KYIV, Jan. 26, 2010 (UBO) -- Overall the militia has been performing its duty in 2009 satisfactory however certain negative moments should be eliminated, Internal Minister Yuriy Lutsenko said Monday during the closing meeting with the heads of the regional militia headquarters.

The minister has called top ranking militia officers to eradicate rudeness that has been a serious obsession towards trust to the militia by Ukrainian citizens. During 2009, in accordance to the documents submitted by the internal security service, 743 officers have been drawn to a criminal liability including 659 opened criminal cases, Lutsenko said. The minister required to prosecute those guilty and to encourage the majority performing their duties professionally. Militia had managed to limit the amount of robberies, hooliganism, street violence and other felonies due to declaring 2009 a year of fight with the street crime. The significant decrease, about 30 percent, of traffic accidents causing deaths had impact on taking Ukraine from the "black list" of the amount of traffic accidents happened in the Europe. Currently death toll rate amounts 11.9 people for 100,000 of population while in Hungary it is 13.1 and 14.8 has been reported in Poland. Regarding bribery on the streets, Lutsenko believes it's been "a two way street" where under the certain circumstances a traffic patrol has been offered a bribe by a driver, that's why Lutsenko had proposed to increase drivers' responsibility for bribery.