

Topic II : Police Initiatives for Protecting the Safety of Women and Children

The police comprehensively implement initiatives in collaboration with the organizations and departments concerned to protect women and children from crimes so they can live safely and securely.

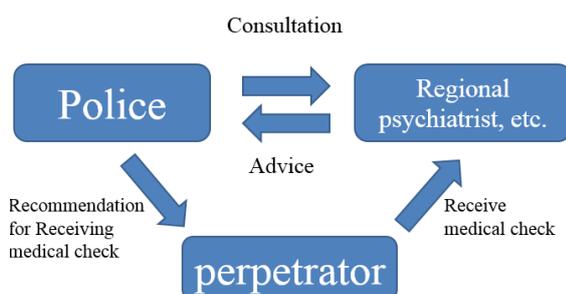
(1) Police Initiative to Protect Women

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

With regard to the violent cases arising from the entanglement of emotions related to romantic attachment, situations may rapidly change and can develop into a serious case. The police therefore are implementing prompt and appropriate measures including clearance of suspects and protection of victims. As for the stalking cases, the police are advancing various measures such as the enhancement of public awareness for damage prevention and the treatment to perpetrators for the prevention of repeat crimes.

[Column] Psychiatric and Psychological Approaches to Stalkers

Since FY2014, the police have conducted research studies on psychiatric and psychological approaches to stalkers. Based on the results, from FY2016, the police are advancing cooperation with regional psychiatrists, getting their advice on how to



respond to perpetrators and the necessity of treatment or counseling and encouraging perpetrators to receive medical checks.

[Column] Enhancement of Public Awareness on Stalking Behavior

In order to prevent stalking offenses against young people, the police made educational materials with illustrations such as pamphlets and DVDs that explain stalking damages for high school and college students. By using these materials, the police are hosting crime prevention classes as well as creating portal sites to disseminate information about stalking cases.



DVD educational material



Self-defense training

2. Education for Prevention of Sexual Offenses

The police try to prevent sexual offenses targeting women by improving crime prevention classes in collaboration with schools and companies.

[Case] Fukuoka Prefectural Police, in order to improve crime prevention awareness of female high school students and prevent sex crimes, the police, concluding agreements with 162 high schools within the prefecture, collaborate with schools to conduct crime

prevention campaigns as well as give lectures about crime prevention and self-defense skills through teachers.

(2) Initiatives to Protect Children

1. Promotion of Education about Safety Measures and Damage Prevention on School Roads

The police will improve road traffic environment by installing traffic lights and pedestrian crossings for children's safety. Furthermore, in cooperation with schools and crime prevention volunteers, the police patrol school roads and provide traffic safety classes.

In addition, in order to get children to learn how to avoid crime damages, the police hold crime prevention workshops at elementary schools and other locations where children can participate and understand how to handle a dangerous situation and make local safety maps in collaboration with the organizations and groups concerned.

[Case] In November 2015, Aichi Prefectural Police held BO-KEN Aichi - Crime Prevention Experience Learning Program for Children. In the program, children learned how to cope with assumed dangerous situations on the school roads through a workshops using scenarios based on the opinions of parents and experts and facilities duplicating the school roads.



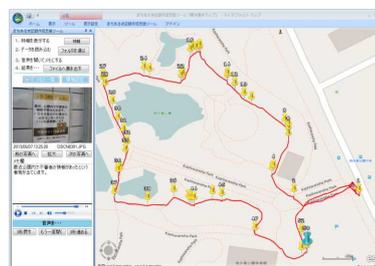
Experiential learning

[Case] In collaboration with the National Research Institute of Police Science, Chiba Prefectural Police and the Kashiwa City Board of Education, children created the safety map of the school roads using

“Listening and Writing Map”^{Note} developed by this Institute as a part of a social study class at Kashiwa Municipal Toyofuta Elementary School in Chiba Prefecture from October to November 2015.



Fieldwork by children



Creation display of the “Listening and Writing Map”



Creation of a safety map for school roads

^{Note} By using GPS receiver, digital camera and IC recorder jointly, it records "walk listening" notes from the walking route, photographing location of photographs and "listen and writing" memo from recorded sound on the map data in carrying out safety checks in each area.

2. Countermeasures against Child Abuse

The police put the highest priority on confirming and ensuring the safety and security of children in dealing with child abuse that severely infringes upon the human rights of children and has a serious impact on their physical and mental health.

[Column] Consideration in Voluntary Interviews to Children

In cases where the victims are children, reducing the children's burden as a result of an interview and ensuring the reliability of the children's statements need to be considered. The police intend to enhance further cooperation with organizations concerned such as prosecutors and Child Guidance Centers, and promote information sharing as well as advance discussion and consultation about the ways of interviews such as questioning by representatives of the concerned organizations.

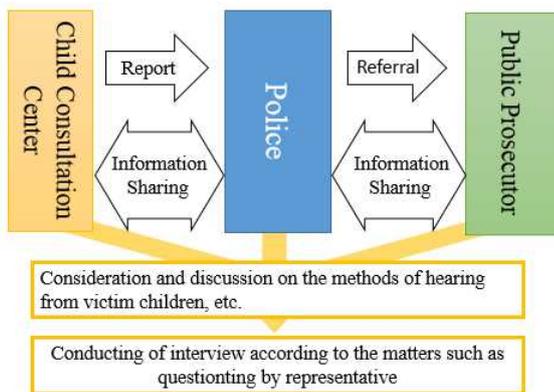


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