

# **HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**



## **FAITH-BASED SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2014**

## **Introduction**

Please find the attached recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council's (HSAC) Faith-based Security and Communications Advisory Subcommittee (FBAC).

The FBAC has become a model of religious diversity, coordination, and cooperation on homeland security issues.

## **Benefits of the Department of Homeland Security and Faith-Based Organizations Relationship**

1. Information Sharing: Provides timely, actionable, bi-directional information sharing from trusted reliable partners.
2. Training: Four Table Top/Active Shooter exercises held in past year.<sup>1</sup>
3. Individual Feedback: Faith-based Organizations (FBOs) advise on domestic policies which have global and tactical relationships.
4. Constituent relations: Working with many FBOs.

## **Recommendations**

1. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) should designate a singular point of contact between DHS and FBOs for security related issues.
2. DHS should fund additional FBO-centric Tabletop and Functional Exercises in FY 2014 and 2015, with a specific focus on issues of critical importance to FBOs, such as Active Shooter scenarios and violent extremism.
3. DHS should continue to develop and enhance relationships and bi-directional communication with FBOs, Protective Security Advisors, Fusion Center Personnel and local law enforcement to further homeland security information sharing.
4. We recommend that the FBAC meet in person in the Fall 2014 in order to prepare the Subcommittee's comprehensive report to the HSAC.

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<sup>1</sup> In the past year there were four Table Top/Active Shooter Training Exercises which were held jointly with FBOs and supported by the Department of Homeland Security. The tabletops (Dearborn, Michigan; Bridgewater, New Jersey; Dallas, Texas; and Salt Lake City, Utah) focused on information sharing improvement, partnership development, risk mitigation, sector-wide enhancement, and lessons learned.

## **Appendix A. FBAC Members**

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## **Appendix B. FBAC Guiding Principles and Value Statement**

### **Guiding Principles**

- We encourage further outreach and training in order to achieve social cohesion between FBOs.
- Ensure outreach efforts are based on mutual respect, transparency and trust.
- Provide safe places of worship for constituencies and protection of assets for all faiths.
- Protect our country and preserve our freedoms within our religious communities.
- Proactively diminish FBOs risks.
- Continue to build collaboration between state, local, tribal and FBOs officials.

### **Value Statement**

The members of the FBOs that serve on the Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council's FBAC strongly and uniformly denounce violence against any other faith-based organizations to include their houses of worship and those who worship. When any threats target one member of the faith-based community, they target all of us and will be met with stiff resistance in their attempt to divide us against hate.