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## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), Antiterrorism Force Protection Division Operation Joint Defense 2021 Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX)
- Publication of the 2021 Interagency Security Committee (ISC) Annual Report
- Overview of the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board's (FEB) 2022 Leadership Program
- ISC Regional Advisor partnership with the General Services Administration (GSA) and Federal Protective Service (FPS) to launch an atypical Facility Security Committee (FSC)
- Compliance Program Updates
- ISC Training Schedule
- **Upcoming Events & Engagements:**
- June Membership Meeting: **June 7, 2022**



## Message from Leadership

In March 2022, we released the 2021 ISC Annual Report. The report includes profiles in excellence from our members. Please consider submitting our organization's 2022 accomplishment for next year's report.

Additionally, the ISC Compliance System (ISC-CS) is open for FY22 reporting and you may access the system on the [ISC-CS website](#). Compliance reporting provides ISC members with the means to measure, report, and analyze compliance with ISC policies and standards. Compliance with ISC standards and policies empowers federal departments and agencies to make defensible, risk-based, resource-informed decisions that enhance security across the federal community. Monitoring compliance via the ISC-CS allows users to identify areas to focus their efforts individually and collectively. ISC compliance data also provides a resource for member departments and agencies to demonstrate their compliance with ISC standards and policies to government oversight entities.

We hope you will be able to participate in our next Membership Meeting on **June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - Noon**. Be sure to save the date.

As always, thank you to every member of the ISC for your continued support and engagement.

Daryle J. Hernandez  
Chief, Interagency Security  
Committee

## Antiterrorism Force Protection Division Operation Joint Defense 2021 VTTX

*By Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA)*

In August 2021 the Protection Force Protection Agency (PFPA), Antiterrorism Force Protection Division hosted a Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX), to assess joint emergency response capabilities between DoD Occupied Facilities and partnering agencies within the National Capital Region (NCR). The three-day exercise facilitated numerous plausible scenarios to test plans, policies, and capabilities. It validated response efforts to mitigate a series of undesirable events such as demonstrations, small-unmanned aircraft systems, improvised explosive devices, and installation breaches. The VTTX tested participant's ability to ramp up and down Force Protection Conditions from mandated baseline measures.

Continuity of Operations plans were discussed, coordinated, and verified along with site-specific random antiterrorism measures implementation and reporting actions to higher headquarters. The exercise established executable rules of engagement and obtained buy-in from participants. It provided a strong foundation for future coordination, planning, and overall emergency preparedness for government-leased facilities throughout the National Capital Region.

The VTTX achieved its primary objectives which led to changes in operational plans and evaluation of the equipment and personnel needed to safeguard Federal tenants and missions in occupied leased spaces. Participating organizations included forty-six Department of Defense (DoD) occupied facilities with approximately 80 plus tenant organizations, Federal, and local law enforcement agencies (i.e. Arlington, Fairfax, and Montgomery County; Federal Protection Service (FPS), Pentagon Police Directorate, Washington Area Transit Authority, and United States Park Police), County Emergency Management organizations, Mark Center Security Operations Center, Threat Intelligence Center, Joint Forces Headquarters, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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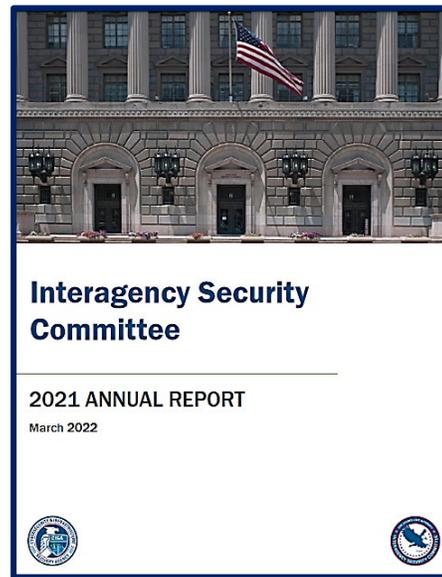
## 2021 ISC Annual Report Published

*By ISC Staff*

The ISC is excited to announce publication of the *2021 ISC Annual Report* in March 2022. The Report provides stakeholders with a snapshot of the ISC's activities and accomplishments over the course of 2021 and highlights plans and initiatives upcoming in 2022. In 2021, the ISC completed its third year of compliance reporting, published updates to the Risk Management Process (RMP) for Federal Facilities and several other guidance documents, provided RMP training, and held 52 annual meetings with members. The 2021 Annual Report also includes a new feature titled "Profiles in Excellence" highlighting some significant accomplishments and activities of our individual members.

We thank every member of the ISC for their continued engagement and support. These milestone achievements were only made possible through active ISC member participation. Collective efforts of ISC members help the federal community to defend today and secure tomorrow.

*If you would like a copy of the Report, please visit the [ISC's website](#).*



## ISC Delivers Keynote for Oklahoma City, Leadership Course

*By Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region 6*

On March 29, 2022, ISC Chief Daryle Hernandez spoke at the Oklahoma FEB's 2022 Leadership Program. The Oklahoma FEB Executive Director, Chris Hooper hosted the program at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Museum in downtown Oklahoma City. The leadership course is a non-traditional leadership program, designed for executives, senior managers, and leaders within the federal sector by showcasing a myriad of federal agencies and leaders across Okla.

Chief Hernandez provided a brief overview on the history of the ISC, Executive Order (EO) 12977 creating the ISC, and how the ISC

Chair is the Executive Assistant Director of Infrastructure Security for CISA, as delegated by the Secretary of Homeland Security. The Chief addressed how the ISC is a collaborative organization that supports comprehensive, risk-based security programs. The bulk of the brief focused on the evolving and contemporary nature of federal facility protection and security.



## ISC Regional Advisor partners with GSA and FPS to launch an atypical FSC

*By ISC Staff*

In March 2022, the General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Protective Services (FPS), and the ISC Region V Regional Advisor partnered to launch a Facility Security Committee (FSC) at a facility in Chicago, Illinois. What makes this facility distinctive is it is a standalone federal parking garage. It is not connected directly (i.e., physically) or indirectly (e.g., tied to a building across the street, but not physically connected to it) to a building. Instead, it services a wide array of facilities and agencies in downtown Chicago. Although technically not an occupied facility per EO 12977, GSA, FPS, and the ISC Regional Advisor agreed it might benefit from an FSC. As the ISC stresses its products are tailorable and scalable to a variety of facility types and agency mission sets – this seemed to be a situation that could benefit from applying an FSC construct.

As a reminder, according to the pro rata voting approach outlined in Appendix D: Facility Security Committees of the Risk Management Process (RMP), each agency has one vote weighted in accordance with the square footage they occupy against the overall square footage in the building [e.g., Agency A holds 100 square feet out of the 1000 federal square feet in the facility, therefore Agency A has one vote weighted 10% (100/1000)]. Since this facility does not have any occupied space (employees simply transit the parking garage) the group decided to focus instead on the individual parking spaces themselves. If the square footage of one parking space can be measured and the total number of spaces in the parking garage is known, the pro rata voting share can be calculated for each agency based on how many spaces the

agency is leasing from GSA. As with vacant space in a regular facility, GSA would cover the vacant parking spaces.

Once the approach was solidified, GSA took the lead for scheduling and hosting the initial FSC meeting. FPS and the ISC Regional Advisor were both in attendance, and the meeting was well-attended and well-received by the applicable agencies. Historically, the Protective Security Officer (PSO) who is posted at the parking garage entrance and the facility's camera system have been funded by GSA and FPS. Although no personnel technically sit in the building, there are federal employees entering and exiting throughout the day. In addition to the employees, the assets themselves (vehicles and their contents) need to be safeguarded. It is also important to note FPS conducts a risk assessment of the facility, and both the PSO and camera system are countermeasures recommended in accordance with the assessment.

While not a traditional facility, utilizing the structure of an FSC will allow every agency who has an interest in the parking garage to discuss security concerns, share information pertaining to security at and around the facility, vote on both current and future vulnerability and threat mitigation strategies, and share responsibility in funding approved countermeasures, including but not limited to the PSO and camera system. Yet another example of the ISC's scalable and tailorable standards being used to address the security and protection of federal areas of concern.

## Compliance Program Update

By ISC Staff

The ISC Compliance Program thanks members who reported compliance data for the FY21 reporting period. The third year of compliance reporting was an overwhelming success with 82% (53 out of 65) of ISC members reporting compliance and providing a critical view of the implementation of ISC policies and standards across the government. Importantly, 95% of Primary Members listed in Executive Order 12977 reported and 100% of required Associate Members also reported. This included 4 exempt members who found value in reporting. Like previous years, assistance levels from the ISC Compliance Team steadily increased throughout the year until the final three months of reporting, when assistance requests nearly tripled over the prior months' average.

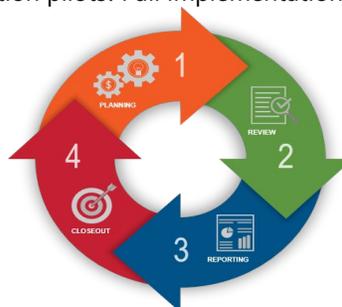
Average organizational compliance scores increased from 3.9 last year to 4.0 this year (on a 5.0 scale where 5.0 is fully compliant). The percentage of organizations performing at unsatisfactory levels of compliance decreased—meaning that more organizations are making progress towards full compliance. There is still room for improvement in organization headquarters issuing guidance or policy throughout their organization requiring compliance with ISC policies and standards. For the second year in a row, only a small percentage of established facility security committees are fully trained and functioning: this requires our collective effort to address.

The average facility compliance score remained the same at 3.5. At the facility level, there is still room for improvement on the execution of the processes and procedures of the *ISC Items Prohibited from Federal Facilities Standard* and in implementation of the Active Shooter Policy. Coordination and collaboration with facility security providers, first responders, and all tenant agencies is an area of relatively low compliance.



Over the past few months, the ISC has taken steps to improve the user experience, management, and governance of the ISC-CS, through data cleaning and the creation of best practices for users. As we continue, these practices will help improve data submission, data analysis, and, ultimately, decision-making for programmatic improvements for all the ISC.

Finally, in January 2022, the ISC Compliance Program kicked off the first of five compliance verification pilots. Thanks to the ISC Compliance Subcommittee members for working so hard to help develop the verification pilot program. Verification pilots help enable a smooth rollout of compliance verification and are focused on refining verification processes and procedures including ISC staffing, funding, responsibilities, and training requirements for a successful verification review. Our pilots included ISC member volunteers from various departments and agencies who volunteered as host agencies as well as verification team members. A special thanks to the ISC members below for their participation in our verification pilots! Full implementation of the verification program will commence in 2023.



All verification pilot participants followed the four steps of the verification process shown above.

Please contact ISC Compliance Program at [isccs-support@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:isccs-support@hq.dhs.gov) with any questions or comments.

## Upcoming ISC Trainings

The ISC continues to offer its award-winning training virtually and in-person. To request and schedule in-person training, please see the available dates and send an email to [RMP\\_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:RMP_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov) for more information: (in-person training dates are on a first come first serve basis). In addition to the RMP training, later this year the ISC will begin piloting FSC Workshops. If you are interested in participating in an FSC Workshop Pilot, please contact us at the email above. For more information about the course or how to register visit the [ISC Training web page](#).

RMP & FSC – VILT Start Time	Upcoming CY22 Training Dates
9 AM Eastern Time	June 14-15, October 18-19, November 8-9
9 AM Central Time	September 20-21
9 AM Mountain Time	August 23-24
9 AM Pacific Time	July 19- 20

### In-Person Training Dates available for Department and Agencies to request:

- June: 28, 29
- July: 14, 26, 28
- August: 9, 11, 30
- September: 27, 29
- October: 4, 6, 25, 27
- November: 1, 3

**Department/Agency Student Registration Requirements:** Minimum of **30** and Maximum of **45**

### In-Person RMP & FSC Training

- This half day (5 hours), instructor-led training course, serves as a prerequisite for FSC membership, covers the ISC RMP and the roles and responsibilities of FSC members.
- Successful completion of this management level course – MGT 909 – will earn graduates .3 CEUs (continuing education units) through the course’s accreditation with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).
- The target audience includes FSC Chairs, FSC Members, Executives, Managers, and any personnel involved in making facility funding, leasing, security, or other risk management decisions.
- There are no prerequisites for this course, and it is offered at **no cost to participants**. This training may be taken in-lieu-of the online Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) courses (IS-1170-1174) and provides an opportunity for students to engage with ISC staff and to learn in an interactive environment with their peers.
- Dates are provided on a “first come first serve basis” for Departments and Agencies to schedule In-Person RMP & FSC Training at their location.
- Departments and Agencies must complete the “In-Person Training Request Form” in order to schedule their training and submit to [RMP\\_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:RMP_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov), please reach out to your Regional Advisor or ISC Training Staff at [RMP\\_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:RMP_FSCtrng@cisa.dhs.gov) for any questions.

For additional training options please see the Federal RMP Training Program dates offered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).