

Israel Firefighter Facts

1. The Fire and Rescue Services of Israel are called *Sherutai Kaba'ut V'Hatzalah* in Hebrew.
2. The Fire and Rescue Services of Israel protect all the people of Israel. (These courageous men and women are the **first responders to any emergency**, from a building fire, forest fire or car accident to a terrorist bomb or rocket.)
3. Israel's Fire and Rescue Services **respond to around 80,000 emergency calls** each year. During the summer a fire breaks out every 14 minutes.
4. Some major cities in Israel (including *Ra'anana* and *Yavne*) do not have a fire station. **There are 254 municipalities in Israel but only 100 fire stations.**
5. There are about eight million people in both New York City and in all of Israel, but **NYC has 11,000 uniformed firefighters while Israel has just 1,500.** (In Jerusalem, there are only 33 firefighters on call for a population of over one million.)
6. The average response time to an emergency call in the U.S. is around five minutes. **In Israel** it is more than 15 minutes – **more than three times that number.**
7. **Many Israeli firefighters** wear outdated protective clothing and **do not have access to important rescue equipment** like thermal cameras.
8. Israeli firefighters use **special compact fire trucks** because they are ideal for narrow streets and equally adapt to the rough terrain of forests.
9. More than 70 fire trucks in Israel are **over 20 years old.**
10. **JNF's efforts and donor support have helped** purchase almost 150 state-of-the-art fire trucks, built several fire stations, and bought millions of dollars of new life-saving equipment and protective gear for under-funded fire departments across Israel.



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