

Chapter 2 Securing Community Safety

Section 1 Initiatives for Protecting Women and Children from Crimes

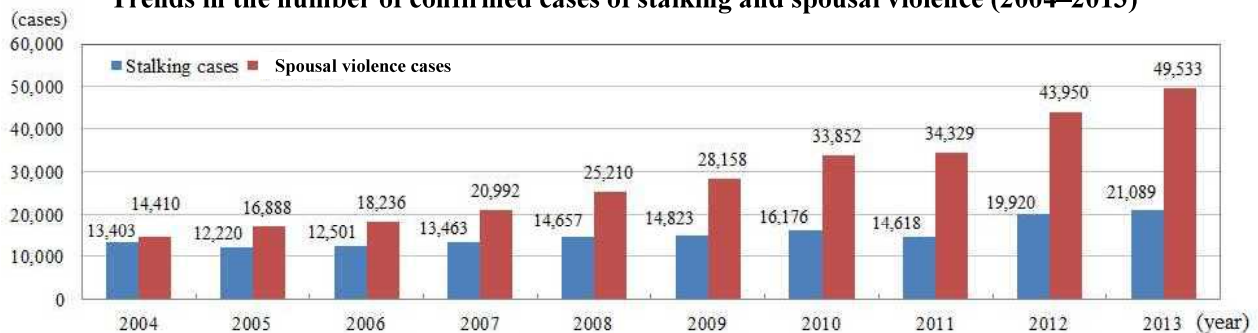
1 Handling Violent Cases Arising from the Entanglement of Emotions Related to Romantic Attachment

(1) Current Circumstances

There were 21,089 confirmed stalking cases in 2013, and 49,533 confirmed spousal violence cases in 2013. These are the most cases since the enforcement of the Anti-Stalking Act and the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims.

necessary, such as violent cases arising from the entanglement of emotions related to romantic attachment, the police have built an integrated system in prefectural police headquarters (PPH) that provides guidance, advice, and support for police stations from the time the case is confirmed until it is handled, and police stations have also constructed a system combining the Community Safety Department and the Criminal Affairs Department in police stations. Furthermore, to assess matters such as risk at the point an incident is perceived, when supplying

Trends in the number of confirmed cases of stalking and spousal violence (2004–2013)



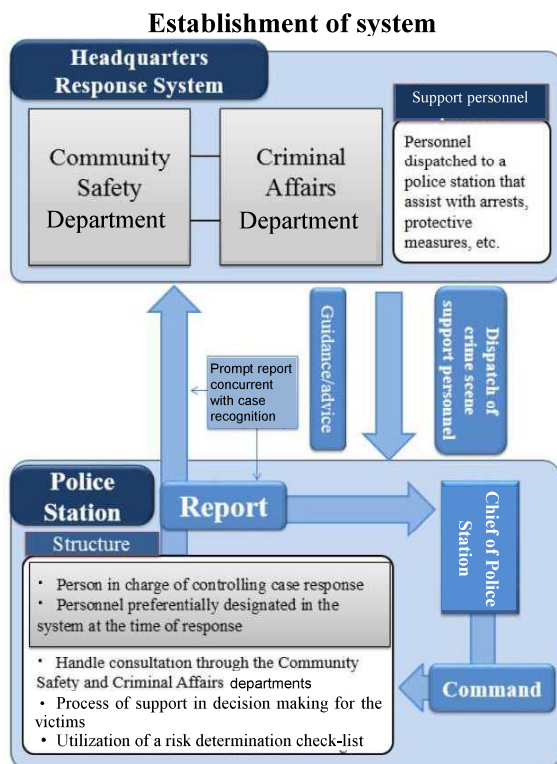
Note: Stalking cases include those of continual shadowing, silent phone calls, etc. that do not infringe on the Anti-Stalking Act and other Penal Laws and regulations. Spousal violence cases indicate the number of cases where victims have sought counsel after being subject to physical violence from a spouse, threats to their life, etc.

(2) Measures

To appropriately cope with cases where immediately securing personal safety is deemed

counsel to victims and other individuals, the police systematically carry out appropriate responses with comprehensiveness through actions that include joint hearings by a person in charge from the Community Safety Department and an investigator from the Criminal Affairs Department.

Under such a system, the police systematically promote prompt and appropriate responses, by making arrests of perpetrators and by taking protective measures of victims, while making the safety of victims the top priority.



2 Initiatives for Protecting the Safety of Children

(1) Initiatives for Protecting Children from Crimes

The number of confirmed criminal offenses where children under age 13 were victims has been trending down since 2004, but there were 26,939 such cases in 2013, which is 1,327 more than the previous year. The police are promoting safety measures for schools and school routes, and activities by the Juvenile and Women Aegis Team (JWAT).

(2) Measures against Bullying

There were 410 incidents attributable to bullying in 2013, which is the highest recorded number since 1986. The police are striving to identify bullying cases early on through actions such as children's counseling activities and school supporter visits to schools, and developing accurate measures while keeping in close communication with schools.

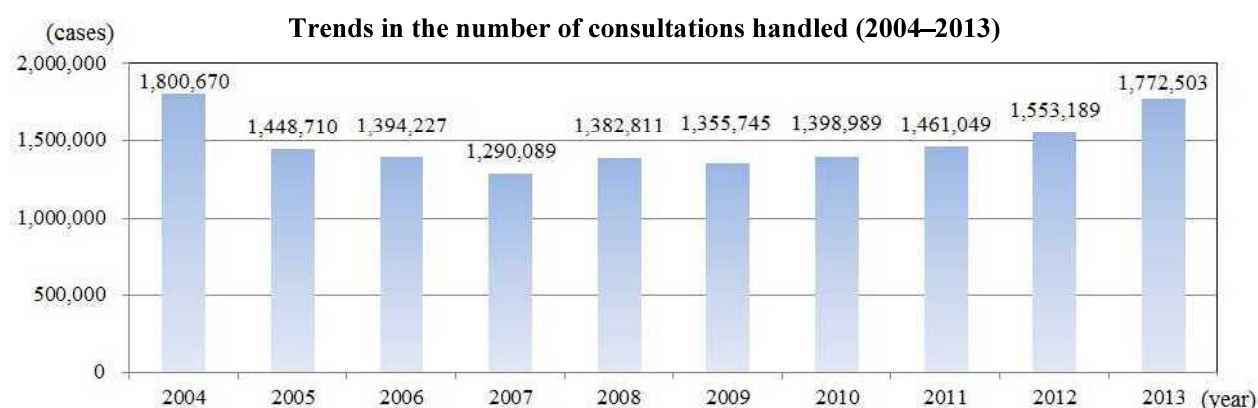
(3) Measures against Detrimental Environments and Crimes that Harm the Welfare of Children

Recently, crimes are emerging that systematically mediate child prostitution by utilizing means such as online dating services, and force children into serving with indecent speech and behavior while keeping up the pretense of a lawful business such as a restaurant or massage parlor. The police are moving forward with promoting information analysis and understanding of actual circumstances, proactive crackdowns, protection of children engaged in harmful work, and recovery support for victimized children.

Section 2 Initiatives for Ensuring the Safety and Security of Local Residents

1 Improving and Reinforcing Consultation Services

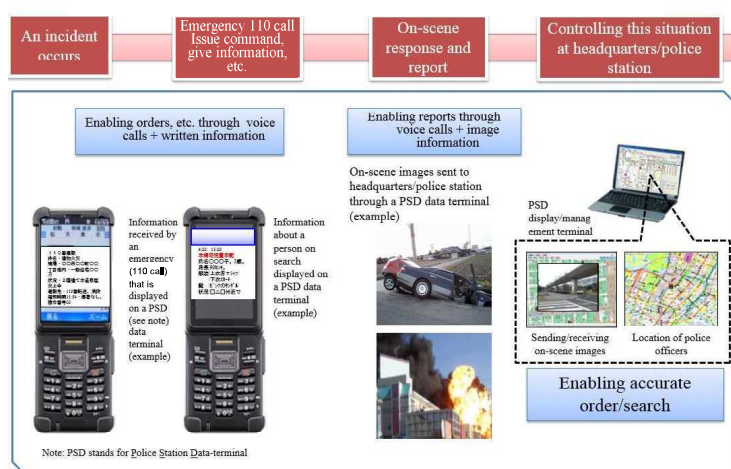
There were 1,772,503 consultations handled in 2013. A general contact desk for consultations has been established in the Police Administration Department to enable police to carry out swift and certain organizational response to consultations from citizens. In light of the consultation content, the police respond with collaboration among relevant departments, and take necessary steps to relieve the anxieties of persons seeking consultation, including giving warnings to, and arresting, the persons in question.



2 Rapid Responses to Incidents/Accidents

Police officers stationed at facilities such as police boxes (Koban) and residential police boxes (Chuzasho) head to the site of an accident or other incident as soon as they learn of its occurrence and perform duties such as the arrest of suspects. To enable officers to rush to the scene quickly, police have developed systems that receive emergency 110 calls and other facilities, and are striving to enhance mobilization capabilities making the most of patrol cars and other vehicles.

Community police digital radio system



3 Koban/Chuzasho Activities

Koban and Chuzasho officers maintain an understanding of the area under their jurisdiction through activities such as patrols and routine visits to homes and workplaces, and undertake activities appropriate to their local situations in response to local residents' views and requests. As of April 1, 2014, there were 6,255 Koban and 6,552 Chuzasho in Japan.

Section 3 Initiatives for Building a Foundation to Prevent Crimes

The police provide information on the occurrence of crimes and crime prevention to local residents and crime prevention volunteer groups. They work to encourage voluntary crime prevention activities, and endeavor to preserve good public security in society as a whole through collaboration with such local communities and relevant organizations/groups.



Voluntary patrol utilizing a vehicle equipped with a flashing blue light