



What is InfraGard?

InfraGard is a collaborative effort between the FBI, InfraGard members, and InfraGard's public and private sector partners. InfraGard shares unclassified and often publically available critical infrastructure protection-related information in an online and physical environment to add value to FBI priorities to protect the nation's critical infrastructures and key resources.

How many InfraGard Chapters are there?

There are 85 chapters

How many InfraGard members are there?

There are over 34,000 members as of January 2009. Updated membership numbers are available at www.infragard.net.

How many people are in each Chapter?

It depends on the chapter. Membership ranges anywhere from 50 to over 1000 people.

Where can I find a list of the Chapters?

Go to www.infragardmembers.org for a list of the 85 Chapters and contact information for the local chapter Presidents and FBI Coordinators.

Do the Chapters each have their own websites?

Some Chapters have their own websites. Links to them are provided in the chapter list on www.infragardmembers.org.

Does each state have one Chapter?

No. It depends on several factors including the geographic location of people who want to participate and the variety of industries in the state. For example, New York has six chapters while Alaska has only one.

Who can join InfraGard?

The FBI establishes the criteria for membership. In general, any US citizen who is committed to the protection of our nation's critical infrastructure may join.

Who are the current members of InfraGard?

The current membership is primarily made up of persons who represent critical infrastructures (transportation, energy, water, etc.) and government agencies.

How do you become a member?

Go to www.infragard.net and click "Become a Member" to access the application. Fill out the application and select the Chapter with which you want to be affiliated. Mail it to the FBI Coordinator (an FBI agent) whose address is listed at the end of the application. The Coordinator's address is generated by the chapter you chose. You must also read and abide by the InfraGard Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures.

Is there a background check?

No, but the FBI does conduct record checks.



Do you need a security clearance to join InfraGard?

No, but a government-issued security clearance can substitute for FBI record checks.

How much does it cost to join InfraGard?

It costs nothing to become an InfraGard member. Some IMAs/chapters, however, may choose to assess a local fee that goes toward conducting meetings, paying for speakers, etc.

How are local Chapter activities funded?

The FBI is prohibited from participating in Chapter fund raising. The FBI maintains a Cooperative Agreement with the INMA where certain activities such as travel in support of the Program are funded. Other funds come from grants or sponsorships to the IMA. Most funds are represented by "in kind" contributions of volunteer time or services (meeting space, speaking, etc.).

Are foreign citizens allowed to become InfraGard members?

No, but the IMA (the private sector side of the local chapter) may choose to allow foreign nationals to be a "foreign affiliate" or "guest" of the IMA.

What are the benefits of InfraGard membership in general?

Members benefit by meeting and interacting with people from critical infrastructure sectors/interests outside of their own as well as with government representatives (FBI, DHS, state Homeland Security, etc.). In addition, you have access to the InfraGard's secure website where unclassified For Official Use Only information is shared.

What happens at InfraGard Chapter meetings?

Chapters generally host a guest speaker who presents on topics that are of interest to the Chapter members. These topics include, for example, pandemic outbreaks, cyber vulnerabilities, and continuity planning. Additionally, time is allowed for the members to interact with each other for informal discussions.

How many people attend the meetings?

Meeting attendance depends on the chapter, the topic, etc. Generally, about 25% to 50% of the total local membership attends any one given meeting. In addition, FBI agents and local FBI management may attend these meetings as well as the local DHS Protective Security Advisor (PSA) and other state and local government representatives.

Do you have to be an InfraGard member to attend an InfraGard meeting?

No. In general, InfraGard meetings are open. Some chapters, however, may opt to have members-only meetings.

How often do local chapters meet?

Some chapters meet quarterly, some meet bi-monthly, some meet monthly. It depends on the activity level of the particular chapter.



When do they meet?

The chapters may meet during the day (morning, lunch or afternoon meeting), all day, or in the evening. Some chapters may vary their meeting times in order to accommodate more members' or speakers' schedules.

Is there a fee to attend the meetings?

It depends on the chapter and the event. Chapters may charge a nominal fee to cover lunch costs, speaker's fees, etc. However, most speakers are volunteers and if there is lunch it may be covered by a sponsor so the event is free.

How are the local chapters structured?

It varies but usually a Board of Directors and Officers are elected by the members annually. The IMAs each have their own Bylaws but are required to abide by some basic rules set forth by the National Bylaws. Although it is a national organization, the strength of the program is in the activities of the local chapters across the country.