



Samaria

THE THREAT OF TERRORIST ARSON

Nestled in the folds of the Samaritan mountain ridge near Shechem—a hotbed of terrorist activities—and other hostile Arab neighbors lies a cluster of isolated, small Jewish communities. About 1,000 pioneering families live on the mountain ridge in eastern Samaria, steadfastly holding on to their biblical ancestors' land. The ridge they are guarding overlooks the entire western half of Israel: the coastal plain and 70% of the population. The brave pioneers of eastern Samaria must keep constant vigilance to ensure their families are safe from daily terrorist threats.

Civilian personnel man a regional surveillance control room to review surveillance footage for suspicious activities, alert first responders, and coordinate all emergency events. Since 2016, Arab terrorists have added arson against Judea and Samaria's Jewish communities to their arsenal. Setting fires along the perimeter of small and often isolated communities, often taking advantage of the dry season, is an easy and effective way to create havoc and inflict real harm. One small match can literally ignite a massive fire, destroying homes and endangering lives. Several communities were recently evacuated as dangerous blazes surrounded their homes and businesses. Thankfully, no lives were lost on that day, but homes and infrastructures were damaged.

The Samaria Regional Council desperately needs a local fire station to combat the arson threat. Over the past year, they responded to over 100 occurrences of arson alone. But waiting for fire-fighting crews from other communities greatly increases the danger to lives and homes. Recently, the National Fire and Emergency Agency agreed to support a local station, providing a fire engine and personnel on one condition. The Samaria Regional Council would have to build a fire station for the equipment, and a storage shed to park the fire engine. Thankfully, there was an existing structure in the vicinity, and the Samaria Regional Council renovated it to become the new fire station. But they critically need funds to build the requisite storage structure to be eligible for the crew and fire engine. Every day that passes without a functioning and fully equipped local fire-station puts lives at risk.

Arson has become a favorite weapon of terrorists, and the Samaria Region is desperate for a local fire station on the Eastern Samaria Mountain ridge to help combat the threat. The people in the small communities of the area have suffered greatly from Arab arson terror attacks. Their homes are threatened, and property and infrastructure have been damaged or destroyed. Your donation for a fire-fighting station in the Samaria Region will literally save lives!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Name Origin:** Biblical name of the capital city of the Northern Kingdom and of the tribal territory of Ephraim and Manasseh
- ☆ **Location:** Bordered by the Galilee to the north and Benjamin and Jerusalem to the south, strategically vital for the protection of Central Israel
- ☆ **Historical Significance:** Liberated in 1967, during the 6-Day-War. First settled in 1975.
- ☆ **Population:** 50,000



Communities in Samaria are vulnerable to arson, you can help them protect their families with fire-fighting equipment



Arab terrorists use arson as an easy and effective way to create havoc and inflict real harm

SAMARIA FIRE STATION PROJECT BUDGET

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| Fire Engine Shed and Infrastructure | \$34,800 |
| TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED | \$34,800 |

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