F. Emergency Response "Dial 110"
(1) Communications Command Center (CCC)
Reacting to emergency calls such as "Dial 110", CCC in each PPHs dispatches police officers at Koban and Chuzuasho, patrol cars, and other mobile police units.

(2) Current State of "Dial 110"
The number of "Dial 110" calls has decreased annually. In 2017, the police received about 9.0 million calls nationwide. This means that on any given day the CCC receives a call about every 3.5 seconds.
(Refer to Police Information Communications on page 49 about Communications Command Systems.)

2. Crime Prevention
Although 2002 was the worst year on record with 2,850,000 reported Penal Code offenses, the number has decreased by 68% as a result of enhanced crime prevention measures carried out by the police along with the efforts of society.

However, the function of neighborhoods as a crime prevention has deteriorated by weakened community solidarity and widespread anonymity of urban life.

In such a situation, the police are making efforts to promote a “society in which crimes hardly occur”, as well as to prevent the occurrence of crime.

A. The Law-abiding Mentality and the Strong Ties in Society
We must not overlook even the slightest offenses and must urge deep regrets for the offenses. These efforts will nourish people's law-abiding mentality. Also, we must strengthen the ties in society by a variety of efforts which support those people who feel isolated or alienated from society.

B. Creation of Layers of Voluntary Activities in Crime Prevention
Voluntary activities in crime prevention have involved many citizens and have rapidly developed into a national movement to secure community safety. The number of groups engaged in crime prevention activities was about 47,000 in 2017. The police regard these groups as partners indispensable for preventing crimes.

C. Promotion of Safe and Secure Urban Planning which takes Crime Prevention into Consideration
The police are promoting a safe and secure urban planning which takes crime prevention into consideration in order to create a safer society where people can feel secure and live without fear of falling victim to crime. For example, this promotion includes the installation of security lights and security cameras, and landscaping that does not impede visibility.
D. Encouragement of Enhancement of the Quality and the Proper Performance of Community Safety Industry
The police are encouraging enhancement of the quality and the proper performance of the industry of community safety, especially private security businesses, as they play a major role in creating a society in which crimes hardly occur.

3. Countermeasures against Cases Threatening Personal Safety
Concerning cases such as stalking, spousal violence, missing persons, and child, elderly and disability abuse, where immediately securing personal safety is deemed necessary, the police need to recognize the risks and urgency accurately and take the most effective measures to secure the victim’s safety. To appropriately cope with such cases, the police have built a system in PPHs and police stations to systematically promote prompt and appropriate responses including arresting perpetrators, while giving top priority to the safety of victims.

4. Sound Growth of Amusement Business
A. Current State of the Amusement Business
Eating and drinking establishments (cabarets and bars) and amusement business (pachinko parlors and game centers) provide the general public with entertainment opportunities. However, there is a continuing concern that these establishments might corrupt public morals and hamper the sound development of youth, unless properly operated. The police provide guidance and assert necessary control over amusement business by aiding them to offer legitimate services.

B. Elimination of Boryokudan from the Amusement Business
In some cases, Boryokudan (organized crime groups) appear to be involved in amusement business, causing interference with the legitimate operation of the business. The police have been tackling Boryokudan by strictly cracking down on illegal activities of Boryokudan. Initiatives such as holding seminars for business operators on resisting the Boryokudan are also being carried out to eliminate Boryokudan.

5. Preventing Deterioration of Public Morals
A. Prostitution
Websites and advertisements in weekly magazines are often used by prostitution brokers to solicit prostitution. Some bar and restaurant operators also exploit women by forcing them into prostitution.

B. Illegitimate Sales of Obscene Pictures
There are a number of sales of DVDs containing obscene images. In addition, the distribution of obscene pictures through the Internet has also become an issue.