Turkish Police Academy is a higher education institution which trains police officers as well as junior and senior police chiefs of the Turkish Police Organization. It was founded in 1937 as Police Institute, started to offer training of 2 years in 1940, of 3 years in 1962 and it was transformed into Police Academy offering training of four years in 1984, finally gained the status of “university” in 2001. After the regulations made in Turkish Police Academy with the Law No. 6638 of March 27, 2015 Faculty of Security Sciences was converted into Police Chiefs Training Center that provides one year of training for students who have gotten a bachelor's degree.

Turkish Police Academy, within General Directorate of Police, is responsible for providing both Basic Police Training and Advanced Police Training for policemen through its related units.

**Basic Police Training Institutions**

**Police Chiefs Training Center (PCTC)**
Police Chiefs Training Center has been established as a unit operating under the Turkish Police Academy in accordance with the Law/Act 6638, Article 43. (27.03.2015). It is in charge of training senior or junior police chiefs to the Turkish Police Organization. The period of education at Police Chiefs Training Center is 1 year. Police Chiefs Training Center students are uniformed and boarding students (free of tuition fees). The students are provided with boarding, accommodation, health care expenditures and other stipends of their own by the state.

**Police Vocational Schools of Higher Education (PVSHE)**
Police Vocational Schools of Higher Education are schools of higher education operating under the control of the Turkish Police Academy offering associate degree through vocational
education, instruction and practical training, in order to train the police constables needed by the Turkish Police Organization.

The period of education at Police Vocational Schools of Higher Education is 2 years. The education and instruction at Police Vocational Schools of Higher Education consists of 2 semesters on the basis of succeeding the grades.

Police Vocational Schools of Higher Education students are uniformed and boarding students (free of tuition fees). The students are provided with boarding, accommodation, health care expenditures and other stipends of their own by the state.

**Police Vocational Training Centers (PVTC)**

Police Vocational Training Centers are the institutions offering vocational and practical training under the control of the Turkish Police Academy in order to meet the police constable needs of the Turkish Police Organization. The candidates should have bachelor’s degree. The period of training is at least 6 months. Police Vocational Training Centers offer uniformed, boarding training (free of tuition fees) and students are provided with boarding, accommodation, health care expenditures and other stipends of their own by the state.

**POST-GRADUATE TRAINING**

**The Institute of Security Sciences**

The Institute of Security Sciences was established to provide post-graduate education in 2001. The Institute offers 11 programs leading to Master’s and 2 programmes leading to Doctoral degrees. The Institute aims at meeting the teaching staff need of the Police Chiefs Training Center; and training specialized personnel in the field; and making academic contribution to the security work and studies both at national and international level.

The graduates of Police Academy and the Bachelor and Master degree holders of departments of Universities, deemed eligible by the Administrative Board of the Institute of Security Sciences, form the basic source of the students of the Institute of Security Sciences.

**The Institute of Forensic Sciences**

The Institute of Forensic Sciences started working to train the teaching staff and specialized personnel in the fields needed by the Turkish Police Academy and the General Directorate of Security. It is planned, in general, to provide training for the interested personnel from the Ministry of Justice, the Turkish Armed Forces, the Ministry of Interior, the private sector together with the Law Enforcement staff working in various divisions of the General Directorate of Security, in such a way as to cover all areas of Forensic Sciences.

**IN-SERVICE TRAINING**

The vision of In-Service Training is to search and analyze both the situation of the era and of the service and the needs of the staff, to prepare and conduct educational programs in line with staff’s needs, and accordingly, to meet the educational needs of the Turkish Police Organization as efficiently as possible.