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FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:

Severe

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “SEVERE.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, “SEVERE” means that an event is highly likely.

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:

Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “GUARDED.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, “GUARDED” means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but a general risk of incidents exists.

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

Advantages of Upgrading - a Member Letter

On 02 February Rob Yandow, Co-Chair of the Operational Resilience Group (ORG) shared his thoughts about the advantages of upgrading from a basic membership with the FB-ISAO to a standard or professional level membership. In complying with the confidential information policy outlined in our membership agreement, FB-ISAO sent the email, via distro, to members at the Basic and Standard level of membership. Below are excerpts from Rob’s letter.

“I have often said that when I think about joining an organization there are two factors that I consider. The first is whether I will be able to make a meaningful contribution to the organization and the second is whether I will receive something meaningful back from the organization. If you think about FB-ISAO membership levels in these terms and compare the benefits of the standard and professional levels, you will see that opportunities for participation and the opportunities for access to important higher-level information increase with the increase of membership levels. I joined at the professional level and I am very glad that I did.”

All basic membership level members receive general open-source information which includes the Faith-Based Daily Journal, the weekly digest, a month-at-a-glance report, the monthly newsletter and other products based on open-source information. Basic members also have access to FB-ISAO Slack with limited channels.

By upgrading to the standard level of membership, you will have greater access to channels on FB-ISAO Slack to include Information Sharing Communities where you can collaborate with your neighboring Faith-Based Organization and other members of your local community such as your local Law Enforcement partners. At the standard level of membership, and in addition to receiving open-source products delineated above, you will also receive a weekly advisory on topics of particular importance to the community of faith.

The most active level is the professional level membership. At this level, members have access to all relevant information, reports and assessments as well as sensitive information shared by federal and private partners. An equally important benefit with the professional level membership is the ability to participate in the various working groups. This is where the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution is enhanced. All of the working groups do important work and there is always a need for new members. These groups create a process where members learn from each other and the individual contributions are returned by way of a sense of accomplishment in strengthening their own organizations as well as contributing to strengthening the community as a whole.

When I first considered joining the FB-ISAO and I considered the two factors that I mentioned above, little did I know that I would get so much from the organization. I like to think that I make a contribution as well, however the sense of accomplishment from the work we do is very meaningful.”

Membership Information can be found on our [membership page](#). The membership page outlines member benefits at each level of membership and provides samples of products available at the various levels.

During the month of February 2021, we are making a sweet deal to our [existing members](#). **Make a contribution to FB-ISAO of \$99 and get an upgrade to the next level of membership (for a one-year period.)** Our contribution form can be [found here](#).

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

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship	25 February
Member On-Boarding	19 February
Grants Town Hall- Take 2	04 March
Hostile Event Preparedness Workshops in PA	March, April and June

Brian Harrell and Rizwan Jaka Join the Board of Advisors

The Faith-Based Information Sharing & Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO), the Information Sharing and Analysis Organization for the community of faith and their partner and supply chain organizations, is excited to announce two new members to our Advisory Board. We are humbled to welcome Mr. Brian Harrell and Mr. Rizwan Jaka!

We are grateful to all members of our [Advisory Board](#) who provide guidance and direction to FB-ISAO leadership and staff, and support to FB-ISAO's outreach and operations. We're honored to welcome two outstanding leaders who have long championed increasing interfaith coordination, security, and resilience.

“Brian has been a great friend and supporter of the FB-ISAO from its inception as both a man of faith and while he served at the Department of Homeland Security. Brian brings a wealth of experience and personal commitment to our country, our freedom, and the rights for all people of faith to gather, learn, worship, and praise in peace and security.” - Andy Jabbour

You can learn more about Brian Harrell and Rizwan Jaka by reading this [press release](#).

Spotlight: Operational Resilience Group

The Business Resilience Group was renamed to the Operational Resilience Group. The Co-Chairs of the Group explain the change.

Why was the name Business Resilience Group picked in the first place?

FB-ISAO established a number of initial working groups, including the Business Resilience Group, a variation of a common group several leading Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs) have developed - often called a Business Resilience Committee. In that sense, given the BRG's focus, the name BRG made sense for this group.

Why the change to the Operational Resilience Group?

Resilience is a component of a vulnerability analysis which ultimately leads to an overall risk assessment. It is an important function of any organization's operations and, therefore is critical to the organization's success. We felt the term "Business" in the working group's name implied a commercial-type connotation and may be confusing in that FB-ISAO, as an organization, represents faith-based organizations as compared to businesses.

How does the name change help the membership better understand the mission?

The ORG's purpose is to keep members aware of the current threats, the severity of those threats and provide recommendations on actions that organizations can take to mitigate the risk to their organization.

Other than the threat level updates, what initiatives do you expect the group to work on or push for?

The ORG would like to examine ways in which they can provide assistance with emergency planning and preparedness, and after-action reports (AAR), both of which play a significant role in developing the infrastructure necessary to aid in the process leading to the promotion of a highly resilient faith-based organization.