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FB-ISAO Current Threat Level

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

FB-ISAO’s Working Groups and Information Sharing Communities

The Membership Reimagined roll-out was a big success, and now that we’ve got that out of the way, we are looking forward to getting down to the more rewarding work ahead of us. Many former FB-ISAO subscribers have now become FB-ISAO members who are ready to roll-up their sleeves and get down to the business of working with their colleagues to help the community reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience. So, how do we do that exactly?

Two capabilities available to members are Working Groups and Information Sharing Communities. Both capabilities lean heavily on collaboration among members.



Working Groups

Members have the opportunity to join one, or several if they have the time, of FB-ISAO’s Working Groups. Working Groups provide the vehicle to develop products that build resilience and enhance security for the entire community. By joining a group,

members will be able to contribute to each other’s knowledge by way of exchanging experiences, thoughts, ideas, and resources. That exchange lends itself to enhancing professional growth. In addition, working groups are a great opportunity to network with like-minded security practitioners at all levels of the tradecraft.

Currently, there are two groups that are working on two distinct products. One is the development of a Physical Security Maturity Model, and the other is the development of our 2024 Educational Program Series, which will have a focus on “FireArms in the House.” We are certain that many of you have skills to lend to the development of these products. But please don’t feel limited by those two efforts. Perhaps you’ve identified a need such as the development of a volunteer recruitment and retention plan, or the development of a guide on how to monitor social media accounts and posts? Let your fellow members help you develop a product. [Read the entire post.](#)

Project Team Members working on the Physical Security Maturity Model have built a camaraderie that is just priceless. They’ve shared that they look forward to the bi-weekly meetings. And that they enjoy the collaboration as they challenge each other to think through complex issues. From their comments during meetings, it is apparent that they’ve come to respect each other immensely and that they’ve contributed to their collective professional growth.

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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

Coaching Session: How We Can Make a Difference	18 October at 2:00pm ET
Office Hours. (Meeting Invitations sent to all members via email.)	🕒 31 October at 1:00pm ET
2023 Educational Series: A Culture of Security	01 November at 12:00pm ET



Cybersecurity Awareness Month (CAM) is 20 Years Old

Since 2004, the President of the United States and Congress have declared the month of October to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a dedicated month for the public and private sectors, and tribal communities to work together to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity.

2023 marks the 20th annual Cybersecurity Awareness Month and this year the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency is launching a new awareness program that will [encourage 4 simple steps every American can take to stay safe online](#). Simple actions we should all take not only during Cybersecurity Awareness Month, but every day throughout the year.

- ✓ Implement [multifactor authentication](#) on your accounts and make it significantly less likely you'll get hacked.
- ✓ Update your software. In fact, turn on automatic updates.
- ✓ Think before you click. More than 90% of successful cyber-attacks start with a phishing email.
- ✓ Use strong passwords, and ideally a password manager to generate and store unique passwords.

[Learn more](#) about what you can do **raise cybersecurity awareness nationally**.



Spotlight: Education on Arms in the House

Protecting Houses of Worship is a complex and challenging endeavor. When the topic of weapons or no weapons is added to the list of items that the security team needs to consider, the complexity and challenges grow exponentially. There is no one answer!

Join the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization for a series of six sessions designed to explore these challenging considerations and to assist security teams with making the appropriate decisions for their people and facility. The six sessions will tackle topics that include, liability, regulations, licensing, governance, communications, insurance, training, and others. Subject Matter Experts will discuss the topics in a low stress and non-judgmental environment.

Please save the dates and time below and plan on joining your colleagues as we explore the considerations and challenges. All sessions will be held at 12pm ET on 03 January, 07 February, 06 March, 03 April, 01 May, and 05 June 2024. Note: We changed our programs and so regretfully, if you haven't made a financial commitment, you are a subscriber and thus NOT eligible to participate. Watch the Membership Reimagined [Video](#) and review the [Informational Slides](#).