

Crime Prevention in the Czech Republic

The purpose of this thesis is to analyze the Crime prevention strategy of the Czech Republic with a special emphasis on its local level - preventive activities used by city authorities.

The thesis is composed of three main parts. The first one defines basic terminology attached to the topic of crime prevention such as delinquency or criminal repression. Crime prevention is in this section also discussed as a process consisting of several stages and as a process limited by certain obstructions as well.

The second part indicates how the described process operates in the Czech Republic, what are the main conditions formed by the legislation in the fight against crime and what are the used tools of crime prevention on the local level. And last but not least the interactions between the subjects of prevention are defined.

The conclusive part of the thesis is focused on a specific case and the use of crime prevention in it. The main reason is the strategies are usable only at the level of cities, municipalities and their parts. To achieve this purpose I picked up the City of Pardubice and focused on its crime prevention strategies. The City of Pardubice has been commonly involved in the grant programs of the ministries of the Czech Republic. The city also complements those grant programs with their own funds. As I had the opportunity to find out more about the prevention system functioning at the City of Pardubice, I have to say it is definitely based on the principles of community policing and the work of individuals does not end with the fulfillment of working tasks.