

Police of the Czech Republic



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**Territorial Division of the Police of the Czech Republic
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Organisational Structure of the Police of the Czech Republic

- The police is subordinated to the Ministry of Interior,
- Ministry of Interior should create conditions for the fulfilment of police tasks,
- Police president is the head of the police and he/she is responsible for police activities to the minister of interior,
- The Police of the Czech Republic consists of following subjects:
 - Police Presidium of the CR headed by the police president,
 - Police units with the national-wide jurisdiction,
 - Regional Police Directorates (14),
 - Units established within regional directorates (territorial departments).

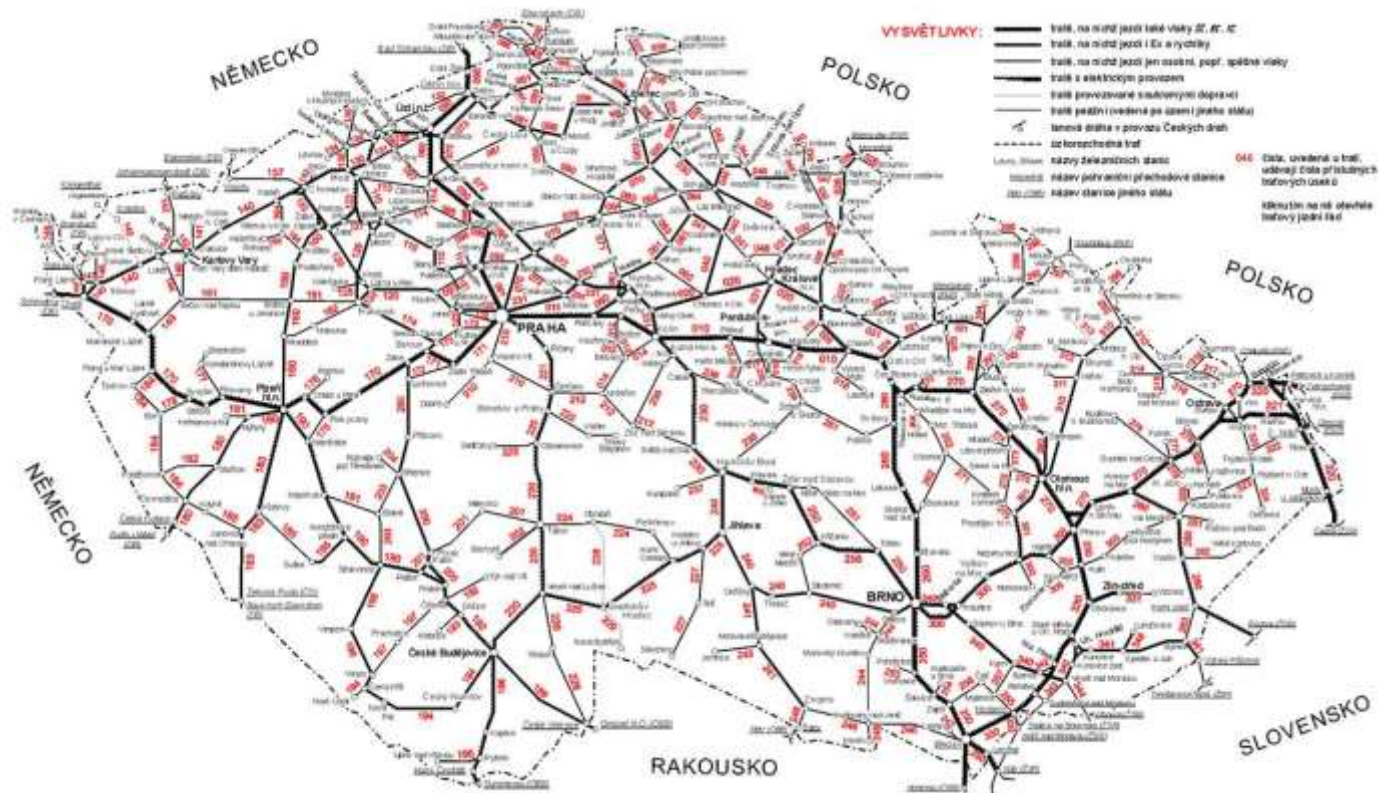


Structure of the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic

- Police president directly manages:
 - Deputy police president for the criminal police and investigation service,
 - 1. deputy police president (he/she is for the external service),
 - Deputy police president for economy,
 - Head of the police president's office.
- Railway problems and tasks are under the operational jurisdiction of the Public Order Police Directorate, which is directly subordinated to the 1. deputy police president.



Railway Network in the Czech Republic



One of the main tasks of the police on the railway is the protection of persons and property. Tasks are fulfilled by means of:

- guarding and patrol services in the facilities of the Czech Railways,
- escort and surveillance of selected consignments,
- criminality detection and clearing up,
- realisation of operations in the criminal and administrative proceedings.



Specifics of Criminality on the Railway

- The railway transportation is specific by the high concentration of persons and transported property at the limited territory (railway stations and tracks). **The most typical criminality committed against passengers is represented by pickpocketings and thefts of baggage both in trains and at the railway stations.** Usually it is very complicated and impossible to identify the concrete place of the committed crime, as well as to find witnesses or to gain any data leading to the identification of an offender.
- **Railway Transportation of Goods** provides the transportation of industrial, chemical, agricultural, consumer and alimentary products. Potential offenders of this type of crimes, mainly thefts of consignments, use local, personal and professional knowledge of this milieu. The most endangered consignments are consumer and alimentary ones.
- **The transportation of guns, explosives, nuclear propellant (fresh and also burnt out), poisons and other substances dangerous for environment is the risk factor from the security point of view in the railway transportation of goods.** The railway police service pays an extra attention to the transportation of these materials.
- Another typical type of criminality in this area is represented by **thefts of components from coloured metals** dismantled from security and communication equipments of Czech Railways, train wagons and the truck lid. These thefts are often committed on routes in operation, which results among others in **endangering of the railway traffic.**
- **Anonymous announcements of placing explosives (explosive system)** concerning mostly main railway stations in Prague, Ostrava, Brno, Olomouc and others are very serious type of criminality committed on railways.



Conclusion

- Joining RAIPOL enables us to further enlarge the possibilities of the Police of the Czech Republic in the field of the co-operation among various police forces.
- It is for us the guarantee not only of the possibility of co-operation, but also the opportunity to consult the problematic parts of the criminality on railways.
- It is a good ground for the improvement and the better care paid to the elimination of negative phenomena, which we have to challenge in the course of the railway traffic protection.

