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 patrolling and other police activities.

Approximately 42,500 police vehicles are equipped at police stations, police boxes (Koban), and residential police boxes (Chuzaisho) throughout the country.

B. Police Boats

As a mobile police force on the water, police boats are employed in 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 a 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.