



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 promotes officer safety.



The **Western States Information Network (WSIN)**, one of the six RISS Centers, began providing service to its regional participating agencies in 1981. WSIN's region consists of:

- Alaska
- California
- Hawaii
- Oregon
- Washington
- Parts of Canada, Guam, and New Zealand

Since 1981, the number of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies benefiting from WSIN services has grown to include 1,552 agencies.

WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK ALASKA – FY2017

68 Member Agencies
 496 Access Officers
 2,076 Intelligence Database Inquiries
 396 Intelligence Database Hits
 288 RISS Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe) Events Submitted
 31,790 Bulletins Disseminated
 45,215,465 Law Enforcement Database Records Available Nationwide



WSIN and RISS a Key to Combating Human Trafficking

As part of the nationwide RISS network, WSIN delivers valuable products and services to assist law enforcement personnel in investigating and prosecuting major crimes, including those involving human trafficking organizations, at no cost.

RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel)—RISSIntel is a trusted database that connects law enforcement agencies regionally and throughout the nation that are investigating the same subjects involved in major crimes, including human trafficking. A key feature of RISSIntel is that it is not simply a “human trafficking database.” RISSIntel is a database that contains subjects for which there is criminal predicate relating to a multitude of crimes, thereby allowing law enforcement officers to “connect the dots” between the gang members and/or drug traffickers, who are also engaging in human and/or sex trafficking.

RISSafe Watch Center—RISSafe provides human trafficking task forces with a means to avoid blue-on-blue conflicts when they conduct surveillance, serve a search/arrest warrant, or perform other operations. RISSafe events are monitored on a 24/7/365 basis by personnel in a watch center. This ensures that law enforcement officers are continuously supported with immediate access to the RISSIntel database and RISSafe deconfliction and receive immediate notification of conflicts.

Specialized Equipment Program—WSIN loans a variety of specialized and custom-built covert equipment to assist law enforcement officers in pursuing human trafficking and other criminal organizations.

Analytical Support—WSIN's analytical assistance enhances investigations by organizing the information developed and presenting a variety of visual products that demonstrate the breadth of the human trafficking enterprise: the key players, including pimps, johns, recruiters, and victims; the geographical scope of the criminal organization; communication between key subjects; and chronological incidents.

ALASKA LEADERSHIP FOR WSIN

In addition to federal monitoring, WSIN is governed by a Board of Directors composed of state and local representatives from each participating state. In Alaska, these leadership positions are held by the following WSIN Board members:

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Examples of WSIN Successes in **Alaska**

Alaska State Troopers

RISSIntel

A double homicide occurred near Cantwell, resulting in a two-year-long investigation by the Alaska State Troopers (AST). The AST utilized both RISSIntel and RISSafe during the course of its investigation. The investigation concluded with the arrest of an individual. The suspect has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

Alaska law enforcement agencies conducted 2,076 RISSIntel database inquiries, resulting in 396 hits to existing information, or a 19 percent hit ratio. Alaska law enforcement agencies made 230 database submissions in support of criminal investigations ranging from fraud to murder.

RISSIntel submissions included:

- assault
- burglary
- crimes against children
- drugs/narcotics
- flight/escape
- fraud
- gang crimes
- homicide
- human trafficking
- organized crime
- sex offenses
- stolen property
- weapon offenses

In addition, 288 law enforcement operations were posted in RISSafe, resulting in 18 conflicts identified and successfully resolved without harmful consequences. Law enforcement operations included:

- arrest warrants
- buy/busts of contraband
- controlled deliveries
- probation/parole searches
- search warrants
- surveillances

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