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I would like to express my gratitude to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for hosting the summer ISC Membership Meeting Tuesday June 27, 2023. This meeting, similar to the Membership Meeting in the spring, delivered numerous productive, enlightening, and insightful conversations. My sincere appreciation to the Federal Protective Service (FPS) for their informative presentations on security considerations for remote work, and a review of prohibited items in Federal facilities.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the ISC's newest Associate Member, the Supreme Court of the United States Police. Their membership brings the total number of ISC members to 67 dedicated federal departments and agencies. Thank you to each of the 67 ISC members who are steadfast in expanding the vital work of protecting federal facilities, federal employees, and visitors.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all ISC members for submitting Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) compliance information through the Interagency Security Committee Compliance System (ISC-CS). This year's reporting set a record for the fourth consecutive year of compliance reporting. The ISC officially kicked off the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) compliance season with the Annual Compliance Reporting Kickoff Training in May 2023. Please note this year, the Compliance Reporting Validation Window begins on September 1 and will be active through November 15.

I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the summer months with family and friends. As I was unable to attend the ISC Membership Meeting last week due to participating in the EDGE 23 conference in Niskayuna, I anticipate you had many productive discussions under Associate Director Breor, and Mr. Hernandez's, steady leadership.

Very Respectfully,

Dr. David Mussington
Executive Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

2024 ISC Membership Meetings

The next ISC Membership Meeting will be held in March 2024. More information to follow soon!



New Member Highlight: Supreme Court of the United States Police

By ISC Staff



The ISC recently welcomed its 67th member, the Supreme Court of the United States Police. The Supreme Court of the United States Police is a federal law enforcement agency with the goal of ensuring the integrity of the Constitutional Mission of the Supreme Court of the United States by protecting the Supreme Court, the Justices, employees, and visitors.



In the third branch of government, the Supreme Court is the highest judicial body in the United States and leads the federal judiciary. During a single Supreme Court term, 7,000-8,000 new filings are submitted for review. Each year, the Supreme Court hosts an estimated half a million visitors from around the world.

The Supreme Court of the United States Police have allocated staffing for 189 officers who currently represent 19 states and three countries. At present, the department is 26% female, which is well above the national average for law enforcement. Veterans encompass 12% of its workforce. The Supreme Court Police believe both diversity and inclusion are essential to the department's success.

ISC Hosts RMP and FSC Training at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum

By ISC Staff



The ISC hosted several productive in-person [ISC's RMP and FSC Training](#) sessions this year in locations such as Covington, Ky., Duluth, Minn., Miami, Fla., and Arlington, Va., with each location generating numerous graduates. In August 2023, the ISC had the unique opportunity to host a training at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. This session included more than 60 registrants who represented 18 various departments and agencies.

This exceptional location honors the victims, their families, and the entire Oklahoma City community impacted by the tragedy which occurred April 19, 1995, at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The Oklahoma City Bombing was the catalyst for the

enactment of Executive Order 12977, which created the ISC. Participants in the training were provided the option to tour the Memorial and Museum once the session concluded and the students were truly impacted by the experience.

The ISC's RMP and FSC Training provides an understanding of the ISC, the ISC RMP Standard, and the roles and responsibilities of FSCs. The course fulfills the minimum training requirements for FSC membership and is valuable for executives, managers and any personnel involved in making facility funding, leasing, security, or other risk management decisions. The RMP & FSC Training is instructor-led, provided by certified ISC Staff, to include ISC Regional Advisors – field personnel who provide outreach and capacity building to the 90% of government facilities located outside of the National Capital Region. This training program has been accredited by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and offers Continuing Education Units (CEU) to participants. The training is offered at no cost to participants.



To request or schedule an in-person training, please send an email to RMP_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov



A Record-Setting Year of Compliance Reporting

By: ISC Staff



Compliance reporting continues to be essential for our members' security operations. Compliance reporting provides ISC members with the means to *measure, report, and analyze* compliance with ISC policy and standards to make informed risk management decisions. We are pleased to provide the following updates for FY23 ISC compliance reporting, assistance, and verification.

FY23 ISC Compliance Reporting

After another successful year of reporting, the ISC kicked off the FY23 compliance season with its Annual Compliance Reporting Training, which was held in early May 2023. This training event had over **133** attendees participate, representing **36** federal departments and agencies. It also provided an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the requirements and expectations for the reporting period. The meeting reinforced how compliance reporting is essential for enhancing the security of federal facilities and for the federal employees, contractors, and visitors who work at and visit them.

There is an updated validation window: **September 1 to November 15** for FY23 reporting. The validation window allows organizations and sub-organizations to validate their data and ensure it is accurate and complete before certifying the data. Additional system updates for FY23 compliance reporting are the optional inclusion of Facility Security Level data and Facility Security Committee (FSC), or Responsible Authority, points of contact fields for facilities.

Assistance

To support stakeholders in meeting FY23 compliance reporting goals, the ISC is holding monthly brown bag trainings for system users through October. These trainings provide an opportunity to learn more about the requirements, receive guidance on how to complete compliance reporting, and ask questions. The next scheduled brown bag trainings are on September 13 and October 18. Both trainings are at 2:00pm EST. Contact isccs-support@hq.dhs.gov with any questions.

Verification

The ISC has completed five agency compliance verification reviews this year and is on track to complete ten by the year's end. The Compliance Subcommittee selected and approved organizations for review using a risk-based selection criteria to ensure the approach is *credible, reproducible, and defensible*. The risk-based approach for verification selection considers vulnerability, consequence, and threat, using an organization's annual compliance reporting data. The ISC conducts verification reviews to help organizations improve their reporting, assure reported levels of compliance, and provide feedback to improve alignment with ISC standards and policies.

Finally, the ISC will pilot facility verifications later this summer. This will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to receive a facility compliance verification review – improving reporting, providing assurance on compliance benchmarks, and identifying ways to increase compliance all while aligning with GAO feedback.

For additional information or questions contact ISC-Verification@cisa.dhs.gov.





ISC Publishes the Child Care Center Level of Protection Template Implementation Guidance, 2023 Edition (FOUO)

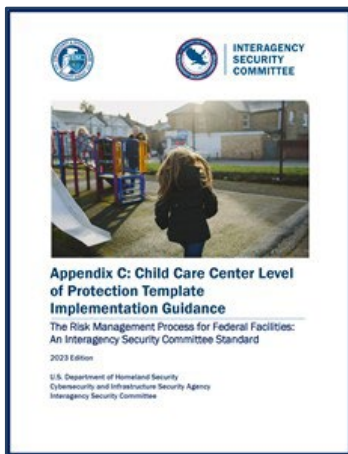
By ISC Staff

The ISC has published the Child Care Center (CCC) Level of Protection (LOP) Template Implementation Guidance, 2023 Edition (FOUO). The General Services Administration constructs CCCs for federal facilities across the nation, which generally face similar threats and risks which can be mitigated by similar LOPs at each location.

This document presents five potential scenarios, each representing the relationship between the CCC and other federal facilities, including guidance for campus environments.

Members of the ISC Countermeasures Subcommittee worked to update the *Child Care Center Level of Protection Template Implementation Guidance 2023 Edition (FOUO)*. This document provides LOP template implementation guidance for CCCs in federal facilities across the nation.

This document is FOUO and will be posted to the ISC community of interest on HSIN. Users with a need-to-know may access this updated publication, along with other FOUO appendices. To request access, please send an e-mail to ISCAccess@hq.dhs.gov.



Additional non-FOUO ISC resources are found on the ISC Publications website at: [ISC Publications | CISA](#)

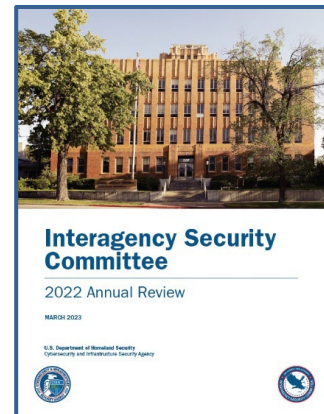
ISC Publishes 2022 Annual Review

By: ISC Staff

The ISC published its 2022 Annual Review, which highlights many of the accomplishments and activities from the ISC throughout the previous year.

In 2022, the ISC successfully completed another year of compliance reporting with 100% of non-exempt members having reported, published updated appendices to The Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee Standard (RMP Standard) along with several other publications, offered both in-person and virtual Risk Management Process (RMP) and FSC training, and hosted 56 annual meetings with ISC members.

Once again, the 2022 Annual Review includes a collection of entries from ISC members which highlight the impactful work being conducted by individual departments and agencies in the field, entitled *Profiles in Excellence*. These pieces are associated with several areas of importance in which the ISC excels, including expertise and guidance, capacity building, assessments and analysis, and security operations. The entries are a testament to the enduring strength and importance of the ISC's members. **Thank you to the ISC members** who submitted these significant achievements for inclusion in this year's Annual Review.



This new publication, along with other ISC resources, can be found at: [Interagency Security Committee News and Updates | CISA](#).



In the Field: CISA Region 5 Visit

By: ISC Regional Advisor, CISA Regions 5 and 7



ISC Chief Daryle Hernandez made his annual visit to Chicago in CISA's Region 5 in early May. ISC Regional Advisor for Regions 5 and 7, Joe Lang, accompanied Mr. Hernandez on several key stakeholder meetings for the ISC.

The regional visit began with meeting the Chicago Federal Executive Board (FEB) Executive Director, a critical partner for the ISC. Some key topics of discussion included the FEB Forward Initiative and the potential impact of COVID-19 on the federal footprint. The ISC looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with the FEB in Chicago.

Next, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) meeting was productive and included a range of key topics. The members of the ISC's Compliance Team conducted a brief-out with the results of the ISC's Compliance Verification of RRB's compliance data. This was also an opportunity for the RRB to have its Annual Meeting with the ISC team and discuss upcoming initiatives along with areas of concern.

The second half of the Region 5 visit included a robust discussion with the Executive Officer and Regional Sector Outreach Coordinator for CISA Region 5. The ISC reinforced the utility and resourcing of the ISC Regional Advisor positions and discussed new strategies for regional outreach.

The visit concluded with a meeting with the acting Deputy Regional Director of the Federal Protective Service (FPS). Among a wide range of topics, some significant areas of conversation included preparation for the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, and an update on FPS hiring initiatives. FPS and the ISC are continuously identifying more opportunities to partner more closely on training offerings and other initiatives.

Regional visits are an important way for the ISC to stay connected with its stakeholders outside of the National Capitol Region (NCR). They enable the ISC to reinforce stakeholder relationships with the 90% of federal facilities as well as ISC members headquartered outside of the NCR such as the RRB.

In the Field: CISA Region 4 conducts Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise

By: ISC Regional Advisor, CISA Region 4

This spring, several members within CISA's Region 4 conducted an Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise in Nashville, Tenn. There were several key members of the building's FSC in attendance, representing 10 federal agencies, and various support organizations.

This event provided a great opportunity for members of this multi-tenant federal facility to collaboratively work through active shooter scenarios, identify potential gaps, and to use the lessons learned to enhance the effectiveness of the facility's Active Shooter Plan. This was also a key milestone in the facility's effort to ensure compliance with the ISC Active Shooter Policy which mandates federal facilities develop, review, train, and exercise their Active Shooter Preparedness Plan.





In the Field: CISA Region 3 Visit

By: ISC Regional Advisor, CISA Regions 1, 2, and 3



In early July 2023, ISC Chief Daryle Hernandez, along with ISC Regional Advisor for Regions 1-3 Joey Whitmoyer, and ISC Senior Security Specialist Scott Dunford traveled to Richmond, Va. for several collaborative meetings with key private sector partners.

The visit began with the team meeting with security and staff members from the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) of Richmond, which is made up of a diverse team of over 2,700 employees. It is also 1 of 12 regional FRBs working together with the National Board of Governors to strengthen our nation's economies and communities. The meeting included an extensive tour of the facility, along with robust discussions regarding compliance verification, security upgrades, FOUO document access, and involvement with the Downtown Richmond Security Group. This is a key group in the Richmond community, comprised of security professionals from the downtown Richmond area who meet quarterly to discuss crime trends, and best practices being utilized by security professionals, to counter crime in the Richmond area.

The following day, the ISC team, along with CISA Protective Security Advisor Rob Mooney, visited Dominion Energy to discuss the assistance the ISC has provided in improving their risk assessment methodology, and addressing undesirable events at their facilities. The visit with Dominion Energy culminated with a tour of the Glen Allen Substation.

The CISA Region 3 visit was a huge success, and extremely productive, in continuing to foster relationships with key critical infrastructure partners. Regional visits are pertinent components of enhancing the ISC's mission to continue developing and expanding the security and protection of federal facilities.



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