



Spotlight on: CNFJ Fire Department

Since the beginning of time, fire has long been mankind's friend, but if not used carefully can quickly become mankind's worst enemy. It has the ability to eat anything in its path and when it comes in contact with certain materials the devastation can be apocalyptic. To tame this ferocious beast, the U.S. Navy calls upon a group of specialists and CFAS is home to only the best.

The mission statement of the Commander Naval Forces Japan (CNFJ) Regional Fire Department is simply "Protecting those who defend America." The CNFJ Fire Dept. fulfills this mission by providing world-class fire and emergency services to forward-deployed Naval Forces and their families to protect against both man-made and natural disasters. The CNFJ Fire Dept. employs 159 local Japanese citizens and three Department of Defense civilians. Their area of responsibility includes eight military installations with a population of more than 11,000 people and to provide mutual aid to the surrounding community.

The jobs of the CNFJ Fire Dept. are many, including incident command and control, firefighting (structural, shipboard, ordnance), search and rescue, vehicle rescue, and emergency medical first response.



The CNFJ Fire Dept. also supports many events and activities throughout the year involving the surrounding community of Sasebo. You are bound to see the department out in full force at events such as KidsFest, Safety Fair, and the 4th of July Festival. Education is an important part of fire prevention in any community

and the CNFJ Regional Fire Dept. sponsors many educational programs. The professionalism and dedication of the CNFJ Fire Dept. speaks for itself, winning 14 major awards since 2003. Sailors and their families can count on those who protect those who defend America.

—Fast Facts—

- Has seven fire stations serving eight military bases and more than 11,000 people.
- Winning 14 major dept. awards and many CNIC Life Saving awards.
- Prepared for any natural disaster or man-made emergency.
- A mainstay in the local community, supporting community events and education.

In Their Own Words

“ We are out and about working in our community everyday with a strong emphasis on public education. We communicate with our community through the various forms of media including , TV, radio, news, and now computers. ”

Gerald C. Clark
Fire Chief, CFAS Installations

Local Talent

The CNFJ Fire Dept. is manned by 159 MLC personnel in seven fire stations.

