



Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program

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RISS PRIORITIES

INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUPPORT

RISS provides professional, accurate, relevant, and effective products and services that combat crime, help resolve criminal investigations, and successfully prosecute offenders. RISS, through its six regional centers, offers law enforcement agencies and officers a full range of critical support services and resources and provides expertise and technical assistance to the field.

- ▶ Researches **intelligence and investigative resources**, and provides reports of findings to officers.
- ▶ Develops **analytical products**, such as case-related maps, link charts, and 2D and 3D crime scene diagrams.
- ▶ Provides **digital forensics** and **audio/video** clarification services.
- ▶ Loans **specialized investigative equipment** to member agencies.
- ▶ Provides one-on-one **support** through the **RISS field services staff** and provides **field-based solutions**.
- ▶ Helps **train thousands of law enforcement professionals**.
- ▶ Develops law enforcement-sensitive **publications and briefings**.

SECURE INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE SHARING

The RISS information sharing services help connect officers across jurisdictions to identify new investigative leads and links, solve crimes, promote officer safety, and aid in successful case resolution.

- ▶ Facilitates and fosters communications among thousands of local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement and public safety agencies.
- ▶ Strengthens hometown security and the nation's criminal justice strategy.
- ▶ Operates the **RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET)**—a secure infrastructure for hundreds of intelligence and investigative resources.
- ▶ Supports numerous federal agencies, many of which have RISS nationwide memberships.
- ▶ Operates the **RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel)**—a modern, user-inspired and flexible system—which provides a real-time, online federated search of more than **60 systems** containing **millions of records**.
- ▶ Operates the **RISSLeads Investigative Website**, which generates investigative leads and facilitates multijurisdictional information sharing.
- ▶ Provides access to investigative and specialized databases, such as the **RISS Property and Recovery Tracking System (RISSProp)**, the **RISS Master Telephone Index (MTI)**, the **RISS Money Counter Network (MCN)**, and the **RISS Drug Pricing Reference Guide**.

OFFICER SAFETY, DECONFLICTION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WELLNESS

Event deconfliction protects law enforcement officers and citizens, supports operational integrity, strengthens information sharing, reduces risk and liability, and enhances investigative efforts. In addition, RISS provides resources and training to enhance officer safety and law enforcement wellness.

- ▶ Operates the nationwide **RISS Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe)**—a system accessible and monitored on a 24/7/365 basis and available at no cost to all law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ Promotes the use of deconfliction as an essential component of agency operations, specifically the use of RISSafe and RISSIntel.
- ▶ More than **2.9 million operations** have been entered into RISSafe since its inception, resulting in more than **581,550 identified conflicts**. These identified conflicts represent possible “blue-on-blue” situations.
- ▶ Utilizes RISSafe Watch Centers to monitor events and notify officers of potential conflicts. Currently, there are **29 RISSafe Watch Centers**, 23 of which are operated by entities other than RISS.
- ▶ Enables officers to access RISSafe from their mobile devices and provides target deconfliction via RISSIntel.
- ▶ RISSafe is integrated with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas’ (HIDTA) SAFETNet and Case Explorer systems.
- ▶ Operates the **RISS Officer Safety and Wellness Website**, which provides access to vetted, reliable, and trusted information and materials on various officer safety and wellness-related topics.
- ▶ Promotes RISS resources, such as specialized equipment, publications, or videos, to enhance officer safety and law enforcement wellness and support law enforcement activities.

RISS FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023—THE IMPACT

RISS receives hundreds of shared success stories from officers across the country showcasing how RISS services and resources are used to solve crimes and keep officers safe. To view real-life stories from your state, visit www.riss.net/impact.

- ▶ Provided access to more than **78.3 million** investigative records.
- ▶ Users conducted **4,519,737** inquiries to RISS resources.
- ▶ Developed **30,961** analytical products.
- ▶ Loaned **2,713** pieces of specialized investigative equipment.
- ▶ Sponsored or co-sponsored **1,574** training opportunities and helped train **65,640** individuals.
- ▶ Responded to **61,205** requests for research and technical assistance.
- ▶ Provided opportunities to share information with more than **10,200** law enforcement agencies and more than **137,000** authorized law enforcement personnel.



THE RISS PROGRAM



- ★ **Secure**—Experts in intelligence data sharing and system-to-system connectivity
- ★ **Cost-Effective**—An excellent return on investment for law enforcement and the nation
- ★ **Proven**—Helps agencies arrest and prosecute violent criminals, and enables agencies to remove millions of dollars' worth of narcotics and contraband from our streets
- ★ **Innovative**—Offers relevant services that law enforcement personnel cannot obtain anywhere else
- ★ **Efficient**—One search across multiple data sources and access to investigative services in one location
- ★ **Trusted**—Fosters and builds partnerships at all levels of law enforcement across the country
- ★ **Credible**—Respected and endorsed by major law enforcement associations and partner organizations

Think RISS—A Proven Resource for Law Enforcement

MAKING PROGRESS

Below are highlights of specific and unique RISS accomplishments in FY2023 that continued moving RISS forward in its three focus areas.

- ▶ Continued to advance the RISSIntel features and functionality and connected additional partner systems.
- ▶ Expanded the number of available RISSNET resources to **more than 315**, most of which are owned by partner entities that use RISSNET to broaden their information sharing reach to a broader vetted law enforcement audience.
- ▶ Through the critical resources available via RISSNET, **more than 78.3 million** records are available to authorized users.
- ▶ Continued to advance standards-based approaches, cross-collaboration, and smart strategies to leverage proven solutions.
- ▶ RISSProp, which contains **more than 28 million records**, continued to help officers solve burglaries, home invasion robberies, and other crimes while identifying and recovering stolen items. RISSProp has helped officers recover **more than \$13.9 million in property** since its inception.
- ▶ RISS MTI continued to help officers find communication links between suspects that may not have been identified.
- ▶ RISS MCN continued to help officers deconflict and manage information about money used in criminal activities. **More than 571 agencies in 47 (plus Guam) states are using RISS MCN.**
- ▶ The RISS Drug Pricing Reference Guide continued to help officers assess the value of seizures and contraband and identify trends in the drug market.
- ▶ Continued to develop School Action Response Plans, which contain data, photographs, and floor plans critical for officers to effectively navigate an active shooter or other situation.
- ▶ RISSafe continued to help law enforcement protect officers and citizens, support operational integrity, strengthen information sharing, reduce risk and liability, prevent friendly fire, and enhance investigative efforts.
- ▶ Supported federal efforts and nationwide partnerships to expand information sharing and available resources to law enforcement.
- ▶ Completed the transition of the RISS Collaboration Websites, the RISSLeads Investigative Website, and the RISS Officer Safety and Wellness Website to a new platform that provides authorized users advanced information sharing capabilities and enhanced collaboration abilities.
- ▶ Continued to integrate advanced security measures within the RISSNET environment.
- ▶ Launched an effort to develop a RISS mobile application and engaged subject-matter experts in the field to help identify needs and develop a mobile strategy.

FY2025 FUNDING (\$55 MILLION)

Funding will support the six regional RISS Centers, including current operations and the technology component, as well as the following efforts:

Investigative Case Services

- ▶ Provide additional investigative support for violent and gun crimes, extremist activities, human trafficking, hate crimes, narcotics trafficking, cybercrimes, and other emerging crimes.
- ▶ Invest in software, applications, and other resources to support analytical services, including audio/video clarification and digital forensics.
- ▶ Replace and obtain new specialized investigative equipment and provide technical expertise and training to agencies regarding the capabilities and implementation of the latest investigative tools, technology, and services.
- ▶ Develop, promote, and deliver trainings and other educational resources, including regional and nationwide conferences in the areas of human trafficking, narcotics, and homicide.
- ▶ Expand the development and distribution of School Action Response Plans and expand support for organized retail crime investigations and initiatives.

Information and Intelligence Sharing Solutions

- ▶ Expand and further strengthen authentication and security protocols, including multilayered approaches and standards-based solutions.
- ▶ Integrate RISS resources to expand deconfliction capabilities, streamline officer access to RISS resources, and enhance resource accessibility, such as developing mobile applications.
- ▶ Onboard and connect additional systems to RISSIntel and continue to educate partners on its features and functionality.
- ▶ Expand RISSProp throughout the RISS Center regions.
- ▶ Increase the number of agencies utilizing the RISS MCN, offer training, and develop educational materials.

Officer Safety and Wellness Efforts, Including RISSafe

- ▶ Enhance and further expand RISSafe and the RISS Officer Safety and Wellness Website.
- ▶ Develop focused campaigns to educate officers and leaders on the critical importance of deconfliction, officer safety, and law enforcement wellness.
- ▶ Work with deconfliction partners to enable target deconfliction capabilities.

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