RISSGang Frequently Asked Questions

REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS) PROGRAM
A Proven Resource for Law Enforcement

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1. **What is RISS?**

RISS is a proven, trusted, and innovative program that supports local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice and public safety agencies in their effort to successfully resolve criminal investigations and ensure officer safety. RISS consists of six regional centers and the RISS Technology Support Center (RTSC). RISS supports efforts against organized and violent crime, gang activity, drug activity, human trafficking, identity theft, and other regional priorities, while promoting officer safety. RISS offers law enforcement agencies and officers full-service delivery, from the beginning of an investigation to the ultimate prosecution and conviction of criminals. An officer can query multiple intelligence databases, retrieve information from investigative systems, solicit assistance from research staff, utilize surveillance equipment, receive training, and use analytical resources to help investigate and prosecute criminals. For more information about RISS, visit www.riss.net or find RISS at facebook.com/TheRISSProgram. Make sure to “like” the page to get updates and information about RISS. Shared successes by state can be viewed at the RISS Impact Website (www.riss.net/Impact).
2. Where are the six RISS Centers located, and what regions do they serve?

**Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network® (MAGLOCLEN)—Newtown, Pennsylvania**—Provides services to Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, as well as England and parts of Canada.

**Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center® (MOCIC)—Springfield, Missouri**—Provides services to Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, as well as parts of Canada.

**New England State Police Information Network® (NESPIN)—Franklin, Massachusetts**—Provides services to Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont, as well as parts of Canada.

**Rocky Mountain Information Network® (RMIN)—Phoenix, Arizona**—Provides services to Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, as well as parts of Canada.

**Regional Organized Crime Information Center® (ROCIC)—Nashville, Tennessee**—Provides services to Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Western States Information Network® (WSIN)—Sacramento, California**—Provides services to Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington, as well as Guam, New Zealand, and parts of Canada.
3. **How do I contact a RISS Center?**

Contact your in-region RISS Center, or visit [www.riss.net](http://www.riss.net) for additional information.

4. **What is the RISSGang Program?**

The RISSGang Program consists of the RISS National Gang Intelligence Database, the RISSGang Website, and informational resources. The database, which is 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23-compliant, provides law enforcement agencies with access to gang records, including suspects, organizations and gangs, weapons, locations, and vehicles, as well as gang terminology and visual imagery of gang members, gang symbols, gang graffiti, cryptography/codes, and hand signs.

The website provides a vast amount of resources, information, and publications. Investigators are also provided with secure communications for sharing gang-related information.

5. **Who has access to RISSGang resources?**

RISS provides access to the RISSGang Program resources to criminal justice agencies without the requirement to establish RISS membership. For more information on the RISSGang Program, visit [www.riss.net/rissgang.aspx](http://www.riss.net/rissgang.aspx).
6. Do all entries into the RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel) become part of the RISSGang database?

The RISSGang database is a subset of data within RISSIntel. The RISSGang database contains only those records within RISSIntel that have been specifically identified as gang-related by the entering agency. A search of the RISSGang database only searches records that are part of the RISSGang database. A search of RISSIntel searches all records in RISSIntel, both gang-related and non-gang-related.

7. Who can post information or contribute content to the RISSGang Website?

Any authorized RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET) user with access to the RISSGang Website may post information to the Document Library and Image Libraries or create a Discussion Thread in the Discussion Groups. RISSNET users may also contribute content for review by RTSC staff, who will post the content in the appropriate area of the RISSGang Website on behalf of the user.

8. How can gang-related content be submitted to the RISSGang Website?

Users can submit content for posting to the RISSGang Website by clicking the Contribute Info link located under the Share section on the left-side menu and then completing and sending the Contribute form.

9. Sometimes I link to a news item and the link does not work. How can a nonfunctioning link on the RISSGang Website be reported to RISS?

The news items listed on the RISSGang Website home page (Latest Gang-Related New Items) are provided automatically to RISS through Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds. RISS does not control the news sites that provide RSS feeds. If you find an unworkable link, please use the Feedback link located under the Share section on the left-side menu and then complete and send the Feedback form.

10. How do I submit comments or recommendations related to the RISSGang Website?

Comments and recommendations related to the RISSGang Website may be submitted by clicking the Feedback link located under the Share section on the left-side menu and then completing and sending the Feedback form.