

A Glossary of Russian Police & Security Service Acronyms and Abbreviations

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This list covers the period since the collapse of the USSR. Where dates are given, this indicates a term or institution created and/or disbanded since August 1991. Where it says 'of the MVD' it means of the central All-Russian apparatus. It has been compiled from a wide range of open media sources, and cannot pretend to be either comprehensive or conclusive. In a few cases, contradictory or widely used but strictly speaking inaccurate definitions have been included. The author would be delighted to hear of any errors or additions, on m.galeotti@keele.ac.uk.

AFB	<i>Agenstvo federal'noi bezopasnosti</i> Federal Security Agency (1991-92, succeeded by the MB)
AFSB	<i>Akademiya Federal'noi sluzhby bezopasnosti</i> Academy of the Federal Security Service (FSB)
<i>Al'fa</i>	Anti-terrorist commando unit, subordinated to the FSB
ANP	<i>Akademiya Nalogovoi politsii</i> Academy of the Tax Police (NP)
AU	<i>Arkhivno-ugolovnoe delo</i> Criminal Archive File
AU MVD	<i>Akademiya upravleniya MVD</i> MVD Administration Academy
BKhSS	<i>Bor'ba s khishcheniem sotsialisticheskoi sobstvennosti i spekulyatsiei</i> Combating the Theft of Socialist Property and Speculation (-1992)
<i>Bolshoi dom</i>	'The Big House', St Petersburg police headquarters
BON	<i>Brigada osobennogo naznacheniya</i> Special Designation Brigade, Interior Troop special force
ChP	<i>Chernyi punkt</i> 'Hot Spot', term for area of local unrest, typically where Interior Troops are being deployed. Also used for the generic <i>Chrezvychainoe polozhenie</i> , an emergency situation

DEO	<i>Direktsiya po ekspluatatsii obshchezhitii</i> Dormitory Utilisation Management, of the MVD KhoZU
DND	<i>Dobrovol'cheskaya narodnaya druzhina</i> Voluntary People's Guard, the <i>druzhina</i>
DNP	<i>Departament nalogovoi politsii</i> Tax Police Department
DNSI	<i>Dezhurnyi nachal'nik SIZO</i> Investigation Cell Duty Officer, of local police detail
DON	Surveillance target, from <i>delo osobennogo nablyudeniya</i> , special surveillance file (KGB slang still used by FSB)
DPNSI	<i>Dezhurnyi pomoshchnyi nachal'nik SIZO</i> Assistant Investigation Cell Duty Officer, of local police detail
DPS	<i>Dorozhno-patru'l'naya sluzhba</i> Road Patrol Service, of the GAI
DTP	<i>Dorozhno-transportnoe proisshestvie</i> Road Traffic Incident
DVPO	<i>Dal'ne-vostochnyi pogranichnyi okrug</i> Far Eastern Border District
EKTs	<i>Ekspertno-kriminalisticheskii tsentr</i> Criminal Expertise Centre, of the MVD (part of EKU)
EKU	<i>Ekspertno-kriminalisticheskoe upravlenie</i> Directorate of Criminal Expertise, of the MVD (the department running the EKTs)
ETsP	<i>Elektronno-tsifrovaya podpis'</i> Electronic-numeroical signature, a FAPSI recognition code for data transfers
Fakel	'Torch' - commando unit within the Prisons Service
FAPSI	<i>Federal'noe agenstvo pravitel'stvennoi svyazi i informatsii</i> Federal Agency for Government Communications and Information (1991-)
FONP	<i>Federal'noe obsluzhivanie nalogovoi politsii</i> Federal Tax Police Service
FPS	<i>Federal'naya pogranichnaya sluzhba</i> Federal Border Service (1994-)
FPU	<i>Finansovo-planovoe upravlenie</i> Finance and Planning Directorate, of the MVD
FSB	<i>Federal'naya sluzhba bezopasnosti</i> Federal Security Service (1995-, formerly FSK)
FSG	<i>Federal'naya sluzhba granitsy</i> Federal Border Service, term sometimes used instead of FPS
FSK	<i>Federal'naya sluzhba kontr-razvedki</i> Federal Counter-Intelligence Service (1993-95, formerly MB, subsequently FSB)
FSNP	<i>Federal'naya sluzhba nalogovoi politsii</i> Federal Tax Police Service
FSO	<i>Federal'naya sluzhba okhrany</i> Federal Protection Service (1996-). Sometimes (inaccurately), GSO - Government Protection Service

GAI	<i>Gosudarstvennaya avtomobil'naya inspeksiya</i> State Automobile Inspectorate, of the MVD - road and motor traffic police
GITs	<i>Glavnyi informatsionnyi tseñtr</i> Main Information Centre, of the MVD
GMD	<i>Gruppa mgnovennogo deistviya</i> Instant Response Group, of the PV
GNI	<i>Gosudarstvennaya nalogovaya inspeksiya</i> State Tax Inspectorate, customarily abbreviated to <i>Gosnaloginspeksiya</i>
GNR	<i>Gruppa nemedlennogo reagirovaniya</i> Rapid Response Group, of OM (local police precinct)
GTK	<i>Gosudarstvennyi tamozhennyi komitet</i> State Customs Committee
GOU	<i>Glavnoe operativnoe upravlenie</i> Main Operations Directorate, of the Interior Troop General Staff
GPU	<i>Gosudarstvennoe pravovoe upravlenie</i> State Legal Directorate (1991-)
GROVD	<i>Glavnoe raionnyi otdel vnutrennikh del</i> Main Borough Internal Affairs Department, a local police command, generally subordinated to a GUVd
GRU	<i>Glavnoe razvedyvatel'noe upravlenie</i> Main Intelligence Directorate, of the General Staff
<i>gruppa zakhvata</i>	'Snatch squad' - a generic term for a special police unit such as a GNR or OMSN
GSO	<i>Gosudarstvennaya sluzhba okhrany</i> State Protection Service (1996-), more correctly the FSO - Federal Protection Service. Incorrectly translated as the Main (<i>Glavnoe</i>) Protection Service
GSU	<i>Glavnoe sledstvennoe upravlenie</i> Main Investigations Directorate, of the MVD
GTK	<i>Gosudarstvennyi tamozhennyi komitet</i> State Customs Committee
GTP	<i>Gostichno-turisticheskaya politsiya</i> Hotel-Tourist Police, of the Moscow GUVd
GUBEP	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie po bor'be s ekonomicheskimi prestupleniyami</i> Main Directorate for Combating Economic Crimes, of the MVD, an alternate -if inaccurate - term for GUEP
GUBKhSS	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie po bor'be s khishcheniem sotsialisticheskoi sobstvennosti i spekulyatsiei</i> Main Directorate for Combating the Theft of Socialist Property and Speculation, of the MVD (-1992, then became GUEP)
GUEP	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie po ekonomicheskim prestupleniyam</i> Main Directorate for Economic Crimes, of the MVD, which succeeded GUBKhSS
GUID	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie po ispravitel'nym delam</i> Main Directorate of Correctional Affairs, of the MVD
GUIN	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie ispolneniya nakazaniya</i> Main Directorate of Adminstrating Punishment, of the MVD - replacing GUID
GUKR	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie kontr-razvedki MVD</i> MVD (1st) Main Directorate of Counter-Intelligence

GUKVV	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie komanduyushchego VV MVD</i> MVD Main Directorate of Command of Internal Troops
<i>Gulag</i>	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie ispravitel'no-trudovykh lagerei</i> (Former) Main Directorate of Corrective Labour Camps, still widely used to refer to GUID/GUIN
GUM	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie militsii MVD</i> MVD Main Directorate of Police
GUMTIVS	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie material'nogo-tekhnicheskogo i voennogo snabzheniya MVD</i> MVD Main Directorate of Material-Technical and Military Supply
GUN	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie nablyudeniya MVD</i> MVD (7th) Main Directorate for Surveillance
GUO	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie okhrany</i> Main Guard Directorate, of the Presidential Administration (sometimes GUORF, to emphasise that it is the Russian Federation GUO) (after 1996, GSO/FSO)
GUOOP	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie okhrany obshchestvennogo poriyadka MVD</i> MVD (2nd) Main Directorate for the Protection of Public Order
GUPO	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie pozharnoi okhrany MVD</i> MVD Main Directorate for Fire Guards
GUUR	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie ugolovnogo rozyska MVD</i> MVD Main Directorate for Criminal Investigation
GUVD	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie vnutrennikh del</i> Main Internal Affairs Directorate, a major city police command
GUVO	<i>Glavnoe upravlenie vnevedomstvennoi okhrany</i> Main Directorate of Extradepartmental Protection, of the MVD, responsible for providing additional police protection to paying customers
GVP	<i>Glavnaya voennaya prokuratura</i> Main Military Procuracy
IKSI	<i>Institut kriptografii, svyazi i informatsii</i> Institute of Cryptography, Communications and Information, affiliated to FAPSI
IM	<i>Institut militsii</i> Police Institute (formerly VShM)
ITK	<i>Ispravitel'no-trudovaya koloniya</i> Corrective Labour Colony
ITL	<i>Ispravitel'no-trudovoi lager'</i> Corrective Labour Camp
ITs	<i>Informatsionnyi tsentr</i> Information Centre (MVD or other)
ITU	<i>Ispravitel'no-trudovoe uchrezhdenie</i> Corrective Labour Establishment
IVS	<i>Izolyator vremennogo sodержaniya</i> Temporary Containment Cell
KDS	<i>Kommunal'no-dachnaya sluzhba</i> Communal-Accommodation Service, of the MVD KhoZU
KEU	<i>Kvartirno-ekspluatatsionoe upravlenie</i> Apartment Usage Directorate, of the KDS

KhOZU	<i>Khozyaistvennoe upravlenie MVD</i> MVD Economic Directorate
KGPV	<i>Kavkazskaya gruppa pogranichnikh voisk</i> Caucasus Border Troops Group
KKS	<i>Kontrol'no-kassovaya sluzhba</i> Cash Control Service, of GNI
KOGG	<i>Komitet po okhrane gosudarstvennoi granitsy</i> Committee for the Protection of the State Border (1991-92)
KOPO	<i>Kavkazskii osobennyi pogranichnyi okrug</i> Special Caucasian Border District, the Border Troops emergency command established during the invasion of Chechnya (1994-)
KPM	<i>Kontrol'nyi punkt militsii</i> Police Control Point (largely referring to GAI traffic police stations)
KPP	<i>Kontrol'no-puskovoi punkt</i> Passport Control Point, of Border Troops
KPP	<i>Kontrol'no-propusknoi punkt</i> Identity Check Point, of police or Interior Troops
KPZ	<i>Kamera predvaritel'nogo zaklyucheniya</i> Preliminary Detention Cell, in a police station
KR	<i>Kontr-razvedka</i> Counter-Intelligence
KR	<i>Komendantskaya rota</i> Commandant's Service Company - military police element in army and PV units
KS	<i>Komendantskaya sluzhba</i> Commandant's Service, military police
<i>Liteynyi</i>	St Petersburg FSB (formerly KGB) headquarters, on Liteynyi Prospekt
LOVD	<i>Lineinyi otdel vnutrennikh del</i> Line Internal Affairs Department, a railway station transport police station
LRS	<i>Litsenzionno-razreshitel'naya sluzhba</i> Licensing Service, of local police commands, responsible for registering private security agencies
LTP	<i>Lechebno-trudovoi profilaktor</i> Medical-Labour Centre, MVD labour camp for the enforced rehabilitation of alcoholics
<i>Lubyanka</i>	Central headquarters of former KGB, now FSB, in Moscow
MB	<i>Ministerstvo bezopasnosti</i> Security Ministry (1992-1993, subsequently FSK)
MBRF	<i>Ministerstvo bezopasnosti RF</i> Russian Federation Security Ministry, sometimes used as an alternative to MB
MBVD	<i>Ministerstvo bezopasnosti i vnutrennikh del</i> Ministry of Security and Internal Affairs and Security (1991-92)
MMG	<i>Moto-manevrennaya gruppa</i> Motor-Manoeuvre Group, of the Border Troops, also known as 'Motomon'
MOB	<i>Militsiya obshchestvennoi bezopasnosti</i> Public Security Police, a general term, also used for certain specific locally-raised municipal police forces in Moscow and elsewhere

MOT	<i>Moskovskaya operativnaya tamozhnya</i> Moscow Operational Customs House
<i>Motomon</i>	Motor-Manoeuvre Group (MMG), of the Border Troops
MREO	<i>Mezhraionnyi registratsionno-ekzamenatsionnyi otdel</i> Inter-Raion Registration-Examination Department of an UGAI
MRO	<i>Mezhraionnyi otdel</i> Inter-borough Department, of the DNP
MSB	<i>Mezhdurespublikanskaya sluzhba bezopasnosti</i> Inter-Republican Security Service (1991-92), a transitional successor to the KGB
MTU	<i>Moskovskoe tamozhennoe upravlenie</i> Moscow Customs Directorate
MUR	<i>Moskovskii ugovovnyi rozysk</i> Moscow Criminal Intelligence, of the Moscow GUVB
MUVDVVT	<i>Moskovskoe upravlenie vnutrennykh del na vozdushnom i vodnom transporte</i> Moscow Air and Water Transport Internal Affairs Directorate
MVD	<i>Ministerstvo vnutrennikh del</i> Ministry of Internal Affairs
MVDB	<i>Ministerstvo vnutrennikh del i bezopasnosti</i> Ministry of Internal Affairs and Security (1991-92), sometimes used as an alternative to MBVD
NP	<i>Nalogovaya politiya</i> Tax Police
OEP	<i>Otdel po ekonomicheskim prestupleniyam</i> Department for Economic Crimes
OBKhSS	<i>Organy bor'by s khishcheniem sotsialisticheskoi sobstvennosti i spekulatsiei</i> Agencies for Combating the Theft of Socialist Property and Speculation, of the MVD (-1992)
OBRON	<i>Otdel'naya brigada osobennogo naznacheniya</i> Independent Special Designation Brigade, Interior Troop unit subordinated to OVV
ODON	<i>Otdel'naya diviziya osobennogo naznacheniya</i> Independent Special Designation Division, Interior Troop security force based in Moscow, formerly 'Dzerzhinskii' Independent Special Designation Motor Rifle Division
OGAI	<i>Otdel gosudarstvennoi avtomobil'noi inspeksii</i> State Automobile Inspectorate Department, local traffic police station
OKPP	<i>Otdel'nyi kontrol'no-propusknoi punkt</i> Independent Identity Check Point, of the police or Interior Troops
OM	<i>Otdel militsii</i> Police Department, a police station/precinct
OMON	<i>Otryad militsii osobennogo naznacheniya</i> Special Designation Police Detachment, 'black beret' riot police
OMSN	<i>Otryad militsii spetsial'nogo naznacheniya</i> Specialised Designation Police Detachment, anti-terrorist commando force subordinated to MUR
ONON	<i>Otryad po nazakonnomu obrotu narkotikov</i>

	Trade in Illegal Narcotics Department, of a local police command
OOP	<i>Osobennoe (or osobo) opasnoe prestuplenie</i> Especially Dangerous Crime
OP	<i>Opornoi punkt</i> Strong Point, a local police station manned by <i>druzhina</i> volunteers of the DND
OP	<i>Organizovannaya prestupnost'</i> Organised crime
OPD	<i>Organizovannaya prestupnaya deyatelnost'</i> Organised Criminal Activity
OPG	<i>Organizovannaya prestupnaya gruppa</i> Organised Criminal Group
<i>Operativnik</i>	Short for <i>operativnyi upolnomochennyi</i> , authorised operative, a political police case officer or police investigator. Sometimes contracted to <i>oper</i>
<i>Oper</i>	Short for <i>operativnyi upolnomochennyi</i> , authorised operative, a political police case officer or police investigator (also <i>operativnik</i>)
<i>Opergruppa</i>	Short for <i>operativnaya gruppa</i> , operational group, generally used as a synonym for an OSG
<i>Opnaz</i>	<i>Operativnogo naznacheniya</i> , of operational designation, the mobile element of the Interior Troops
OPO	<i>Operativno-profilakticheskaya operatsiya</i> Prophylactic Operation, a crime-prevention operation
ORD	<i>Operativno-rozysknaya deyatelnost'</i> Operational-Investigative Activity, generic police term for investigative work
ORM	<i>Operativno-rozysknye meropriyatiya</i> Operational-Investigative Means, generic police term for investigative resources
OSG	<i>Operativno-sledstvennaya gruppa</i> Operational Investigations Group, of the police (usually part of an OUR, perhaps specially formed for a particular case)
OUR	<i>Otdel/Organy ugolovnogo rozyska</i> Criminal Investigations Department/Agencies (used as a generic term)
OUID	<i>Oblastnoe upravlenie vnutrennikh del</i> Region (<i>oblast</i>) Internal Affairs Directorate, a rarely-used term
OVD	<i>Otdel/Organy vnutrennikh del</i> Internal Affairs Department, generally a sub-command of a UVD, or more usually the generic term Internal Affairs Agencies
OVIR	<i>Otdel viz i registratsii inostrantsev</i> Foreigners' Visa and Registration Department, of a UVIR
OVV	<i>Okrug vnutrennikh voisk</i> Internal Troop District
<i>Petrovka</i>	Moscow police headquarters, after its address, Petrovka 38
PFO	<i>Planovo-finansovye organy</i> Planning-Finance Agencies, of the MVD
PG	<i>Patrulnaya gruppa</i> Patrol Group, of the police
PK	<i>Pogranichnaya komendatura</i> Border Command Post, of the Border Troops
PO	<i>Pogranichnyi okrug</i>

	Border District, also <i>pogranokrug</i>
<i>Pogranokrug</i>	Border District, also PO
<i>Pogranvoiska</i>	Border Troops
PON	<i>Polk osobennogo naznacheniya</i> Special Designation Regiment, Interior Troop unit subordinated either to ODON or a VV division command
PPS	<i>Patrul'no-postovaya sluzhba</i> Patrol-Guard Service, the basic 'beat cop' element of the police
PPSM	<i>Patrul'no-postovaya sluzhba militsii</i> Patrol-Guard Service of the Police
PR	<i>Politicheskaya razvedka</i> Political Intelligence, term used in intelligence community
PS	<i>Pogranichnaya strazha</i> Border Guard, volunteer auxiliaries to the Border Troops
PSKR	<i>Pogranichnyi storozhevoi korabl'</i> Border Guard Cruiser, of the naval Border Troops
PTsO	<i>Pul't tsentralizovannoi okhrany</i> Central Security [lit: Guard] Console, a police HQ's command and control station
PU	<i>Pasportnoe upravlenie</i> Passport Directorate, of a GUVD or UVD
PV	<i>Pogranichnye voiska</i> Border Troops
PVV	<i>Polk vnutrennikh voisk</i> Internal Troops Regiment
REO	<i>Registratsionno-ekzamenatsionnyi otdel</i> Registration and Testing Department, of the GAI
RG	<i>Reidovaya gruppa</i> Raiding Group
RIATs	<i>Regional'nyi informatsionno-analiticheskii tsentr</i> Regional Information-Analysis Centre, local FAPSI element
RO	<i>Rabochii otryad</i> Workers' Detachment, a term still used for volunteer police auxiliaries (other than DND <i>druzhiny</i>)
ROVD	<i>Raionnyi otdel vnutrennikh del</i> Borough Internal Affairs Department, the basic local police command, generally subordinated to a UVD or GUVD
RSN	<i>Rota spetsial'nogo naznacheniya</i> Specialised Designation Company, commando element of ODON
RT	<i>Razvedka na territorii</i> Intelligence on Territory, a KGB term still used for domestic counter-intelligence surveillance of foreigners within Russia
RUOP	<i>Regional'noe upravlenie po bor'be s organizovannoi prestupnost'yu</i> Regional Directorate for Combating Organised Crime
RUVD	<i>Regional'noe upravlenie vnutrennikh del</i> Regional Internal Affairs Directorate
SAB	<i>Sistema aviatsionnoi bezopasnosti</i>

	Air Security System, of the MUVDVVT transport police
SAPO	<i>Sredne-aziatskii pogranichnyi okrug</i> Central Asian Border District
SBP	<i>Sluzhba bezopasnosti prezidenta</i> Presidential Security Service (1993-)
Seksot	Short for <i>sekretnyi sotrudnik</i> , secret collaborator, an informant
SEM	<i>Sanitarno-ekologicheskaya militsiya</i> Sanitation-Ecology Police, responsible for health and environment laws
ShG	<i>Shturmovaya gruppa</i> Assault Group, of OMSN anti-terrorist unit
Shlzo	<i>Shtrafnoi izolyator</i> Punishment Isolation Cell
SIZO	<i>Sledstvennyi izolyator</i> Investigation Cell, often used as an interview room
SK	<i>Sledstvennyi komitet</i> Investigative Committee, of the MVD
SMBM	<i>Spetsial'nyi motorizovannyi batal'on militsii</i> Special Motorised Police Battalion, a militarised internal security force
SMChM	<i>Spetsial'naya motorizovannaya chast' militsii</i> Special Motorised Police Unit, a militarised internal security force
SME	<i>Sudebno-meditsinskaya ekspertiza</i> Forensic Medical Examination
SME	<i>Sudebno-meditsinskaya ekspert</i> Forensic Medical Examiner
SMBEP	<i>Sluzhba militsii po bor'be s ekonomicheskimi prestupleniyami</i> Police Service for Combating Economic Crimes, sometimes used for GUBEP
SOBR	<i>Spetsial'nyi otryad bystrogo reagirovaniya</i> Special Rapid Response Detachment, a police armed response and internal security unit
SOG	<i>Sledstvenno-operativnaya gruppa</i> Operational-Investigations Group, of the police - usually a task force organised for a specific operation
SOM	<i>Spetsial'nyi otryad militsii</i> Special Police Detachment, a synonym for OMSN
SORM	<i>Sistema Operativno-Rozysknykh Meropriyatii</i> System for Operational-Investigative Activities, electronic eavesdropping programme
<i>Spetsnaz</i>	<i>Spetsial'nogo naznacheniya</i> , of Specialised Designation, the Interior Troops' and Border Troops' special forces
SPO	<i>Severnyi pogranichnyi okrug</i> Northern Border District, covering the northern coast
SPOK	<i>Sluzhba podgotovki i obucheniya kadrov</i> Personnel Education and Training Service, of the MVD
SRLS	<i>Sluzhba po rabote s lichnym sostavom</i> Personnel Service, of the MVD
SRP	<i>Sluzhba rassledovaniya prestuplenii</i>

	Criminal Investigations Service, of the Russian MVD (1991-92), later absorbed within GUUR
SRPNA	<i>Sluzhba rassledovaniya prestuplenii nadzorno-administrativnykh</i> Service for Investigating Supervisory-Administrative Crimes, the MVD force responsible for internal investigations of police officers - from 1996 largely subsumed within UVB
SSUZM	<i>Spetsial'noe srednee uchebnoe zavedenie militsii</i> Special Police Secondary [lit: Middle] Training Establishment
SUZIG	<i>Spetsial'noe upravlenie dlya zashchiti inostrannykh grazhdanin</i> Special Directorate for the Protection of Foreign Citizens, of the St Petersburg police
SVP	<i>Sektsiya vnutrennogo poryadka</i> Internal Order Section, convict trustees used to maintain order in prisons
SVPO	<i>Severno-vostochnyi pogranichnyi okrug</i> North-Eastern Border District
SVR	<i>Sluzhba vneshnei razvedki</i> Foreign Intelligence Service (1991-)
<i>Syshchik</i>	Slang for a detective, from the archaic <i>sysk</i> , an investigation
SZPO	<i>Severno-zapadnyi pogranichnyi okrug</i> North-Western Border District, covering the St Petersburg area
TOPO	<i>Tikhookeanskii pogranokrug</i> Pacific Ocean Border District
TsOS	<i>Tsentr obshchestvennykh svyazei</i> Public Relations Centre, of the MVD
TsOVS	<i>Tsentr obshchestvennykh i vneshnikh svyazei</i> Public and Foreign Relations Centre, of the DNP
TsSR	<i>Tsentral'naya sluzhba razvedki</i> Central Intelligence Service (1992)
TsVG	<i>Tsentral'nyi voennyi gosptial'</i> Central Military Hospital: TsVGs exist for both the Border and Internal Troops
UBKhSS	<i>Upravlenie po bor'be s khishcheniem sotsialisticheskoi sobstvennosti i spekulyatsiei</i> Directorate for Combating the Theft of Socialist Property and Speculation, of a local police command (-1992, succeeded by UEP)
UBOP	<i>Upravlenie po bor'be s organizovannoi prestupnost'yu</i> (6th) Directorate for Combating Organised Crime, of the MVD
UBT	<i>Upravlenie bezopasnosti na transporte</i> Transport Safety Directorate, of the MVD
UDNP	<i>Upravlenie departamenta nalogovoi politsii</i> Directorate of the Tax Police Department, a local DNP command
UEP	<i>Upravlenie ekonomicheskoi prestupnosti</i> Economic Crime Directorate, of a local police command
UEK	<i>Upravlenie ekonomicheskoi kontr-razvedki</i> Economic Counter-Intelligence Directorate, of the FSB
UFSB	<i>Upravlenie federal'noi sluzhby bezopasnosti</i>

	Federal Security Service Directorate, a local branch of the FSB
UGAI	<i>Upravlenie gosudarstvennoi avtomobil'noi inspektsii</i> Directorate of the State Automobile Inspectorate, local traffic police command
UGPS	<i>Upravlenie gosudarstvennoi protivopozharnoi sluzhby</i> State Fire [lit: Anti-Fire] Service Directorate, of a local police command
UID	<i>Upravlenie po ispravitel'nym delam</i> Corrective Affairs Directorate, local branch of GUID
UIOS	<i>Upravlenie informatsii i obshchestvennykh svyazei</i> Directorate for Information and Public Relations, of the MVD
UK	<i>Ugolovnyi kodeks</i> Criminal Code
UNON	<i>Upravlenie po nazakonnomu oborotu narkotikov</i> Directorate for the Trade in Illegal Narcotics, of the MVD
UO	<i>Upravlenie okhrany</i> Protection Directorate - unofficial but widely-used contraction for the Internal Troops' UOVGOSG
UOOP	<i>Upravlenie okhrany obshchestvennogo poryadka</i> Directorate for the Protection of Public Order, of local police commands
UOR	<i>Upravlenie operativnoi razvedki</i> Operational Reconnaissance Directorate, investigations branch of the FSB
UOVGOSG	<i>Upravlenie po okhrane vazhnykh gosudarstvennykh ob"ektov i spetsial'nykh gruzov</i> Directorate for the Protection of Important State Facilities and Special Cargoes, of the MVD Internal Troops (VV) - often more simply rendered as UO
UPK	<i>Ugolovno-protsessual'nyi kodeks</i> Criminal Procedural Code
UPO	<i>Upravlenie pozharnoi okhrany</i> Directorate of Fire Guards, local fire service command
UPODOVD	<i>Upravlenie pravovogo obespecheniya deyatel'nosti organov vnutrennikh del</i> Directorate for the Legality of the Activities of the Agencies of Internal Affairs, of the MVD
UPS	<i>Upravlenie profilakticheskoi sluzhby MVD</i> MVD Directorate for the Preventative Service
UR	<i>Ugolovnyi rozysk</i> Criminal Investigation
USB	<i>Upravlenie sobstvennoi bezopasnosti</i> Internal Security Directorate, internal investigations unit of the MVD (1996-)
USO	<i>Upravlenie spetsial'nykh operatsii</i> Special Operations Directorate, of the FSB
UTM	<i>Upravlenie transportnoi militsii</i> Transport Police Directorate, of a GUVd or UVD
UUR	<i>Upravlenie ugolovnogo rozyska</i> Criminal Investigations Directorate, of a local police command
UVB	<i>Upravlenie vnutrennei bezopasnosti</i> Internal Security Directorate, incorrect version of USB
UVD	<i>Upravlenie vnutrennikh del</i> Internal Affairs Directorate, local police command
UVDT	<i>Upravlenie vnutrennikh del na transporte</i>

	Directorate for Internal Affairs in Transport, of the MVD
UVIR	<i>Upravlenie viz i registratsii inostrantsev</i> Foreigners' Visa and Registration Directorate, of a UVD or GUVD
UVKR	<i>Upravlenie vneshnoi kontr-razvedky</i> Foreign Counter-Intelligence Directorate, of the SVR
UVO	<i>Upravlenie vnutrennei okhrany</i> Internal Protection Directorate, of the MVD - sometimes also Vokhr
UVO	<i>Upravlenie vnevedomstvennoi okhrany</i> Extra-departmental Protection Directorate, a local police command's private security arm
UVV	<i>Upravlenie vnutrennikh voisk</i> Internal Troops Directorate, a local command subordinated to the central GUKVV
VCh	<i>Vysokaya chastota</i> High Frequency, government communications system
VIATs	<i>Vedomstvennyi informatsionno-analiticheskii tsentr</i> Departmental Information-Analysis Centre, FAPSI cell in an element of the state or local administration
VIPs	<i>Voennyi institut pravitel'stvennoi svyazi</i> Military Institute of Government Communications
VKR	<i>Voennaya kontr-razvedka</i> Military Counter-Intelligence
VKR	<i>Vneshnaya kontr-razvedka</i> Foreign Counter-Intelligence
VNII MVD	<i>Vserossiiskii nauchno-issledovatel'skii institut MVD</i> All-Russian Scientific-Research Institute of the MVD
VNKTs	<i>Vserossiiskii nauchno-kriminalisticheskii tsentr</i> All-Russian Scientific-Criminological Centre
VOG	<i>Voiska okhrany goroda</i> City Defence Force, emergency Interior Troop command
VOkhr	<i>Vnutrennyaya okhrana</i> Term sometimes used for UVO, the MVD's (8th) Directorate of Internal Guards (sometimes incorrectly expanded to <i>Voennaya okhrana</i> , Military Guards, given the militarised nature of the service)
VP	<i>Voennaya prokuratura</i> Military Procuracy
VS	<i>Vnutrennyaya sluzhba</i> Internal Service, a generic term for all non-militarised uniformed MVD staff - mainly police and firefighters
VShM	<i>Vyssшая shkola militsii</i> Higher Police School - from 1996 began to become IMs
VSSh	<i>Vyssшая sledstvennaya shkola</i> Higher Investigations School
VV	<i>Vnutrennie voiska</i> Internal Troops
VVKUVV	<i>Vysshee voennoe komandnoe uchilishche VV MVD</i> Higher Military Command School of the MVD Interior Troops

Vympel	'Pennant' - anti-terrorist commando unit subordinated to FSB
YuDM	<i>Yunie druz'ya militsii</i> Young Friends of the Police
ZATO	<i>Zakryti administrativno-territorial'nyi ob"ekt</i> Closed Territorial-Administrative Facility, new term for 'closed cities'
ZhKO	<i>Zhilishchno-kommunal'nyi otdel</i> Communal Accommodation Department, of the KDS
ZGPV	<i>Zapadnaya gruppa pogranichnykh voisk</i> Western Group of Border Troops
ZPO	<i>Zabaikalskii pogranichnyi okrug</i> Transbaikal Border District
