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Elevated

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

Hello 2025 And a Review of 2024

The Faith-Based Information Sharing & Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) provides members with information, analysis, and capabilities to help reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience. By way of our reporting, we look at the threat landscape and inform our members of concerns for their consideration. Below is a snapshot of our reporting in 2024.

Top 3 themes of 48 Advisory Reports	Top 3 themes of 49 Weekly Reports
12 on security program activities and enhancements	12 on security reports and insights
5 on specific incidents	6 on geo-political events or nation state threats
3 on protests and demonstrations	5 on hostile events

Overall, there were several significant events throughout the year that related to Geopolitical Events such as continuation and escalation of the conflict in the Middle East including expansion of the conflict into Lebanon, Syria, and Iran. Over the course of the year, there were a few notable hostile events which include a [shooting at Abundant Life Christian School](#) in Madison, Wisconsin and the Moscow Concert Attack and an attack on a Christmas market in Germany. On 4 December, the CEO of United Healthcare [was shot and killed](#) in Midtown Manhattan as he walked toward the hotel hosting the company's annual investor conference.

During 2024, several significant reports were published which include [the Global Risks Report](#), the FBI annual [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\) report](#) the [2023 Active Shooter Incidents in the United States](#) report.

Of course, 2024 was an election year. There were concerns with Election Security as well two attempts on President-elect Donald Trump. In addition, following the election, there was a spate of threatening text messages some of which were received by and reported on by FB-ISAO members.

In the cyber realm, we noted that though not a hostile event, the CrowdStrike incident had significant effect and Artificial Intelligence threats continued to dominate the news. In 2024, the use of Artificial Intelligence greatly enabled threat actors with more sophisticated scams.

Our all-hazards reporting also included reports on Wildfire / Arson Preparedness, Hurricane Preparedness, Winter Weather Preparedness, and Holiday Preparedness. Our security focused reporting included information on Managing Burnout, Handling Disputes, Recognizing Behaviors and Concerning Behaviors, and Security Cameras.

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AI Powered Phishing

Threat actors continue to conduct targeted attacks against specific organizations and industries. The Aerospace defense giant General Dynamics [recently experienced a highly targeted attack](#) where threat actors compromised dozens of employee benefit accounts after a successful phishing campaign targeting its workers. While these types of targeted attacks are something to always be on the lookout for, it's important to note that attackers' tactics are becoming more sophisticated and convincing due to artificial intelligence (AI). According to [McAfee's 2025 predictions](#), AI-driven scams, including deepfake videos and personalized communications, are making it easier for scammers to manipulate and deceive victims, via social engineering. These scams can convincingly mimic legitimate interactions from trustworthy sources, such as banks or even [family members](#), leading to higher success rates among attackers. Even those without technical expertise can create realistic fraudulent content, further blurring the lines between legitimate and malicious interactions. Below are hyperlinks for more information:

- [AI-driven scams are about to get a lot more convincing](#)
- [McAfee Unveils 2025 Cybersecurity Predictions: AI-Powered Scams and Emerging Digital Threats Take Center Stage](#)
- [You Need to Create a Secret Password With Your Family](#)
- [Take 9 Seconds for a Safer World](#)

AI-powered scams are predicted to grow more prevalent and convincing by 2025, making it crucial for organizations to stay vigilant and informed about emerging threats.



Spotlight: Winter Weather

La Nina is expected to influence conditions for the upcoming winter across most of the country. Weather events could have a significant impact on business operations for Faith Based Organization, ranging from cancellations of events, or disruptions of supply chains and other logistical areas. In addition to the immediate impacts of winter weather, there could be long term impacts that could affect the areas in and around businesses. Weather risks place an importance on organizational planning and preparedness, as well as on developing emergency and incident response plans to address weather related events. Below are some considerations for preparedness:

- ▶ Protect your infrastructure (notably pipes) from freezing.
- ▶ Know where your water shut off valves are and how to turn them off if heating is lost to your building.
- ▶ Understand how much your roof can withstand snow and ice accumulation. Refer to the building plans of your structure or consult a contractor to determine the rated snow load of your roof.