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Membership Reimagined



Act by 29 September 2023 in order to maintain and expand your benefits!

- 👉 Watch the [Video](#)
- 👉 Review the [Informational Slides](#)
- 👉 [Sign-up](#) for by 29 September

When the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) was founded in 2018, the mission was relevant - it is just as relevant today if not even more so. The threat environment continues to evolve, and faith-based organizations are threatened or, worse, attacked often - too often. No one expects that ‘it will happen here.’ People affected by the attacks on the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina, the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee, and countless others, didn’t think it would happen there.

The aggressor has to get it right just one time, the defender has to protect everything - all the time.

What FB-ISAO has to offer is unique - and that is the fundamental reason why we continue to exist. Our work benefits Faith-Based Organizations in terms of providing a safe environment for the exchange of ideas, to address the many security challenges we face as a community as well as to share best practices and mitigation strategies. With access to resources and analysis to manage risk, we all become force multipliers. Many of our members are invested in the mission. They have said often that they get more out of participation than they give - and we are so grateful. We’ve accomplished a lot but, we have a lot more to do. We’ve published over 500 analytical reports! We are represented on the DHS Faith-Based Security Advisory Council where we’ve spoken about and advocated on many issues including building trust with our government partners, streamlining access to grants, and improving information sharing.

In order to keep going, we need your support. All the platforms that make FB-ISAO possible have a cost associated with them. As a 501c3 we make every effort to take advantage of programs for non-profits that bring down costs or eliminate them, but there are still costs that we cannot avoid.

Your full participation is important - we are working together on the security resiliency and preparedness of the entire community of faith, and so our new membership program allows you to reap all the benefits of membership and to fully participate at all times. It is easy to identify the problem but much harder to fix it so let’s put all of our brains to work. [Read the entire post.](#)

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

AMA with Robert Goldberg	14 September at 12pm ET
Coaching Session: How We Can Make a Difference	20 September at 2:00pm ET
Office Hours. (Meeting Invitations sent to all members via email.)	26 September at 1:00pm ET
2023 Educational Series: A Culture of Security	04 October at 12:00pm ET



Harnessing the Power of Collaboration to Ensure School Safety

By Ara Bagdasarian, Founder, Board President, ZeroNow

In light of recent events, the safety of our children within the walls of educational institutions has become a growing concern. While parents, teachers, and administrators share the common goal of creating a secure learning environment, the responsibility to achieve this goes beyond any single entity. The power of collaboration emerges as a key solution to tackle school safety challenges comprehensively and effectively. By combining efforts, insights, and resources, we can build a safer environment that nurtures the potential of every student while easing the anxieties of their caregivers.

Sharing Perspectives and Knowledge

One of the primary benefits of collaboration is the diverse array of perspectives and knowledge that it brings together. Safety professionals, educators, local law enforcement, and community members all have unique insights into different aspects of school safety. Collaborating enables them to share their experiences and expertise, thus leading to a more comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand. By pooling this collective wisdom, solutions can be tailored to address specific concerns, making the safety measures more. [Read the entire post.](#)



Spotlight: If You See Something, Say Something®

Time and time again, hostile events have been averted when someone saw something and subsequently said something. A recent example when reporting suspicious behavior changed the outcome of an incident that occurred in Jacksonville, Florida. Minutes before a man described as a “white supremacist” [shot and killed three people inside a Dollar General Store](#), students at Edward Waters University spotted the man on their campus putting on what they described as gloves and some type of tactical armored vest. Trained students did the right thing, and a courageous security officer did the right thing as well. They noticed, and reported, odd and suspicious behavior. And though the incident still resulted in loss of life, it is believed that the incident could have been far worse had the perpetrator been able to access the college campus to carry out his attack.

On 04 October, during our monthly education, we will be talking about suspicious activity and incident reporting. We have a myriad reasons not to report, however, time and time again saying something has averted a hostile event. If you aren’t a member, now is a good time [to join](#) so you can participate. Write to membership@faithbased-isao.org with any questions.