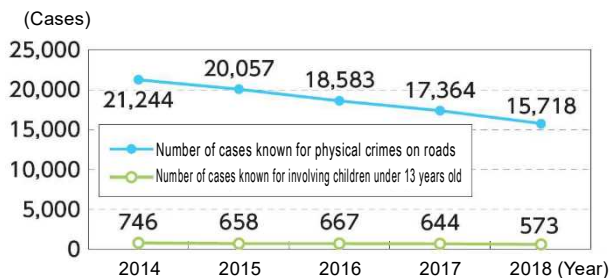


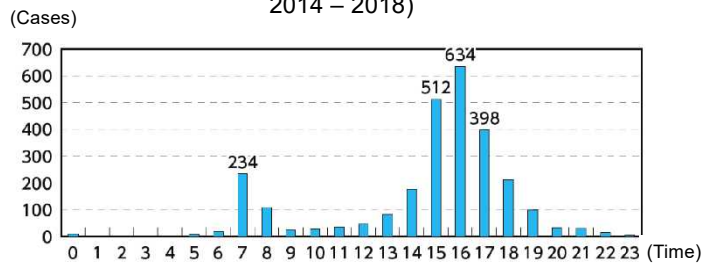
## Topic I: Police Efforts to Protect Children's Safety during School Commuting

### (1) Current Situation regarding Crimes Victimizing Children

Trends in number of cases known for physical crimes on roads (2014 - 2018)



Number of physical crimes cases involving children (under 13 years old) on roads by time period (total in 2014 - 2018)



Note 1: Excluding Saturday and Sunday

Note 2: If there is a range of occurrence time and day of the month, the start time/date is recorded.

### (2) Efforts of the GOJ

In June 2018, the "Plan for Preventing Crimes on School Commuting" was compiled, and the related ministries and agencies were to cooperate in various efforts.

#### Overview of the "Plan for Preventing Crimes on School Commuting"

<p><b>① Strengthening of regional cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of "places for regional cooperation" for crime prevention measures for children commuting to school</li> <li>Support through efforts by the GOJ's "Crime Prevention Portal Site for Children Commuting to School"</li> </ul>	<p><b>④ Activation of watching over by diversified actors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of "watching over children while doing other things" that can be easily be carried out by various generations and businesses on the occasion of daily activities</li> <li>Support for training school guards and activities of crime prevention volunteer groups</li> <li>Support for "the refuge center and protection vehicles of children's emergency call hotline (Dial 110)"</li> </ul>
<p><b>② Thorough joint inspection of school-commuting roads and development/maintenance/improvement of the environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of emergency joint inspections from the viewpoint of crime prevention on school-commuting roads and sharing of information regarding dangerous areas</li> <li>Focused vigilance and watching over of dangerous areas</li> <li>Support for the installation of security cameras and promotion of crime prevention community development</li> </ul>	<p><b>⑤ Promotion of measures to avoid risks to children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancement of crime prevention education</li> <li>Promotion of security for school commuting by using group commuting, IC tags, school buses, etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>③ Sharing of suspicious person information, etc. and prompt response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information sharing among the police, boards of education, and schools</li> <li>Provision and dissemination of information that contributes to effective monitoring and prompt responses by residents</li> <li>Promotion of safety measures such as after-school children's clubs and after-school children's classes</li> </ul>	

### (3) Police Efforts

#### ○ Strengthening of Regional Cooperation

The police participated in a "Place of Regional Cooperation" and actively provided advice on an occurrence situation of incidents including calling out and stalking that appear to be a precursor of the criminal damage to children, and on specific information that can be used as a reference by related organizations when implementing crime prevention measures.

#### ○ Thorough Joint Inspection of School-Commuting Roads and Development/Maintenance/Improvement of the Environment

In cooperation with boards of education, schools, children and parents, residents involved in watching over children, local governments, local development bureaus, road administrators, and members of after-school children's clubs, the police conduct joint inspections of school routes from the viewpoint of crime prevention.

#### ○ Sharing of Suspicious Person Information, etc. and Prompt Response

The police provide and disseminate high-quality information that is directly useful for children's watch-over activities, and effective information that contributes to specific responses such as crime prevention measures that parents can themselves take.

In addition, the police have established a system to quickly and reliably share information on suspicious persons by designating a contact person who helps schools share information from the police station.

#### ○ Activation of Watching Over by Diversified Actors

The police are actively promoting various measures, such as providing a place for interaction with relevant parties by actively making public recognition of crime-prevention volunteers who are engaged in watch-over activities or patrolling by vehicles equipped with blue revolving lights, and encouraging them to "watching over children while doing other things."

#### ○ Promotion of Measures to Avoid Risks to Children

The police, in cooperation with schools, are promoting practical crime prevention education based on actual damage situations, such as conducting initial response training in a dangerous case.