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[FB-ISAO Current Threat Level](#)

FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level: **Guarded**

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.

Please note that the Pandemic Threat Level has been lowered to [Guarded](#).

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

Enhancements to Member Benefits

The Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) provides members with information, analysis, and capabilities to help reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience. The team, with input from members, assesses the community’s needs for information to reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience. Indeed, community members’ input in the process is essential to identify their needs. For more on “Information Sharing and Member Engagement Best Practices,” please take a few minutes to read this post by Mayya Saab, Executive Director of FB-ISAO.

So, as a team, we love it when our members share feedback! Recently,



some members were gracious enough to spend some of their time (quite a lot of time!) giving us feedback on our products and on the organization of our collaborative workspace. In addition, they helped us refine our member on-boarding process. A sincere thanks goes out to those members - you know who you are!

In the next few months, members will see some changes in our products, the way FB-ISAO Slack is organized, and the way new members are on-boarded.

Adoption of TLP 2.0

Adoption of the Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) version 2.0. FB-ISAO adopted the TLP since its inception. In January of 2023, FB-ISAO will move over to TLP 2.0. You can learn more [here](#).

Changes to FB-ISAO Slack

The FB-ISAO Slack workspace will facilitate members’ ability to find the information they need. We will be eliminating some channels, renaming some others, and adding new ones. We will be expanding on the use of prefixes to help delineate the type of information that is shared in individual channels. Current channel prefixes are:

- **g_** for FB-ISAO Working Group channels. [Learn more about working groups](#)
- **isc_** for Information Sharing Communities. [Learn more about Information Sharing Communities](#)
- **pir_** for information that falls under FB-ISAO’s Priority Intelligence Requirements. [Learn more about Priority Intelligence Requirements](#)

Going forward we will add the following prefixes. We will also be adding some topical channels that align with those prefixes:

- **ofb_** for open-source intelligence information more likely pertinent to Faith-Based Organizations security operations.
- **og_** for open-source intelligence information that is more general in nature but that may impact Faith-Based Organizations security operations.

Read more about [Enhancements to FB-ISAO's Capabilities](#).

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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

FB-ISAO Q4 Community Meeting	08 December 2022
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Color	When should it be used?	How may it be shared?
TLP:RED Red in documents, restricted to participants only.	Sources may use TLP:RED when information cannot be effectively used upon release (e.g. for the privacy, reputation, or operations of the organization) and is the type or rate of individual requests only, or further.	Recipients may not share TLP:RED information with any parties outside of the specific meeting, mailing, or conversation in which it was originally disclosed. In the context of a mailing, for example, TLP:RED information is limited to those present at the mailing; in most circumstances, TLP:RED should be exchanged verbally or in person.
TLP:AMBER+STRICT Amber in documents, restricted to participant organization.	Sources may use TLP:AMBER+STRICT when information cannot be effectively used upon release (e.g. for the privacy, reputation, or operations of the organization) and is shared outside of the organization.	Recipients may share TLP:AMBER+STRICT information with any members of their own organization on a need-to-know basis to protect that organization and prevent further harm.
TLP:AMBER Amber in documents, restricted to participant organization and CI clients (per Technology Operations).	Sources may use TLP:AMBER when information requires support to effectively used upon release (e.g. for the privacy, reputation, or operations of the organization) and is shared outside of the organization. Note that TLP:AMBER+STRICT should be used to restrict sharing to the recipient organization only.	Recipients may share TLP:AMBER information with members of their own organization or with other organizations on a need-to-know basis to protect their organization and prevent further harm.
TLP:GREEN Green in documents, restricted to the community.	Sources may use TLP:GREEN when information is useful to increase awareness within their wider community.	Recipients may share TLP:GREEN information with peers and partner organizations within their community, but not to publicly accessible channels. Unless otherwise specified, TLP:GREEN information may not be shared outside of their cybersecurity or cyber defense community.
TLP:BLACK Black in documents, not limited.	Sources may use TLP:BLACK when information is sensitive or of high importance and is shared in accordance with applicable laws and procedures for public release.	Recipients may share this information without restriction. Information is subject to standard copyright rules.

FB-ISAO Adopts Traffic Light Protocol 2.0

The community of faith is becoming more integrated into security operations. As such, security practitioners are communicating and collaborating by sharing threat intelligence and threat information. This sharing includes things like analytical reports, incident reports, and suspicious activity reports (SARs). Additionally, general reporting is shared in our collaborative workspace. As an organization, the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) not only shares threat intelligence and information with its members, but across organizational boundaries as appropriate. This practice of information sharing is managed efficiently and coordinated well when all participants share one common information sharing protocol.

Since our inception in 2018, FB-ISAO adopted the Traffic Light Protocol 1.0, most commonly referred to simply as “TLP.” TLP was conceptualized by the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) to facilitate greater sharing of sensitive information. In August 2022, FIRST standardized the most current version, TLP 2.0.

What is Traffic Light Protocol (TLP)?

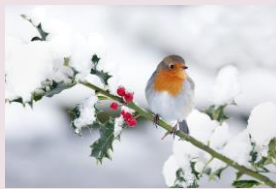
The Traffic Light Protocol is an easy-to-understand and useful standard to govern information disclosure practices. TLP 2.0 provides more granular guidance over threat intelligence sharing and is intended to be more user-friendly than the previous version. [Learn more about TLP.](#)

What are the changes from TLP 1.0 to TLP 2.0?

In summary, the **TLP:WHITE** designation has been renamed **TLP:CLEAR** in the latest standard. A new **TLP:AMBER+STRICT** designation has been added to highlight information that is restricted to the recipient’s organization only. For the FB-ISAO Community, the greatest difference will be evident in the change from **TLP:WHITE** to **TLP:CLEAR**.

FB-ISAO will adopt TLP 2.0 in January 2023.

This is an abbreviated version of this post. Click here to [read more](#).



Happy and Safe Holidays

We wish the community of faith happy and safe holidays!

We pray that the holiday season will be safe and joyous. And as we close 2022, we look back on how much deeper members have engaged in 2022. The community of FB-ISAO is united in its purpose of providing members with information, analysis, and capabilities to help reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience.

Thank you to all our members and partners for putting your faith and confidence in each other to help build up FB-ISAO.