The History of the Place

Today the Brandenburg Police Academy uses a part of the former SS-compound which was an integral section of the concentration camp Sachsenhausen. It was built in 1936 when the headquarters and the prisoners' camp were simultaneously established. The construction works had to be done by prisoners.

The SS-compound accommodated several companies of the steadily growing “Death's Head Squads” which were responsible for the guarding of the camp. From autumn 1939 on a large part of these militarily trained squads, which had been brutalized during their guard duty, took part in the war and proved to be especially cruel towards the Jewish civilian population.

Besides central SS-facilities, such as the paramedic school, mainly squad lodgings and garages of the SS-vehicle-fleet were initially located on the compound. Other buildings were used as a medical centre and a riding hall. In 1940/41 parts of the area were converted into a main arsenal of the Waffen-SS and a “Mechanical Research Institute” (KVA) where hundreds of KZ-prisoners later had to serve forced labour.

After the war the compound was at first used by the Red Army until 1950. Then police were quartered there in barracks (KVP) and from 1956 on the National People's Army (NVA) made use of it. In 1990 it was handed over to the German Federal Army (BW) and one year later to the Police Headquarters Oranienburg. In 2006 the Brandenburg Police Academy was opened at this place after extensive renovation works.

**House 2** (year of construction 1938/39)
- SS medical centre and training centre for medical auxiliary staff
- 1940-1945 staff building of the KVP
- 1950-1990 staff building of the NVA
- 1991 staff building of the BW
- 1991-2002 staff building of the Police Headquarters Oranienburg
- 2006 used by management and administration of the Brandenburg Police Academy

**House 3** (year of construction 1938/39)
- 1930-1941 quarters of the “Enforced Death's Head Standards” (Verstörte Tödheitsstandarten)
- From 1941 on used by guard squads of the concentration camp Sachsenhausen
- 1955-1990 quarters of NVA
- 1991-2002 used by the Police Headquarters Oranienburg
- 2006 used by 2nd unit of the Anti-Riot Police. Staff Selection Bureau of the Police Academy and Bureau of the Central Police Service

**House 4** (year of construction 1953)
- New construction on the foundation walls of a burnt down building which had been used as accommodation for SS leading staff and as officers' mess
- 1953-1980 quarters of NVA/BW
- 1991-2002 sections of the Police Headquarters Oranienburg
- Summer 2006 used by sectors of the administration and study group

**House 5** (year of construction before 1945)
- approximately 1941-1945 transformer house of NVA
- Transformer station until house 71 was built (approx. 1970)
- 1999-2002 kitchen and canteen of the Police Headquarters Oranienburg
- 2006 kitchen and cafeteria of the Brandenburg Police Academy
- House 6 (year of construction 1938, newly built in 2006)
  - 1938-1945 home stable with adjoining riding hall
  - 1935-1956 gymnasium of NVA
  - 1951-2002 warehouse of the Police Headquarters Oselenburg
  - 2005 new building according to protection of historical monuments
  - 2006 canteen of the Brandenburg Police Academy

- House 9 (year of construction 1948)
  - 1946-1950 workshop/garages of the Red Army
  - 1950-1960 workshop/garages of KVP/NVA
  - 1991-2002 partial use as storage room for the Police Headquarters Oselenburg
  - 2006 use as central lecture building with atrium and seminar rooms

- House 10/11 (year of construction 1938)
  - 1938-1945 workshop/garages of KVA and guarding units
  - 1945-1950 workshop/garages of KVP and NVA
  - 1951-2002 garages of the Police Headquarters Oselenburg
  - 2006 used as training/work rooms by the Department Training and Projects of the Brandenburg Police Academy

- House 14/15 (year of construction 1938)
  - 1938-1945 workshop/garages of KVA and guarding units
  - 1945-1950 workshop/garages of KVP and NVA
  - 1951-2002 garages of the Police Headquarters Oselenburg
  - 2006 used as training/work rooms by the Department Training and Further Education of the Brandenburg Police Academy

- House 16 (year of construction 1938)
  - 1938-1945 workshop/garages of KVA and guarding units
  - 1945-1950 workshop/garages of KVP and NVA
  - 1991-2002 garages of the Police Headquarters Oselenburg
  - 2006 use as library, study sector of senior command staff (MAS) and group workrooms
  - Use of workrooms by trainers of Integrated Further Education of the AGR (area of responsibility) Oberhavel (OHR)

- House 17 (year of construction 1956)
  - 1960-1990 quarters of the KVP/NVA units
  - 1991-2004 used by 2nd Unit of the AGR-Riot Police
  - 2006 use as accommodation for participants of further education seminars and guests of the Brandenburg Police Academy

- House 18 (year of construction 1939/40)
  - 1940-1941 administration building of SS guarding units
  - 1941-1945 guarding unit of the concentration camp Sachsenhausen
  - 1950-1990 quarters of the NVA
  - 1991-2002 used by the Police Headquarters Oselenburg
  - 2006 use as accommodation for participants of further education seminars and guests of the Brandenburg Police Academy
**House 40** (year of construction 1938)
- 1938-1945 entrance buildings to the SS-troops warehouse with duty rooms.
- 1950-1961 entry control to the barracks of KVP/NVA/BfV (guard, duty officer, guest room)
- 1991-2002 entry control and staff selection department of the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 2006 entry control and staff selection department of the Brandenburg Police Academy

**House 41** (year of construction 1938)
- 1938-1945 entrance buildings to the SS-troops warehouse with duty rooms.
- 1950-1961 entry control to the barracks of KVP/NVA/BfV (guard, duty officer, guest room)
- 1991-1996 fine payment office for traffic offenders of the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 1997-2002 water police of the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 2002 used by water police and explosive ordnance disposal service

**House 63/75**
- Parts(south-eastern side) year of construction 1943
- Parts(north-western side) year of construction 1938
- 1938-1945 garages of KVA and guard units
- 1945-1950 garages of the Red Army
- 1950-1990 garages of the KVP and NVA
- 1991-2002 garages of the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 2006 used as special seminar rooms/training police station for training and further education of the Brandenburg Police Academy

**House 73** (year of construction 1938)
- 1938-1945 garages of KVA and guard units
- 1945-1950 garages of the Red Army
- 1950-1990 garages of the KVP and NVA
- 1993-2004 used by 2nd Unit of the Anti-Riot Police of the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 2006 used by the media centre, the printing office and the teaching aid centre

**House 78/77** (year of construction 1938)
- 1938-1945 garages of KVA and guard units
- 1945-1950 garages of the Red Army
- 1950-1990 garages of the KVP and NVA
- 1991-2002 garages of the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 2006 used as shooting range of the Brandenburg Police Academy

**House 79** (year of construction 1938)
- 1938-1945 used as storage rooms for KVA and guard units.
- 1945-1950 used as storage rooms for the Red Army
- 1950-1990 used as storage rooms for the Police Headquarters Orenburg
- 2006 used by European Centre/AustroSport (pool for international police missions) of the Brandenburg Police Academy and workrooms for students

**House 99** (year of construction 2005)
- 2005 new construction of a gymnasium with 3 fields and integrated judo hall