

RNPG Chair Participates on Panel at IACP Conference

Information is critical to solving crimes and ensuring officer safety. Historically, many law enforcement agencies held pieces of information but were not able to share the information securely across jurisdictions. Programs such as RISS and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Law Enforcement National Data Exchange (N-DEx) have helped break down silos and solve information sharing gaps. In addition, technology has streamlined and advanced the ability to quickly query systems and obtain results, but the vast amount of information can be overwhelming. Law enforcement personnel simply do not have time to search for and validate the reliability of data or to log on and query multiple systems. Information should be easily accessible, proactively vetted, and secure.

The ability to share information is one of the most powerful tools available to public safety. Having access to the right information can solve crimes, disrupt illegal activity, and maximize resources. Sharing information across all levels of government, across disciplines, and with the private sector can be confusing at times as to the types of information that can be shared and the restrictions that may apply.

In October, Donald Kennedy, Chair of the RISS National Policy Group (RNPG) and Executive Director of the NESPIN RISS Center, participated as a panel member at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference Workshop entitled "Understanding the Line Between Criminal Information, Incidents, Investigation, and Intelligence." The panel discussed and provided examples of sharing various types of information by fusion centers, government agencies at all levels, and entities specifically required to follow the 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23 guidelines.

As part of Mr. Kennedy's presentation, he provided a brief overview of the RISS Program as well as the various types of information available through RISS's resources, including intelligence resources such as the RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel). Mr. Kennedy also reported on the dozens of intelligence databases, including fusion centers, that are currently and being connected to RISSIntel. He also provided information on the RISS Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe) and key investigative databases, such as the RISS Property and Recovery Tracking System (RISSProp).

RISS is proud of its partnership with IACP and honored to serve on this panel. Information sharing is a key component to ensuring officer safety and supporting case resolution.