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Vizsafe



Vizsafe Partners with FB-ISAO to Offer Incident Reporting Capabilities at No Cost!

In cognizance of our mission to provide members with information, analysis, and capabilities to help reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience, our team at Faith-Based Information Sharing & Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) is always eager to find like-minded partners.

The Department of Homeland Security has identified Houses of Worship as a prime category of ST-CP, or Soft Targets-Crowded Places, as noted by Assistant Director Brian Harrell in his letter introducing the updated [Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places-Resource Guide](#) last month. He wrote, "The cornerstone of our democracy is a free and open society where citizens can enjoy a wide range of activities without fear of harm. People across the U.S. should expect that they will be safe and secure as they cheer on a favorite team at a sporting event, shop at a mall, attend a house of worship, go to school, dine out with family and friends, or go to a concert."

The threats and risks houses of worship and the broader community of faith-based organizations face have been made all too clear in recent headlines and FB-ISAO reporting. As our team strives to execute our mission, we are always searching for safety services partners who share our commitment to protecting worshipers. One such partner is Vizsafe, which provides an intuitive and easy to use mobile incident reporting and management platform. [Read more.](#)

Multi-Faith Targeted Violence Roundtable

Mayya Saab, of the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) had the honor of attending the [Multi-Faith Targeted Violence Roundtable](#) meeting at FBI Headquarters on 18 June 2019. This was a meeting between leaders of faith-based organizations (FBOs) and members of government, who are given the difficult task of preventing bias-based attacks on religious institutions. Safety of houses of worship is a mammoth task and one that government cannot do alone, so the task requires close collaboration between government, faith-based leaders and the community. Representatives from the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish faiths included leaders from the [Christian Emergency Network](#), [Secure Community Network](#) and the [Muslim Public Affairs Council](#).

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Member On-Boarding	July 11, 2019
Hostile Event Preparedness Webinar	July 25, 2019

There were multiple presentations such as:

- Counterterrorism and Criminal Investigative Divisions Threat Briefs
- Communal Response to Mass Casualty Incidents
- Pre-Attack Behaviors of Active Shooters

Especially poignant were presentations on lessons learned from the [Sutherland Springs Church Shooting](#). During that presentation, a deep discussion on the assailant’s behavior leading up to, and including, the day of the shooting took place. Another presentation covered the [Oak Tree Temple Shooting](#). This presentation was particularly personal for the FBI agent who responded to the event since the Oak Tree Temple was his house of worship and some of the victims were his family members. There was a discussion about the effect of these types of incidents on law enforcement personnel. On multiple occasions, attendees expressed gratitude to law enforcement for their work on protecting houses of worship. [Read more.](#)

Spotlight: FB-ISAO Resources

Get to Know our Resource Page

When our analysts review and gather information to put in our many reports, they have to reference many sources. If they find a source that they think is especially helpful, that source becomes an FB-ISAO resource and gets posted on the [resources page](#). The resources page has become something of a legend with law enforcement checking in periodically for up-to-date and relevant links.

What if you want information on developing your Emergency Action Plan (EAP)? Here are a few resources for your consideration:

[Guide for Developing High- Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship](#)

[Developing Your Faith Organization Preparedness Plan](#)

[Model Emergency Operations Plan for Houses of Worship](#)

How about information on Cyber Security Policy and Preparedness:

[Create a cyber protection policy for your small business using our free template](#)

[Cybersecurity Resources for Non-Profits](#)

That’s just a few ideas. Check out the [Resources Page!](#)

New to FB-ISAO?

We are hosting a new member on-boarding session on July 11, 2019 at 12:00pm ET. Members of FB-ISAO can [click here](#) to register.