Keepers of Order

During 19th, 20th, and 21st century this region belonged to different countries: from Austrian Empire, Yugoslavia (Kingdom, Federative People's Republic, Socialist Federative Republic, and Federal Republic) to the current independent Republic of Serbia. Keepers of order, different military and gendarmerie and police units, resided or were trained in this building.

The main building of the Centre where classes are held was built around the half of 19th century and is located in the 15 hectares' (app. 37 acres') park.

Police Secondary School (PSS)

With the promotion of 38th generation in May 2009 the School ceases to exist. It was founded in 1967 as a centre for education and training of public safety keepers, for the needs of the Ministry of Interior (MoI). During the period of 42 years, the School in Sremska Kamenica educated 14,416 police officers. Apart from the period when the vocational schooling system was in effect and the education lasted for 2 years, the education lasted 4 years. After the Reforme of Police Education, the tradition of the Police Secondary School was passed on the the Basic Police Training Centre.

Basic Police Training Centre (BPTC)

BPTC in Sremska Kamenica is the only centre for basic police training in Serbia. The new training system is in effect since 2007.

The training is focused on the practical aspects of police profession, it is in line with contemporary principles of adult learning and has subject-modular structure of the Curriculum. It is implemented by the professional team in well equipped classrooms and other facilities. The Centre has 24 classrooms where trainers teach using computers, whiteboards, overhead projectors, as well as 5 classrooms in which every trainee can use an individual computer. One of the 5 classrooms is equipped for e-learning. For foreign languages (English or German) one classroom has a phono laboratory. Trainees have internet access in the library - media library, which offers them, and all the MoI employees, more than 12 000 titles.

A part of the left wing of the main building has been redone into a tactical house - space for modular situational training with a specialised classroom for preparation and debriefing. The training is also done in the video shooting range, sports hall with a gym, sports hall for martial arts and on the open sports courts. A part of the training is done outside the Centre, at the City Shooting Range, in Training Centre "Kula" and at the pool of the Sports Centre "Vojvodina".

At the moment BPTC can accommodate up to 1500 trainees in dorms with eight-bed rooms and floor bathrooms, and six-bed rooms with a bathroom. Trainees can have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the restaurant (about 300 places). During the training, they have health care (the Centre has a Health Centre), they get a free uniform and handbooks. A part of their free time treinees spend in police-related, sports and cultural-artistic clubs.

### Basic Police Training - OLD and NEW

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**TRAINING DYNAMICS**

1st Phase of Training - 8 Weeks

- Subject-modular training at the Centre
- Forward practical training at the Regional Police Directorates
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- Forward practical training at the Regional Police Directorates
- Final exam

2nd Phase of Training - 4 + 4 Weeks

- Subject-modular training at the Centre
- Forward practical training at the Regional Police Directorates
- Subject-modular training at the Centre
- Forward practical training at the Regional Police Directorates
- Final exam
Enrollment conditions

MoI announces a competition based on the needs of Regional Police Directorates.

Male or female candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

- candidate must have citizenship of the Republic of Serbia;
- candidate must be a resident of the Republic of Serbia lasting at least one year up to application;
- candidate must be 18 - 24 years of age;
- candidate must not have more than 24 years of age by the last day of the competition (this applies to the graduates of the University of Criminal and Police Studies);
- candidate must have 4-year long high school education;
- there must not be any security threat for candidate’s employment in the MoI;
- candidate must have driving licence for “B” category;
- candidate must fulfill health, psychological and physical fitness requirements for employment in the MoI.

Qualification Exam:

- Psychological test and general knowledge test (on computer, it has been translated to 8 languages of national minorities);
- Serbian language – orthography test (on computer) and report writing;
- Physical skills check and
- Interview with the 4 member committee.

Sremska Kamenica

The first reliable data about Kamenica originate from the first half of 13th century. The most difficult days for Sremska Kamenica were during the Turkish conquest. It was destroyed in 1520 for the first time, and in 1526 it was completely burnt and destroyed. That time, after bloody battles in South Hungary, for the first time in history, unmastered Petrovaradin was conquered by the Turks. In 1702 Austrian authorities seized the town of Kamanez from Turks and named it Kamenica. The name Sremska Kamenica is of Slavic origin, because with its first name “Villa Kamanach” we feel the presence of the root of Slavonic word kamen (stone).

Going along Železnička Street from the centre of Sremska Kamenica brings us to the MoI Basic Police Training Centre building.

Sremska Kamenica is the suburb of Novi Sad, a university, administrative and economic centre with about 400 000 inhabitants. It is connected to the left bank of the Danube and city blocks named Limans by the “Sloboda” (Liberty) bridge. If you go in the direction of Petrovaradin fortress, across the Varadin bridge you will enter the very nucleus of Novi Sad City.