



Annual Report RMIN 2023

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INFORMATION NETWORK, INC.



“I thank God every day for RMIN and their services. The service helping find victims or witnesses is fantastic. I had the Intel crew do a request for me about a week ago, and it was completed on the same day. Wow!”

~ Chief Investigator Arsenio Vigil, 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Colorado

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RMIN

Rocky Mountain Information Network, Inc. (RMIN), one of the six regional centers comprising RISS, is headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. RMIN's service area includes law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and portions of Canada. Over 19,000 sworn law enforcement officers in more than 1,000 member agencies benefit from support services available through RMIN.

RMIN resources include:

- RISSafe™, a 24/7 officer safety event deconfliction system
- RISSIntel™, a 28 CFR Part 23 approved criminal intelligence database
- Audio, video, and computer forensic services
- Training to help build expertise and promote officer safety
- RISS Money Counter Network (MCN) currency deconfliction
- Access to other investigative tools and various state, regional, and federal databases through RISSNET™
- Criminal and fraud case analysis
- Intelligence research services

RISS



The Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) program supports law enforcement efforts to combat crime, apprehend and prosecute offenders, resolve criminal investigations, and promote officer safety.

RISS has been congressionally funded for over 50 years, through grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. RISS appropriations support six RISS Centers, the RISS Technology Support Center, and all RISSNET services. RISS currently serves more than 9,000 local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and U.S. territories.

RISS provides analytical case support, RISSafe officer safety deconfliction, and criminal intelligence research information sharing, linking thousands of criminal justice agencies to combat crime.

Changes to the RMIN Executive Policy Board of Directors during 2023 resulted when the following individuals stepped down from the Board during the year:

Arizona

Heston Silbert, Director
Department of Public Safety
Dates of Service: 05/2020-01/2023

Utah

Cameron Noel, Sheriff
Bingham County Sheriff's Office
Dates of Service: 08/2018-01/2023

Nevada

James LaRochelle, Deputy Chief
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Dates of Service: 05/2021-02/2023

Wyoming

Forrest Williams, Interim Director
Division of Criminal Investigation
Dates of Service: 03/2020-05/2023

New Mexico

Tim Johnson, Chief
New Mexico State Police
Dates of Service: 11/2020-06/2023

Wyoming

Roy Eckerdt, Chief
Powell Police Department
Dates of Service: 11/2020-12/2023

2023 STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS



ANALYTICAL SERVICES

- Cell Tower Mapping
- 2D & 3D Crime Scene Diagrams
- Case-Toll-Communications - Timeline-Link Analysis
- Courtroom Charts
- Courtroom Testimony
- Financial Analysis
- Audio/Video Forensic Analysis
- Computer/Cell Phone/Digital Media Forensics

351
ANALYTICAL CASES
SUPPORTED

89,567
ANALYTICAL
PRODUCTS



INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH

- Investigative Reports
- Driver's License Photos
- Criminal Background Information
- Phone Provider/Subscriber Information
- Social Media Research
- Fugitive, Wanted, and Missing Person Checks
- FBI's National Data Exchange (N-DEX)
- Network of Law Enforcement Contacts
- Access to Partner Resources

5,394
RESEARCH
CASES
SUPPORTED



RISSafe
Officer Safety

290
RISSAFE ACTIVE
AGENCY USERS

45,746
RISSAFE EVENTS

7,853
RISSAFE CONFLICTS

RISSafe/ OFFICER SAFETY

- Nationwide Officer Safety Event Deconfliction (RISSafe)
- RISSafe Mobile™
- Videos & Safety Awareness Information
- Officer Safety Website
- BOLOs
- 24/7 RISSafe Watch Center



17,300
RISSNET USERS
(INDIVIDUALS)

RISSNET™ RESOURCES

- RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel™)
- RISS Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe™)
- RISSLeads™ Investigative Website
- RISS Money Counter Network™
- RISS Master Telephone Index™
- Access to Partner Resources



INFORMATION SHARING

- Criminal Intelligence
- Target/Subject Deconfliction
- Numerous Databases & Millions of Records
- Law Enforcement Briefings & Publications
- Special Research Reports
- Field Services Support & Technical Assistance

1,004
LAW ENFORCEMENT
COORDINATOR
ON-SITE VISITS



107
RMIN TRAINING
EVENTS

7,485
TRAINING
ATTENDEES

TRAINING

- Investigative Techniques
- Crime Trends
- Narcotics, Gangs, and Major Crimes
- Cybercrime
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Analytical
- Officer Safety
- Courtroom Testimony
- Criminal Intelligence



MEMBERSHIP

- Region includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY
- RMIN's coverage includes parts of Canada
- Local, state, federal, and tribal agencies

1,064
MEMBER AGENCIES



1,019,776
DISTRIBUTED PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- Annual Report
- Special Projects
- Analytical Eye
- Bulletin
- Training Opportunities

2023 TESTIMONIALS

"I have been a big cheerleader of RMIN within our agency because I know what the RISS centers bring to the table. I find it very easy to work with RMIN intelligence research analysts and I have used RMIN services for some time. I think with the number of fugitives we have located and arrested, it has been a win/win scenario for everyone. The public is safer with these fugitive targets being located and brought into the local court system."

~ Detective David Culver, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada

"The analyst's work in this case is the only reason the defendant took a plea, saving the victims the revictimization of having to go to trial. The analyst meticulously went through data from multiple devices and sources to link the information to the defendant in a manner that was organized and easy to understand. The analyst then graciously took the time to explain her findings to the defense counsel, helping to ensure a positive outcome for the victims in this case."

~ Assistant Bureau Chief Neha Bhatia, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Arizona

RISSINTEL DATABASE RECORDS

123,245 RMIN RECORDS

42,474 CONNECTED PARTNER
SYSTEM RECORDS

165,719 TOTAL RECORDS

129,682
INQUIRIES

6,480
HITS

11,664
NOTIFICATIONS

**OTHER
DATABASE
SEARCHES 14,435**

**MONEY
COUNTER
NETWORK**
\$5,106,604
CURRENCY SCANNED

15
TIMES ANALYSTS WERE
REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
COURTROOM TESTIMONY

2023 SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

		AZ	CO	ID	MT	NV	NM	UT	WY	OTHER	TOTAL
ANALYTICAL CASES SUPPORTED	CRIMINAL INTEL CASES	47	8	10	12	15	25	20	1	0	138
	AUDIO FORENSICS	8	4	6	3	4	4	3	5	1	38
	VIDEO FORENSICS	16	11	11	4	16	12	17	12	2	101
	COMPUTER FORENSICS	13	4	5	11	0	7	1	0	0	41
	FINANCIAL FRAUD	12	1	10	3	3	2	2	0	0	33
	ANALYTICAL CASES	96	28	42	33	38	50	43	18	3	351
TOTAL	192	56	84	66	76	16	100	36	6	702	

		AZ	CO	ID	MT	NV	NM	UT	WY	OTHER	TOTAL
ANALYTICAL PRODUCTS	CHARTS/GRAPHS	520	46	65	6	118	529	221	260	1	1,766
	CRIMINAL ACTIVITY SUMMARIES OR ASSESSMENTS	53	14	22	15	17	23	13	15	2	174
	COLLECTION PLANS/SURVEYS	52	16	16	10	22	19	15	25	2	177
	COMPUTER LISTINGS	696	37	100	468	75	130	41	47	3	1,597
	ANALYTICAL BRIEFINGS	117	19	29	14	30	46	34	22	3	314
	COMPILATIONS (CD, DVD, PP)	39	160	103	46	48	68	121	19	7	611
	IMAGES, VIDEO, AUDIO	501	180	805	65	1,095	81,226	793	66	197	84,928
TOTAL	1,978	472	1,140	624	1,405	82,041	1,238	454	215	89,567	

		AZ	CO	ID	MT	NV	NM	UT	WY	OTHER	TOTAL
INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH		1,615	209	75	256	1,890	477	103	36	733	5,394

		AZ	CO	ID	MT	NV	NM	UT	WY	OTHER	TOTAL
RISSAFE	ACTIVE AGENCY USERS	76	60	35	17	28	11	47	15	1	290
	WATCH CENTERS	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	5
	TOTAL EVENTS	12,252	6,595	1,449	569	12,386	4,319	7,442	731	3	45,746
	TOTAL CONFLICTS	2,932	1,839	31	18	1,077	103	1,803	49	1	7,853

		AZ	CO	ID	MT	NV	NM	UT	WY	SUBTOTAL	CANADA	OTHER	TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP	MUNICIPAL	69	88	49	26	16	34	80	39	401	3	0	404
	COUNTY	14	42	45	51	18	18	28	22	238	0	0	238
	STATE	13	9	5	4	11	9	6	8	65	1	0	66
	FEDERAL	35	27	15	15	12	13	12	8	137	9	1	147
	TRIBAL	10	2	1	1	5	5	0	0	24	1	0	25
	PROSECUTORS	11	15	22	6	4	13	6	3	80	0	0	80
	CORRECTIONS	9	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	20	0	0	20
	OTHER	23	24	4	6	2	9	11	5	84	0	0	84
TOTAL	184	208	143	111	70	103	144	86	1,049	14	1	1,064	



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS



ARIZONA

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: PLACED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

The Phoenix Police Department requested RMIN analytical support in an aggravated assault case. Police responded to a 911 call involving a victim who was assaulted and held against their will in their apartment. The victim was strangled and sexually assaulted but was ultimately able to attack the suspect and flee. A RMIN analyst aided the investigation by creating a cell tower map and a call timeline, which corroborated the victim's statements to police and placed the suspect near the victim's apartment at the time of the crime. Additionally, the analyst discovered the suspect continuously contacted the victim while hiding their caller identity prior to the attack. The suspect was found guilty by a jury and was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison.

COLORADO

HOMICIDE: CAUGHT ON CAMERA

The Routt County Sheriff's Office requested RMIN forensic audio/video analysis support in a homicide case. A man was stabbed to death by three individuals during a drug run. The suspects and victim were seen together on surveillance footage earlier in the night. The RMIN analyst was asked to review and clarify the footage. The analyst provided 27 images that were isolated from the video where the suspects and victim were identifiable, proving they were together on the night of the homicide. Two of the suspects pleaded guilty and were both sentenced to one year in jail and 16 years in prison. The third suspect pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 36 years in prison.

IDAHO

HOMICIDE: RECONSTRUCTING THE SCENE

The Washington County Prosecutor's Office requested RMIN analytical support in a homicide investigation. Two men got into a verbal argument over a property line. The altercation turned physical and resulted in one man shooting the other in the chest. The suspect initially claimed self-defense and pleaded not guilty. The RMIN analyst created a 3D crime scene reconstruction diagram, which showed different scenarios and angles of how the shooting could have occurred. The reconstruction did not support the suspect's claim of self-defense. After being confronted with the evidence against him, the suspect accepted a plea deal and pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to 21 years in prison.

MONTANA

NARCOTICS: FOLLOWING THE MONEY TRAIL

The Montana Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) requested RMIN equipment loan services for a narcotics investigation. The DCI task force requested to use the Money Counter System. After seizing several thousands of dollars during an investigation, agents ran the seized money through the Money Counter System and received a hit to a case from a different state. The agents were able to use the system to determine the exact bills in question. The Money Counter System saved countless hours and allowed the task force to further their investigation.

NEVADA

KIDNAPPING: RMIN ASSISTANCE IN REAL TIME

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) requested RMIN intelligence research assistance in a kidnapping and hostage situation. The suspect had taken a victim hostage and was throwing furniture out of a hotel window toward the pool area below.

Responding officers reached out to RMIN for assistance with obtaining a driver's license for the victim to confirm their suspected identity. The victim turned out to not be who the police initially thought they were, but the RMIN analyst was able to positively identify the victim using facial recognition. The RMIN analyst also used facial recognition to identify the suspect, who was a wanted fugitive from another state. The stand-off lasted for nearly six hours and the RMIN analyst assisted in real time to provide valuable information to the hostage negotiator on scene. LVMPD was able to safely rescue the victim and arrest the suspect. The suspect pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property and disregarding another person's safety. He was sentenced to 19 to 48 months in prison.

NEW MEXICO

SWATTING: TRACING THE CALL

The Bernalillo Police Department requested RMIN intelligence research assistance in a swatting case. A subject called in a highly dangerous threat against a high school. A RMIN analyst researched the phone number used to call in the threat and found it was generated using a common cell phone messaging application. They also found that another number, with all the same digits except the final one, was used to make a similar threat against a California high school one day prior. Upon reviewing the call taker notes from each incident, the RMIN analyst noticed the threats made were similar in nature. The analyst sent their findings along with a list of additional swatting incidents from around the country to Bernalillo PD. After receiving the information, Bernalillo PD determined there was no valid threat to the high school and de-escalated their response.

UTAH

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING: CLEARING UP THE CASE

The Davis County Attorney's Office requested RMIN's forensic audio/video analysis support in an officer involved shooting case. An officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an illegal license plate synonymous with the "sovereign citizen" movement. During the stop the suspect was uncooperative with the officers. The officers noticed the suspect reach for a gun and a shooting occurred. Both officers were wearing body cameras, but the footage was very dark. The audio/video forensics analyst brightened the videos, which made it possible to determine that the suspect was armed. The Davis County Attorney's Office determined that the use of force by the responding officers was justified and that neither would face criminal charges.

WYOMING

CHILD EXPLOITATION: CORROBRATING THE EVIDENCE

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) requested RMIN analytical support on a child exploitation case. SCSO received a report from the Wyoming Department of Family Services alleging a suspect had sexual contact with an underage female. A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's online accounts. The analyst extracted, reviewed, and organized data from the subpoenaed accounts that corroborated the allegations from the minor victim. When confronted with the corroborating evidence, the suspect confessed and pleaded guilty to second-degree sexual abuse of a minor. They were sentenced to 120 days in jail with three years of probation and a four-to-seven-year suspended sentence.

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