Community Institution and Association Council (CIAC)

FS-ISAC provides timely, targeted information, tools and resources about cyberthreats, threat mitigation and related subjects to specific member groups that make up its full membership. The Community Institution and Association Council (CIAC) is one of these groups.

If your institution is a community bank or credit union, membership in the CIAC is the best way for your organization to receive specific, actionable cybersecurity information. Customers are becoming increasingly aware of cybersecurity threats and they expect their banks and credit unions to secure and protect their private financial information. In addition to being a market driver, taking steps to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and appropriate availability of customer data is a regulatory requirement.

**Why Should I Join?**

To provide the cybersecurity that customers expect, meet regulatory requirements and reduce your institution’s risk, you need to be aware of the latest developments in the cybersecurity landscape. CIAC membership provides community without complexity - helping your community institution connect, protect and thrive gives youthrough a central source of information about current threats, mitigation techniques and best practices, all within the FS-ISAC “circle of trust.”

**Member Benefits:**

- Access to FS-ISAC’s Intelligence Exchange platform including Share and Connect.
- Critical sector alerts about fraud, physical and cybersecurity vulnerabilities, incidents and threats.
- Best practices from and information sharing with other CIAC members.
- Monthly CIAC members-only meeting and virtual Summits, featuring guest speakers.
- Community institution focused reports and information about industry best practices and solutions.
- Document library and training workshops to enhance your cybersecurity initiatives.
- Opportunities to join other FS-ISAC Communities of Interest

The CIAC is like a virtual “neighborhood watch” that can help you meet your data protection needs. When one FS-ISAC member institution detects suspicious activity on its network, it informs other members, often within minutes. Such forewarning could mean the difference between experiencing a data breach or other security incident and thwarting an attack. Within the CIAC are two subsidiary councils, the Community Bank Council (CBC) and the Credit Union Council (CUC). Choose membership in the sub-council that fits your enterprise to become part of a community that shares the same specific data protection issues.

**How Do I Join?**

To join the CUC or for more information email admin@fsisac.com or visit fsisac.com.

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“We are better equipped to brief the board thanks to the threat intelligence of many financial institutions. We see what occurs not just for other credit unions but larger community institutions and even national banks.”

LGE Community Credit Union