Save lives. Nurture emergency life-saving technicians

Foundation for Ambulance Service Development
The Foundation for Ambulance Service Development was established in May 1991, in response to the establishment of the Emergency Life-Saving Technician’s Law, which was enacted in April 1991 in order to enhance the prehospital care services, through combination of funds allocated by all 47 prefectures of Japan for the purpose of nurturing emergency life-saving technicians who belong to fire services.

Ambulance services performed by the fire services throughout Japan are important services provided by the governments, which are essential to people residing in Japan, and are part of the prehospital care provided to patients. There is strong demand for its enhancement and advancement to make sure that the same levels of advanced, immediate, and dedicated services are available to anybody anywhere in Japan.

To meet the demand, this Foundation focuses on systematic promotion for nurturing of emergency life-saving technicians, and performs ambulance service-related research and investigation services, first-aid treatment-related awareness building support projects initiated by local authorities, and ambulance fundraising projects supported by donations from local communities.
Business of the Foundation

Education and training program

High-level and specialized training services are provided for emergency personnel throughout Japan for them to obtain the national license for emergency life-saving technician. Since the initial training implementation in August 1991, the Emergency Life-Saving Technique Academy of Tokyo (Hachioji City, Tokyo) was opened in October 1993 and the Emergency Paramedic Kyushu Training Center (Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka) was opened in April 1995. In March 1998, the Emergency Life-Saving Technique Academy of Tokyo was renovated to accommodate more students, which enables the Foundation to accept 500 students per term (six-month) and 1,000 students per year as the total capacity for both academies. Additionally, along with the expansion of the emergency life-saving treatment capabilities that now allow the emergency life-saving technicians to perform their duties, additional training courses related to drug administration were provided during the period from fiscal year 2006 to fiscal year 2013. After fiscal year 2014, the Foundation has also initiated additional training for people who already have the license by providing training opportunities including but not limited to the life-saving technician instructor training, additional training to cover the expanded life-saving treatment capabilities, etc.

Research and investigation services

For the purpose of enhancing the skills and knowledge of emergency personnel, the following conference was hosted and the following services were provided as part of the research and investigation efforts performed by the Foundation to enhance and strengthen the ambulance services.

1. Hosting the “Japan Emergency Personnel Symposium” (to be held once a year)
2. Subsidizing advance research and investigation services for emergency life-saving
3. Other emergency life-saving service-related research and investigation services intended for further advancement

Awareness building support projects

The following projects are performed for providing proactive support to the first-aid-related awareness building activities that are initiated by local governments for the communities.

1. Issuing the foundation paper “KYUKYUKUMEI (Emergency Life-saving Services)”
2. Preparing the “Ambulance Day Poster”
3. Donating tools and equipment for first-aid-related awareness building activities
   1. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training simulator, first-aid text, etc.
   2. Ambulance service awareness building public affairs vehicle
   3. Tools and equipment for training of advanced emergency life-saving treatment

Ambulance fundraising projects

Since emergency life-saving services are of deep interest among the people in Japan, the Foundation promotes donations from all citizens, reserves funds, and, using the operational profit, initiates a variety of projects for ambulance service promotion such as first-aid awareness building activities.
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