

This is the AZABU FIRE STATION...

**1 Sharp Increase in Fire Deaths!!!**

We saw an increase in home fire deaths in January this year. Specifically, by January 28, in the TFD service area 19 people were killed by fires—more than twice the number of the fire victims of this period last year.

Thrown cigarettes cause fires very often. This winter, the air is very dry and may let fires develop easily. Be careful when dealing with fire. Look out for electric fires.



## 2 Fire and Life Safety Challenge Day

We will hold the event *Fire and Life Safety Challenge Day* as part of the Spring Fire Prevention Campaign. We will wait for YOU with a firefighting training session, an earthquake truck, and first-come-first-served kid stamp rally gifts.

*Come and Enjoy with Us!!*

◆March 3 (Sun.), 2019 / 12:00PM - 1:30 PM

◇Patio Juban Hiroba (2-13, Azabujuban, Minato-ku)



*Challenge Day 2018*

### 3 Spray Can Gas: Use Them Safely

Cans (for deodorants, pesticides, hair sprays, and so on) often have LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) or DME (dimethyl ether) as their propellants.

Especially, LPG is used as portable cooking stove fuel, and therefore needs special care.

Propellant gases are easy to catch fire, and may cause explosions. When LPG or DME with density of about 2 – 10 % is used indoors, or their cans are given holes for disposal, they may cause explosion fires in the air with lighted cigarettes, a gas water heater or static electricity around.

In garbage collecting trucks, used cans with these gases left inside often cause spark or static electricity fires. Follow your community rules when putting out used spray cans.

The TFD recommends using up canned gases outdoors at an airy place or emptying the cans safely without making holes on them. Holes on the cans may let the gas out all of a sudden without a stop! Or, you may cause a spark when making a hole on the can, and it may set off an explosion.

#### Minato Ward rule

Empty the can without making a hole on it. Put the used cans only together in a garbage bag. Give a “Spray Cans Only” notice to the bag. Contact the sanitary engineers’ office if you have gases remaining in cans.

Read and follow the directions for portable cooking stoves. Their canned fuel gas may touch off an explosion outdoors, too.

