

Chapter 6: Police Activity Support
Section 1: Foundation of Police Activities
1 Structure

(1) Initiatives to Enhance Police Strengths

The total number of police personnel in FY2013 was 293, 588, of which 7,721 were NPA personnel and 285,867 were prefectural police personnel (as of May, 16, 2013).

With the succession of incidents involving attacks on businesses and rival conflicts in northern Kyushu, the Boryokudan situation is extremely severe, and the crime situation, with the emergence of new threats to public safety such as the escalation of cybercrime related threats, is also severe, and police must continue in their endeavor to enhance all their strengths from all angles. Consequently, in FY2013, regional police increased the size of their forces by 545 personnel in order to reinforce structures to ensure cyberspace safety, enhance autopsy structures and reinforce the structures needed to enhance Boryokudan countermeasures.

(2) Expanding the Recruitment and Promotion of Female Police Officers

All prefectural police are actively engaged in recruitment activities targeting women, such as sending female police officers to career fairs, and are also working to create comfortable working environments for female police officers.

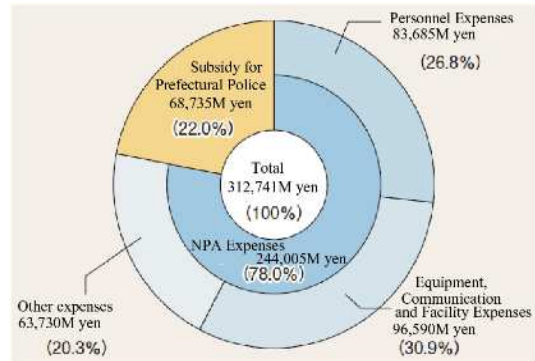
Police are committed to the early achievement of the target to raise the overall percentage of female police officers nationwide up to 10% by April 2023, as well as actively implementing promotions for individuals according to their capabilities and competencies, and promoting the creation of comfortable working environments for female police officers.

2 Budget

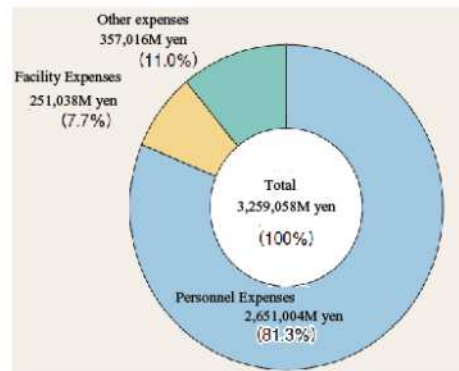
The police budget consists of NPA Budget and Prefectural Police Budgets. The national government covers expenses to operate the

NPA, directly appropriated expenses for PPH activities of national significance, and subsidies to supplement PPH budgets.

NPA Budget (after final amendment for FY2012)



Prefectural Police Budget (after final amendment for FY2012)



3 Management and Operation of Detention Facilities

As of April 1, 2013, there were 1,180 detention facilities nationwide. In accordance with the “Act on Penal Detention Facilities and Treatment of Inmates and Detainees”, police have fully separated investigations and detention while promoting treatment that pays due regard to the human rights of detainees and pressing ahead with facility improvements, to ensure appropriate operations in detention management. In addition, in order to ensure the uniform treatment of detainees nationwide, the NPA implements planned patrols of all prefectural detention facilities every year.

Section 2: Police Responding to the Trust of the People

1 Appropriate Police Activities

(1) Inspections

To increase internal self-purification capabilities, police have ensured that all chief inspection officers administering inspections of the prefectural police are local police administration officers appointed by the National Public Safety Commission. Police are also implementing strict inspections in accordance with inspection rules specified by the National Public Safety Commission in order to contribute to efficient operation and to maintain discipline in the NPA, regional police bureaus and prefectural police.

(2) Thorough Information Management

As the police handle high volumes of personal information related to criminal investigations and driving licenses, etc. as well as large amounts of confidential information, the NPA has implemented countermeasures against the leakage of information by formulating police information security policies (systematic standards related to police information security).

2 Police Activity Transparency

When undertaking activities to prevent local crimes and traffic accidents, it is necessary to understand the views of the residents and their demands, etc. In addition, for these activities to be successful, it is essential to obtain the understanding and cooperation of local residents. Consequently, all police stations nationwide have, in principle, set up Police Station Councils. These councils allow the chiefs of police stations to hear the views of local residents regarding police station affairs, and also provide an opportunity to seek their understanding and cooperation.



Members of Police Station Council inspecting a widened roadside pedestrian belt

3 Support for Victims of Crime

The victims of crime and their bereaved families or families not only suffer direct, physical, emotional or financial harm as a result of the crime, but also incur a varying range of secondary harm. Consequently, police are working to enhance a variety of aspects of their support for victims of crime.

Section 3 Initiatives by the Ministerial Conference on measures against Crime and Cooperation with overseas Security Agencies and Other Organizations

1 Initiatives by the Ministerial Conference on Measures against Crime

In view of the state of public safety in recent years, the 20th Ministerial Conference on Measures against Crime, held in May 2013, agreed upon the “Concerning Basic Policies for Drafting Actions Plans in order to Realize a Crime-Resistant Society” guidelines, and determined to draft new “Action Plans” by December of the same year.

2 Cooperation with Overseas Security Agencies and Other Organizations with regards to International Crime

2013 welcomed the 40th anniversary of the commencement of the relationship between Japan and ASEAN, and senior officers of the NPA attended the 33rd ASEANAPOL Conference (conference of ASEAN Police Chiefs) to exchange views and strengthen cooperative ties.



The 33rd ASEANAPOL Conference