

# Catastrophic Disasters in 2018



## The Ambulance Response Reached An All-Time High

According to the quick report, the extremely hot weather in 2018 made fire station ambulances respond 3,383 times in a day as an all-time high—one response per 26 seconds. In 2017, ambulances made 2,151 responses in a day on the average—one response per 40 seconds



## Construction Site Fire (Karakida, Tama City)

On July 26, 2018, a fire occurred at a construction site in Karakida, Tama City, and a space of 652m<sup>2</sup> was affected. The TFD sent 81 fire apparatus over to the fire scene, and the responders took about six hours over fire suppression. For the safety of new construction sites, the TFD carried out on-site fire prevention measures and offered fire precaution advice.



## Localized Heavy Rains In July 2018

Record-breaking heavy rains caused mud streams and floods in the western and eastern parts of Japan on July 6, 2018. On the following day, Fire and Disaster Management Agency Commissioner ordered the Emergency Fire Response Team into action. Then 12 Team members flew in a helicopter into the disaster area in Okayama Prefecture. They rescued seven people out of a flooded, isolated hospital.



## Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake

Immediately after the earthquake on September 6, 2018, Fire and Disaster Management Agency Commissioner ordered the Emergency Fire Response Team into action. Then 30 ground forces, two helicopters and 132 personnel were sent over to disaster scenes by September 10. The rescuers saved five people in the Yoshino District of Atsuma-cho.

