

### **Topic III: Mobile Police Communications Squads Enhancing Local Police Operations (pp. 55–56)**

#### **(1) Overview of Mobile Police Communications Squads**

The Mobile Police Communications Squads have been established in the Info-Communications Departments of police districts across Japan to implement operations for securing communications, which serve as essential foundations for police activities in the field. Specifically, the Squads establish and operate communications in zones with no radio reception or where radio usage is prohibited, and provide real-time video of incident sites in cases of disaster or accidents, for the protection of the Japanese Imperial Family or dignitaries, crowd control at large events or festivals, and for criminal investigations.

#### **(2) Training Programs**

Each Mobile Police Communications Squad continually conducts practical joint drills with prefectural police forces, to prepare for all kinds of disasters, accidents, and serious incidents.

Additionally, to respond to the geographic expansion of criminal activities and large scale disasters, the Mobile Police Communications Squad conducts practical joint drills with other squads in different prefectures and with other organizations.



**Photographing, filming and transmitting images of river flooding by using an unmanned air vehicle image transmission system**



**Installing a temporary radio relay station**