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FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:

**Critical**

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “**CRITICAL**.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, “**CRITICAL**” means that an event is underway or expected imminently.

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:

**Elevated**

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “**ELEVATED**.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, “**ELEVATED**” means FB-ISAO is not aware of any specific or targeted cyber threats, but there is a concern that the general risk of cyber threat activity is higher than normal.

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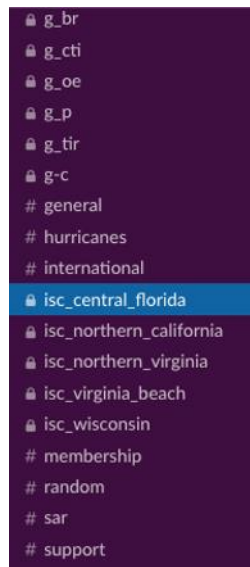
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# FB-ISAO Newsletter

## FB-ISAO’s Local Information Sharing Communities

Information Sharing Organizations are driven by the members - the organization itself simply provides the venue for members to collaborate in a way that works best for their respective communities. Since its inception, the [Faith-Based Information Sharing & Analysis Organization](#) (FB-ISAO) has added capabilities to enhance member participation and collaboration. Reference these posts for more information:

- [Looking Forward to 2019](#)
- [Coming Soon on FB-ISAO: Collaboration!](#)
- [Working Groups: One of the Cornerstones of an Effective ISAO](#)
- [FB-ISAO: How We Got Here](#)
- [Hostile Events Preparedness: The 2020 FB-ISAO Workshop Series](#)
- [The Benefits of Incident Reporting](#)



To further enhance our capabilities, we’re launching regional/local **Information Sharing Communities (ISCs)** on our FB-ISAO Slack workspace for any community that requests it. These private channels will be for members with interests in specific geographic areas to easily collaborate and share information with one another.

Largely due to the health threat we are all grappling with, it is important, now more than ever, to further develop relationships and foster geographic-specific information sharing and collaboration so we can work together to **reduce risk** while enhancing community **preparedness, security, and resilience**.

FB-ISAO recently implemented an incident reporting workflow capability in Slack for members to report and share incidents occurring in their communities. In contrast, the intent of the ISCs are to share information that may not rise to the level of an incident, but would be good for situational awareness, such as other local security incidents, law enforcement, or fusion center reports. Likewise, ISCs could be used to share other regional / locally-specific items of interest such as upcoming events, questions of others in the community, requests for assistance, or preparedness, response and recovery needs or ideas, as well as other information local members may want to share with one another.

FB-ISAO is supported by a great team and has fantastic volunteer leaders contributing to our Advisory Board, the Business Resilience Group, and in other ways. The ISCs are intended to further enhance our community and collaboration in support of the FB-ISAO mission to provide members with **information, analysis, and capabilities** to help **reduce risk** while enhancing **preparedness, security, and resilience**. [Read More...](#)

## FB-ISAO Advisory Board

### [Get to Know the Board of Advisors](#)

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### Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

[How to join...](#)

### Not Yet on FB-ISAO Slack - You Need to Be!

[Write to membership](#)

### Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| <a href="#">After-Actions Webinar</a> (hosted by our sponsor, Gate 15) | April 16 2020          |
| Grants Town Hall   | April 29 2020          |
| <a href="#">New Member On-Boarding</a>                                 | June 9 (and on-going)  |
| <a href="#">Ashburn, Virginia Workshop</a>                             | Postponed. Check back! |
| <a href="#">Virginia Beach, Virginia Workshop</a>                      | Postponed. Check back! |
| <a href="#">Hostile Event Preparedness Webinar</a>                     | May 14 2020            |

## Launch of the Outreach & Engagement Group

The Outreach and Engagement Group has formed and will have its first meeting on 16 April at Noon ET. All members are invited to join and participate in the inaugural meeting. The group has two Co-Chairs, Seth Ozer and Jeff Vining. To learn more about the group's mission, please refer to this [document](#).

Seth Ozer is the Facilities Director / Safety Officer at the St Paul Jewish Community Center (JCC). He is also in charge of the 88-acre camp property owned by the St Paul JCC. In this role, Seth is charged with the safety and security of all staff and members of the JCC. Further, Seth is a member of the Safety and Security Committee, the security team, and the Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee at his synagogue. Seth provides security consulting services to organizations with a specialization in physical security and resiliency practices. To effectively carry out his duties, Seth sits on the St Paul Emergency Management Council and holds the position of Threat Liaison Officer with the Minnesota Fusion Center, among being a member in good standing at other safety organizations. Seth is also quite active with FB-ISAO as he participates on the Business Resilience Working Group and the Preparedness Working Group. Seth has a mantra - in order for one community to be safe and secure, the entire community needs to be safe, secure, and resilient - pre-crisis information sharing is key to the process.

Jeff Vining has over 20 years of experience advising executives and organizations on technology adoption and strategy. Topics he has advised on include cyber security, donation and church management solutions, procurement, and mobile solutions. Jeff has served in the role of advisor to Faith-Based Organizations, vendors, and other syndicate clients on market trends, industry insights and addressable market. His strong analytical skills and ability to drive cross-functional consensus around strategy execution lend themselves well to the task of co-chairing the Faith-Based Information Sharing & Analysis Organization's Outreach and Engagement Working group. Jeff is currently a Principal at The Analyst Syndicate.

Contact [membership@faithbased-isao.org](mailto:membership@faithbased-isao.org) to join this group!

## Spotlight: Member Collaboration on Slack

"I have found that the FB-ISAO Slack workspace, and subsequent topical channels, have been a great addition to the volunteer work that I do with Faith Based Organizations. Visibility of posts and documents provide a clear view, by topic, on what's happening in the world, as well as locally. I appreciate the flexibility and responsiveness from the FB-ISAO team in responding to member requests for information. In addition, I have been able to report on incidents that may affect other members as well as share information I have garnered from my community."

- **William M Nugent**, Newsound Church in Wellington, Florida