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FB-ISAO Newsletter

TLP White Reports

FB-ISAO leverages our broad, **all-hazards, threat awareness** to share open source information, original reports and **analysis**, and **information** shared through our trusted communities and partnerships - to include member collaboration - to help enhance members' threat awareness and to help inform risk management and operational activities.

Over the past month, we have been busy preparing reports designed to be shared freely and widely. Though FB-ISAO relies on membership revenue to sustain its efforts, our mission is to contribute to the resiliency and security of all Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), related charities and non-profits. In that light, we studied the landscape of threats affecting our community and developed a series of [blogs](#) designed to bring awareness to the myriad of cyber threats afflicting FBOs. We sought to highlight some key action items that FBOs can undertake. Below are summaries of those blogs as well as links to access the full blogs.

June’s FB-ISAO Monthly Threat Overview: Vandalism & Theft: Every month, FB-ISAO provides a TLP GREEN report, the *FB-ISAO Monthly Threat Overview*. The report is developed over a specific reporting period by a team of analysts. The report addresses all-hazards - to include physical, cyber, natural hazards, and health threats. The complete physical security section includes incidents involving hostile events, vandalism, theft, harassment, arrests and other notable events. In our May report, Andy Jabbour, Co-Founder and Managing Director of FB-ISAO was struck by the remarkable number of incidents that were included, specifically in the area of hostile events. [Read more.](#)

Not Banking on Ransomware - Non-Profit Charities Facing Multiple Challenges After Being Impacted: A series of recent ransomware incidents are not only highlighting just how vulnerable faith-based organizations and charities are to this type of cyberattack, these incidents also demonstrate threat actors interest in targeting organizations that are often less prepared for a cyber incident and perception they may be more willing to pay the ransom. [Read more.](#)

Houses of Worship, Faith-Based Organizations, Charities, and Other Non-Profits: Yes, This CAN Happen to You: It’s easy to adopt the “this won’t happen to me” mentality when it comes to fighting cyber threats in the faith-based community, charities, and other non-profits. The reality is that cyber threats are everywhere, and manifest themselves in different ways, such as Business Email Compromise (BEC), clergy impersonation scams, phishing, and ransomware. [Read more.](#)

New to FB-ISAO?

We are hosting a new member on-boarding session on 12 September, 2019 at 1:00pm ET. Members of FB-ISAO can [click here](#) to register.

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference	06 and 07 September, 2019
Member On-Boarding	12 September, 2019
Hostile Event Preparedness Webinar	26 September, 2019

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Say No to Ransomware - Have a Plan!: Over the past several weeks, ransomware has been a widespread topic. However, on 02 July there was a bit of good news for a change. St John Ambulance, a “not-for-profit provider of specialist patient transport services across England” advised customers they were “subjected to a ransomware attack.” Fortunately, having a plan in place allowed St John ambulance to resolve the issue within 30 minutes without paying any ransom demands. [Read more.](#)

Noteworthy Events

From Curtis Jones, FB-ISAO Advisory Board Member and FBI InfraGard National Religious Facilities Protection Program lead, consider participating in a hate crimes forum and short house of worship security briefing as part of Interfaith Awareness Week on 14 August 2019. For more information call: 619-546-9399.

The DHS multi-faith subcommittee is hosting an informal (no press or general public) meeting with leaders of houses of worship in the Jackson, Mississippi area. The meeting will be held on 12 August 2019 from 10am to 1pm at Black’s Chapel M.B. Church, 3425 Robinson Street, Jackson, MS 39209.

Spotlight: FB-ISAO Website Gets a New Look

Navigation Made Easier

Our website got a cool refresh! Finding the information you need has become easier with our top-side navigation menu. As we add more capabilities, you will notice that the menu structure will grow. Check out www.faithbased-isao.org

Membership Page Goes Deeper

We heard you when you said that you need more information about the various FB-ISAO membership programs. Go to the [membership page](#) to get a detailed description of the capabilities offered at each membership level. We also included sample reports for you to browse to gain a deeper understanding of the type of reporting that the analysts’ publish. All our reporting is tailored to making Faith-Based Organizations more secure and resilient.

If you haven’t yet joined FB-ISAO, or have questions about any of the content on the membership page, please write to membership@faithbased-isao.org.

Make a Donation

Lastly, FB-ISAO attained official 501(c)(3) status in July 2019! If you like what we are doing and would like to help, [click here](#) to make a tax exempt donation. Every little bit goes a long way!