

Federal Protective Services (FPS) Link

Sector(s): Government Facilities

Location: Washington, DC

Protection Category(ies): Information Sharing Network

Lead Agency(ies): Department of Homeland Security – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Description:

The Federal Protective Service (FPS), a division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), is designated in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) as the Sector Specific Agency (SSA) for the Government Facilities Sector. Building on its traditional role to provide protection of General Services Administration (GSA) federally owned and federally operated facilities, this new responsibility requires that FPS coordinate the effort to identify, assess and enhance the protection of government facilities that are determined to be nationally critical.



The Government Facilities sector developed and deployed a secure web-based portal, Federal Protective Services (FPS) Link, to collaborate and share information with its sector security partners. In addition to monitoring open source information, FPS Link receives data from federal, state and local governments. This information is analyzed for relevance to government facility protection and shared with sector security partners based on the information's time and security sensitivity.

Tactical information is relayed immediately to government facility owners and operators, law enforcement agencies, and emergency operation centers through alerts, secure messaging and a live synchronized chat. Operational and strategic information is shared through compartmentalized collaboration tools including forum discussions, online briefings and surveys, a document library and a community calendar.

The current membership of FPS Link includes all Government Facilities Sector's security partners. Users of the link include emergency operations or watch centers for federal departments and agencies who occupy GSA owned or leased property, state and local government fusion centers, law enforcement operations centers, and the intelligence community. The inclusion of security partners provides the sector security personnel a more comprehensive and robust security picture of the threats facing their infrastructure.