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==== What's the Autumn Fire Prevention Campaign?=====

The **Autumn Fire Prevention Campaign** will be held from November 9 (Mon.) to November 15 (Sun.), 2020.

This one-week event is for everyone to develop both the awareness of **disaster preparedness** and skills which are necessary to prevent fires, minimize disaster damage, and protect lives and property.

The TFD keeps up its efforts under its 2020 Fire Safety Slogan— “*Check for fire one more time. Keep your home firesafe.*”

====“All-Time Low”...Fires in the First Half of 2020=====

In total, 1,910 fires broke out in the first half of the year 2020—331 fewer than in that period of the year 2019, exactly the smallest number since this fire statistics survey was started in 1960. In the meantime, the burnt floor area comes up to 7,787m²—4,846 less than last year. The fire deaths including “self-caused infliction” are 54 (18 fewer than last year) while those excluding self-infliction are 49 (13 fewer than last year). Fire injuries amount to 364 (50 fewer than last year).

【**Causes of Fire:** ①Arson (*inc.* suspected arson): 346 ②Smoking: 275 ③Gas range and others: 213 ④Electric heater: 44 ⑤Large gas cooker: 37】

During the state of emergency in April and May, we saw 81 decreases in the number of workplace fires and 20 increases in home fires.

Home fires were caused more by gas cookers than smoking. Why?...The reason could have been that a lot more people were up to home cooking more often than ever before during the “stay home” period.

COVID-19 may well keep many people as “stay-at-home cooks”...So, be careful with gas cookers!

◇Gas Cooker & Fire Safety◇

- Don't leave the cooker unattended while cooking.
- Keep combustibles away from the cooker.
- Use fire-retardant aprons and arm covers.

====Don't Panic...Call 1-1-9=====

November 9...It's the **1-1-9 Call Day**.

The TFD received 992,615 emergency calls in 2019—up 0.8 percent, compared with the previous year. (※2,719 calls a day on average / One call every about 31 seconds)

The TFD has two **Command and Control Centers**; one is located in Chiyoda Ward and another is in Tachikawa City. The Center in the Chiyoda district takes the 1-1-9 calls from within the 23 wards of Tokyo, while the Center in Tachikawa gets the calls from within the Tama Region (except Inagi City). The Centers then dispatch fire and EMS units to disaster scenes.

Correct information (of the address, incident facts, and others) is indispensable for emergency responders to reach the disaster scene as immediately as possible.

Fire? Accident? Sudden illness?... Keep calm, call 1-1-9, and tell it like it is.

If you don't know the address...

- *Ask at a nearby store.*
- *Find "landmarks (ex., buildings, crossroads, and others)" first.*
- *Try the mapping system on your smartphone.*
- *Find the address sign on a vending machine, a utility pole, or a building wall.*

The TFD works at new measures—the "**reporting systems**" for use in sudden emergencies—to meet the varied emergency requests given on the phone as efficiently as possible.

There are two remarkable systems at work: the **automatic emergency reporting system** and the **stand-in emergency reporting system**. The activation signals released from an automatic fire alarm system and a pendant communications system can be transmitted directly to the Command and Control Center—the *automatic* system. Likewise, the signals from a push-button device, as well as an automatic fire alarm system, can be transmitted by way of a private sector company like a security agency—the *stand-in* system.

For more, visit *EMS Day & EMS Week* (Sept. 2020 issue). ↓ ↓

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=====**The TFD's Wisdom on *Animal Crossing***=====

You can find the TFD's life safety wisdom (in Japanese) on its official Twitter and Facebook! These safety tips are made up of the TFD-created images shown on *Animal Crossing: New Horizons (Nintendo Switch)*.

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The "life safety bus tour" takes you to earthquake safety tips! ↓ ↓

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