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## Spanish police are of birthday

**They celebrated his 191 anniversary**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Police are of birthday. This Tuesday, the 13th of January were celebrated the 191 anniversary of the creation, in 1824, of the General Police of the Kingdom, precedent of the current State police and the first professional police of the history of Spain.

Since then, the Spanish State police has not stopped growing and modernizing. Today it possesses 68.000 agents -13% of them, women- distributed by the whole national territory and is, together with the Police, one of the institutions better valued by the citizens. To it they contribute his out-standing paper in the fight against the terrorism and his vocation of public service. According to the director of the Police, Ignacio Cosidó, these 191 years "have served to consolidate a few values that have been forged throughout years of effort, sacrifice and heroism, and that have given force to this Body to be projected towards the future and to assume new challenges".

The principal one is to turn into an Intelligent Police by means of the automation of great part of the biometric controls into the borders, the creation of a virtual police station, the creation of IT records that facilitate the protection of the cultural heritage, the implantation of new tools of analysis of intelligence and the establishment of a new document of personal identity, the electronic ID card 3.0. All this to face to the new threats of the 21st century as the international terrorism, the cybercrimes, the traffic of human beings and the organized crime.

With regard to the terrorism, the police fight will fortify against ETA, looking for the weakening of the terrorist Basque organization up to his definitive disappearance. As for the terrorism jihadist, the strategy centres on the fight against the cyberterrorism, the radicalization of social sectors inclined to the violence, the recruitment and the financing of the groups jihadists, without forgetting the importance of the international collaboration. Especially, there is developing a program of digital vigilance that guarantees the safety in Internet. Precisely, the cybercrime is the most lucrative third crime, after the prostitution and the traffic of drugs.

During the acts of celebration of 191 anniversary of the creation of this State police, the Minister of Interior, Jorge Fernandez Díaz, emphasized that his "members are compromised by the safety of Spain and of the Spanish. From his beginnings with the monarch Fernando VII up to the current king Philip VI, they have dedicated and dedicate his lives to safeguarding the conviviality, the safety and the tranquility of his fellow-citizens, deserving for it the fondness, the admiration and the respect of the set of the Spanish company". The Minister produced honoring to the agents fallen in act of service and had a recollection thrilled for three French dead policemen by the jihadists in Paris, during the assaults of the last 7 to January 9.

Fernandez Díaz said that "it is not of surprising that both the State police and the Police are both public institutions that more confidence they generate, since fruit of his daily service is achieved by us that Spain is at present one of the surest countries of the world. This, nevertheless, must make us go down neither the guard nor much less to fall down in the self-complacency, since always threats exist, between others them of whom they try to finish with our democratic systems of freedoms and right, that shape companies in peace and conviviality, since terribly we have just suffered in our sister France a few days ago through the fault of the international jihadist terrorism"<sup>[?]</sup>.

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