

Chapter 5: Public Safety Commission System and Police Activity Support

Section 1: Police Organization and the Public Safety Commission System

The Public Safety Commission System was established to ensure political neutrality and prevent dogmatic operation of the police administration and its enforcing powers with the thought that it be appropriate for a body representing the common sense of the people to manage the police. At the national level, the National Public Safety Commission (NPSC) exercises administrative supervision over the NPA, and at the prefectural level, Prefectural Public Safety Commissions (PPSC) exercise administrative supervision over prefectural police.



Regular meeting of the National Public Safety Commission

Section 2: Police Activity Support

1. Police Personnel

The number of police personnel I FY2011 was 292,111, of which 7,732 belonged to the NPA and 284,379 belonged to the prefectural police.

Police Personnel Numbers (FY 2010)

Class	National Police Agency				Prefectural Police				Grand Total	
	Officers	Imperial Palace Guards	General Staff	Total	Officers			General Staff		Total
					Local Senior Officers	Local Community Officers	Subtotal			
Personnel	2,037	900	4,795	7,732	628	255,363	255,991	28,388	284,379	292,111

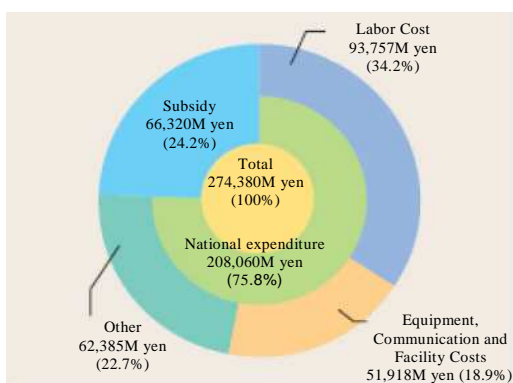
Note: For prefectural police personnel, numbers for Local Senior Officers are specified by Cabinet Order, and numbers for all other personnel are specified by the present municipal ordinance issued on April 1, 2011.

2. Budget

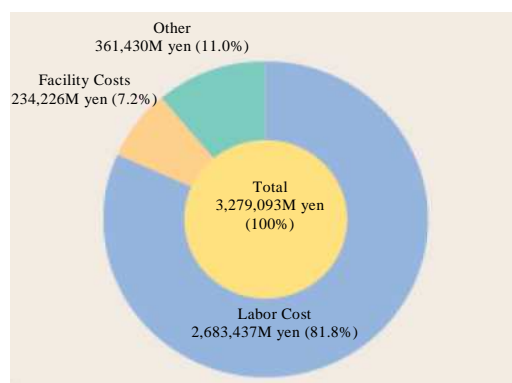
The police budgets are comprised of the NPA budget and the prefectural police

budget. Prefectural police budgets include expenses and subsidies disbursed by the national treasury.

NPA budget (after final amendment for FY2010)



Prefectural police budget (after final amendment for FY2010)



3. Management of Detention Facilities

As of April 1, 2011, there were 1,238 detention facilities nationwide. Based on

the Act on Penal Detention Facilities and Treatment of Inmates and Detainees, police have fully separated investigations and

detention services. Police are committed to humane treatment of detainees and facility improvement, and ensure that detention facilities are managed appropriately. In addition, the NPA conducts planned patrols of all prefectural police detention facilities every year to maintain nationwide uniformity in the treatment of detainees.

Section 3: Police Responding to the Trust of the People

1. Appropriate Activities of the Police

(1) Ensuring Appropriate Budget Spending

To ensure appropriate budgetary spending, the police conduct audits under the rules for audits as prescribed by the National Public Safety Commission while improving auditing methods.

(2) Inspections

Rigorous inspections are in place to increase police capacity for self-purification within the police. All chief inspection officers administering inspections of prefectural police are local police administrators appointed by the National Public Safety Commission. Additionally, inspectors are being increased along with other enhancements for the NPA, Regional Police Bureau, and prefectural police inspection systems. Inspections ensure efficient operation and maintenance of discipline based on the rules for inspections as specified by the National Public Safety Commission.

(3) Thorough Management of Information

1) Promoting Information Security Measures

Police handle large amounts of personal information for criminal investigations and driver's licenses as well as other

confidential information. The NPA has therefore formed a police information security policy (an architecture for standards in police information security) and promotes measures to prevent leakage of information and other matters.

2) Cases on Data Related to International Anti-Terrorist Measures Posted Online

In October 2010, data related to international anti-terrorist measures was posted online. The National Public Safety Commission conducted a full investigation and study of the incident in December 2010, instructing the protection of persons whose personal information had been posted and other police measures, as well as thorough, reinforced information protection. The NPA reported its interim findings summarizing an overview of the study, state of police initiatives and future policies to the National Public Safety Commission and published it. The police recognize that the data included information that was most likely handled by a police officer and find it extremely regrettable that the data was released online and has troubled people and put them in such unrest. Police will continue to protect those whose personal information was released and give the organization's full effort in investigations and studies for this matter and other police measures to uncover the truth. In addition, the police are committed to measures in order to ensure and reinforce information protection and resolve to fully protect information.

2. Police Activities Open to the Public

The police need to fully understand the people's opinions and demands when engaging in various activities to prevent local crimes and traffic accidents. Moreover, the

understanding and cooperation of local residents is imperative in order to bear the fruits of these activities. As such, all police stations nationwide will in principle have a Police Station Council. In the council, the chief of police station will hear resident opinions on police station affairs and use it as a forum to seek resident understanding and cooperation.

3. Police Support of Victims

Victims and their families not only suffer damage directly, physically, mentally and financially by crime, but may also suffer various secondary damages. The police are working to enhance support for victims in various aspects.