The Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) mission is to assist local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice agencies by providing adaptive solutions and services that facilitate information sharing, support criminal investigations, and promote officer safety.

The Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC), one of the six RISS Centers, began providing services to its regional member agencies in 1980. MOCIC’s region consists of:
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin
- Canadian province of Manitoba

Since 1980, the number of criminal justice agencies benefiting from MOCIC services has grown to more than 1,775 agencies.

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MOCIC IMPACT IN Missouri

In FY2016—
(As of September 30, 2016)

327 Member Agencies

938 Requests for Criminal Investigative Research Assistance Involving 2,084 Inquiries

25,791 Intelligence Database Inquiries and 8,164 Intelligence Database Submissions

36 Equipment Requests Involving the Loan of 91 Pieces of Equipment

1,197 Analytical Products Produced

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Examples of Success in Missouri

**Greene County Sheriff’s Office**
*Analytical/Digital Forensics/Equipment/Intelligence Research Services*

The Greene County Sheriff’s Office contacted MOCIC for assistance in a high-profile case that began as a missing persons investigation involving the disappearance of two victims. Several months later, their skeletal remains were discovered with evidence that each died of gunshot wounds to the head. More than 20 law enforcement and criminal justice agencies participated in the investigation and prosecution, which lasted from 2011 (when the victims disappeared) until 2016 (when the last defendant was convicted). Investigators began using MOCIC services just one day after the victims disappeared, including specialized equipment, intelligence research, and digital forensics, in addition to multiple analytical services that ranged from organizational assistance to the preparation of a multitude of charts and other investigative resources. The investigation resulted in the indictments of five individuals. Three defendants pled guilty and two were convicted on a variety of charges. A majority of the defendants received life sentences, some without the possibility of parole.

**Richmond Police Department**
*Confidential Funds/Intelligence Research Services*

The Richmond Police Department used confidential funds from MOCIC in an extended narcotics investigation in which authorities arrested 70 individuals and seized narcotics, including marijuana and methamphetamine, valued at nearly $23,000, as well as firearms and U.S. currency. In a second, unrelated investigation, Richmond authorities contacted the MOCIC intelligence research staff for assistance with a rape investigation. The suspect, a convicted sex offender, was from an eastern state and had communicated with a juvenile female on a social media site using three different profile names. He traveled to Missouri to meet the juvenile female victim and convinced her to have sex with him. The MOCIC staff learned that the suspect was prepared to return to Delaware via a bus in Kansas City, Missouri, and put Richmond authorities in contact with Kansas City authorities, who arrested the suspect on the bus.

**Perry County Sheriff’s Office**
*Equipment Services*

The Perry County Sheriff’s Office borrowed MOCIC specialized investigative equipment for use in a narcotics investigation. The equipment was used to document criminal activity. As a result of the investigation, three individuals were arrested and more than a dozen marijuana plants were seized.

**Cedar County Sheriff’s Office**
*Equipment Services*

The Cedar County Sheriff’s Office borrowed MOCIC specialized investigative equipment for use in a narcotics investigation. The equipment was used to document criminal activity. As a result of the investigation, six suspects were arrested and authorities seized vehicles and narcotics worth nearly $11,000.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General**
*Intelligence Research Services*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, contacted the MOCIC intelligence research staff for assistance in a forgery investigation. The MOCIC staff obtained information that assisted authorities in quickly locating and arresting the suspect.

**Scott County Sheriff’s Office**
*Intelligence Research Services*

The Scott County Sheriff’s Office contacted the MOCIC intelligence research staff for assistance in an investigation involving child pornography and child sexual abuse. The MOCIC staff obtained information that assisted authorities in arresting a pair of suspects on several charges of possession of child pornography. One of the suspects had previously been convicted of murder and sexual assault. Authorities praised the quick and thorough response of the MOCIC staff, crediting their work with helping to get a dangerous criminal off the street.

**St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department**
*Intelligence Research Services*

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department contacted the MOCIC intelligence research staff for assistance in locating an individual missing since 2008. His father had not heard from him for at least a year prior. Authorities had been given an incorrect first name and birth year for him. The MOCIC staff obtained information that helped authorities locate the missing individual in a nearby county.

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**Testimonials**

“With MOCIC’s help, we have been able to enhance our investigative abilities and provide our community with complete and thorough investigations in a timely and efficient manner. As a small jurisdiction, we would be hard-pressed to provide our citizens with the quality service they deserve, without the dedication and support of professionals like the MOCIC staff.”

—Billings Police Department

“We bring raw, unorganized data to MOCIC, and its analysts are able to do amazing things with it. If you need a flowchart or any analytical product, there are none better than what MOCIC produces.”

—Missouri Department of Revenue

“Smaller agencies like ours can’t always afford to invest in some of the tools we need only occasionally, like analytical software or equipment. When we need these tools, they are invaluable to us, but we cannot justify buying them when they might sit on the shelf for much of the year. MOCIC makes it possible for us to have these tools when we need them, even with limited budgets.”

—Stone County Sheriff’s Office

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