well as other institutions of higher education, which train specialists in the field of jurisprudence.

The content of the textbook is set out according to the criminal procedure legislation of Ukraine, taking into account the processes of reforming law-enforcement bodies respectively to the chosen European integration direction of the state's development.

The structure of the textbook comprehensively covers and clarifies the program of educational discipline "Criminology". At the same time, the content of peer-reviewed work demonstrates that authors aimed at not only covering theory of criminology, but also took into account relevant needs of the practice, formed informative criminalistics recommendations seek to increasing the effectiveness of crime investigation activities.

The first volume of the peer-reviewed work is devoted to elucidation of such structural elements of the criminology system as theoretical foundations, forensic technology and forensic tactics. The study of the content of theoretical foundations of criminology gives an idea of the notion and meaning of criminology; methods of criminology; forensic identification; the history of criminology.

Issues of forensic technology are disclosed in accordance to branches, in particular: judicial photo and video recordings; traceology; forensic weapons research; technical and forensic study of documents; forensic study of a letter; forensic research of materials and substances; identification of a person by appearance; criminal registration.

The view on the structure of the forensic tactic is new and worth supporting. It is about separation of such components a criminalistics strategy and forecasting, organisation and planning of crime investigation; the nature and types of investigative (search) and judicial actions (inspection, interrogation, search, presentation for identification, investigator's experiment, involvement of experts and specialists and conducting forensic examinations).

The second volume of the textbook "Criminology" discloses in details a wide range of issues of methodology for investigating crimes. The general provisions of the methodology of investigation of crimes are defined, methods of investigation of certain types (groups) of crimes are given: murders; rape; conversion, embezzlement or seizure of property by misfeasance in office; theft, robbery and larceny; extortions; fraud; crimes of corruption; crimes against justice; smuggling; criminal violations of traffic safety rules; arson and other offences related to the occurrence of fires; terrorist acts; hooliganism; illicit traffic in firearms; crimes against the environment; crimes committed by organised criminal groups.

From the perspective of topical issues of practical activity in crime fighting, particular attention and interest are attracted by the methods proposed by the authors for investigating crimes of corruption and crimes against justice. During the preparation of these sections of the textbook, a number of methods of scientific knowledge were used, including the system-structural method and the method of system analysis, which allowed a complex approach to solving theoretical discussions in the legal literature and acute problems of practical activity.

The important characteristics of the textbook on criminology are logic, simplicity and clarity of the presentation of the material. The authors give clear definitions of the scientific terms used in his text, in particular, such as: criminology, forensic technology, forensic tactics, planning of the investigation, the method of investigation of crimes, etc.

Taking into account the aforementioned, there are grounds to state that the peer-reviewed textbook “Criminology” prepared by the authors of the department of criminology of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University under the editorship of the Doctor of Law, professor, academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine V. Yu. Shepit’ko, is an original publication which is of significant scientific interest, is relevant and timely, has practical value. The textbook meets the requirements for teaching and methodological works, and, according to the reviewers, is recommended for use in order to provide an educational process in higher education institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine with specific educational conditions and other institutions of higher education of Ukraine in preparing applicants for the speciality “Law”.

The reviewed educational publication will be useful for practitioners such as investigators, detectives, operational staff, prosecutors, judges, lawyers and other professionals in the sphere of jurisprudence, as well as in the system for improving their qualifications.

The review of the two-volume textbook “Criminology” should be summed up with the undisputed conclusion about timeliness and usefulness of its preparation, which will certainly contribute to the further development of the science of criminology.

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