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FB-ISAO Newsletter

How We Got Here

Why FB-ISAO?

It is very exciting to have officially completed our “Initial Operating Capability” Phase and to have transitioned to our Operational Phase and subscriber model. As we give thanks and appreciate where we are, it is also valuable to look back and see how we got started.

Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs) got their start in 1998 through an executive order from then-President Clinton. Over the ensuing years, ISACs developed across critical infrastructure, each developing uniquely to its community - or Sector. As the model succeeded, and as the cyber threat landscape developed and became more threatening, in February 2015 then-President Obama issued [Executive Order 13691, Promoting Private Sector Cybersecurity Information Sharing](#), which stated that, “The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) shall strongly encourage the development and formation of Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (ISAOs)... ISAOs may be organized on the basis of sector, sub-sector, region, or any other affinity, including in response to particular emerging threats or vulnerabilities.”

As some of our team pondered this new Executive Order, and based on a combination of our personal faith and concern over a vulnerable community, we determined to develop the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization, or FB-ISAO. By late 2015 we were developing the concept and working with trusted partners in government and industry to begin to gain support for the initiative.

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Working Groups

How you can contribute to your FB-ISAO community!

Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) invest a lot of resources to help communities. Whether providing shelter in the aftermath of a natural disaster, sponsoring food drives, or contributing to other humanitarian efforts, FBOs provide much needed support in strengthening communities. FB-ISAO was created to extend that effort by bringing FBOs together to further strengthen the entire community of faith. One way to strengthen and build resilience within the FB-ISAO community is by participating in working groups (WGs). WGs are ongoing collaborative groups comprised of FB-ISAO members and staff focusing on specific areas that are important to enhancing FB-ISAO’s capabilities and the ways in which our organization can support members’ threat and risk awareness, preparedness, security, and operations. WGs are co-chaired by FB-ISAO staff and FB-ISAO members.

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Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Wisconsin Interfaith Safety and Security Symposium	June 11
Multi Faith Targeted Violence Roundtable - hosted by the FBI	June 18
Hostile Event Preparedness Webinar	June 20

Our initial FB-ISAO WGs include:

- Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Business Resilience
- Threat and Incident Response Group
- Preparedness
- Communications
- Outreach & Engagement

Visit the [FB-ISAO blog](#) for a description of each working group.

FB-ISAO Professional Members may join most WGs so long as they meet the criteria established by that WG (those requirements will be developed by each WG).

FB-ISAO Team Spotlight

Get to Know the FB-ISAO Team

It takes a team to deliver the products and resources that are made available to FB-ISAO members. Here's a little behind the scenes information about the teams.

Threat Intelligence and Analysis Team

Every morning, this team is up before the birds reviewing open source, partner, and government reports. Following the Intelligence Cycle, they analyze and synthesize the wealth of data to put together information and intelligence relevant to our Faith-Based Community. Throughout the day they continue to monitor information resources and will issue needed alerts should an incident or threat arise. Respecting the all-hazards threats facing our community, our team considers physical security, cybersecurity, health and natural hazards as part of our complex and integrated environment. If you have any questions about any of our reports, you can send an email to info@faithbased-isao.org.

Member Engagement Team

As members of FB-ISAO, the member engagement team is the team that you probably interact with the most. When you enroll in a membership program, this team does the [vetting](#), approves your membership application and sets up your [Slack](#) account. The member engagement team also handles all the member on-boarding sessions. If you have any questions about anything to do with your membership, you can send an email to membership@faithbased-iso.org.

New to FB-ISAO?

We are hosting a new member on-boarding session on June 12, 2019 at 1:00pm ET. Members of FB-ISAO can click here to register <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/3f302023f7a5fdee4ac87b605f06faf5>