I Outline of the Tokyo Fire Department

1-1 History

The history of the Tokyo Fire Department (TFD) began in June 1880, when the Fire Department Headquarters was established in the Ministry of the Interior, as a full-time public fire department. In March 1948, the Fire Organization Law was enacted, and the law required that each local government organize its fire department to protect their citizens from fires. Tokyo consists of the 23-ku area (special 23-ward area) and cities, towns and a village in the western part. Each of them has the identity as a local government. The governor of Tokyo established the TFD to protect the 23-ku area as a single city.

Other local governments in Tokyo organized their own fire departments. And, with the need for fire services on the increase, since 1960 the Tokyo government has been encouraging other cities to entrust their fire services to the TFD. Now the Department protects, besides the 23-ku area, 25 cities, 3 towns and one village.

1-2 Services

To protect Tokyo citizens’ lives and property from disasters, the TFD prevents, watches and fights fires, and renders rescue/emergency medical services at traffic, labor, and other accidents.

The Department also works on various anti-disaster measures such as earthquake preparedness and flood protection.

1-3 Resources

Along with its headquarters, the TFD owns 10 fire district HQ, 81 fire stations, 3 fire station divisions, and 208 fire station branches. The TFD also has 18,263 personnel, and 1,951 pieces of fire apparatus such as pumpers, foam trucks, aerial ladders, rescue trucks, ambulances, fireboats and helicopters.
### Fire District Headquarters

- Coordination Branch
- Fire Suppression and Equipment Branch
- Training Branch
- Disaster Branch
- Fire Rescue Task Forces
  (Deployed in the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 8th and 9th District Headquarters)

### Fire Stations

- Administration Section
  - Administration Branch
  - Accounts Branch
  - Fire Station Branches (208)

- Fire Suppression Section
  - Community Safety and Disaster Education Branch
  - Fire Suppression Branch
  - EMS Branch
  - Equipment Branch

- Fire Prevention Section
  - Fire Protection Management Branch
  - Fire Inspection Branch
  - Fire Prevention Branch
  - Hazardous Materials Branch

- Fire Station Division (3)

### Number of Personnel

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(As of April 1, 2015)