

6. Equipment

A. Police Vehicles



Police vehicles, as the core of the mobile police force, take on the task of responding to daily occurrences of crimes and accidents. They are also used for street patrols and other police activities.

Approximately 42,600 police vehicles are equipped at police stations, police boxes (Koban), and residential police boxes (Chuzai-sho) throughout the country.

B. Police Boats



As the mobile police force on the water, police boats are employed at major ports, remote islands, lakes and marshes to patrol and fight against illegal immigration, smuggling, and poaching. Ranging from 5 to 23 meters in length, there are approximately 150 police boats nationwide.

C. Police Helicopters



As the mobile police force in the air, police helicopters are used extensively for traffic control surveillance, pursuit of suspects, rescue and disaster relief. A total of approximately 80 small and medium-sized helicopters are operated nationwide.