

Federal Law Enforcement and CI Protection— The InfraGard Program

For years, the FBI has been reaching out to businesses at the local level through its InfraGard Program to help protect CI, including the cyber realm, as seen in this pre-9/11 press release.

Excerpt: The FBI and the National Infrastructure Protection Center Introduce the National InfraGard Program¹⁴

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC), located at FBI Headquarters, introduced today [January 6, 2001] the National InfraGard Program to the public.

The National InfraGard Program began as a pilot project in 1996, when the Cleveland FBI Field Office asked local computer professionals to assist the FBI in determining how to better protect critical information systems in the public and private sectors. From this new partnership, the first InfraGard chapter was formed to address both cyber and physical threats.

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