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## **Key RISS Representatives Participate in NNOAC Conference**

The National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) held its annual conference in Washington, DC, in February. Many key RISS representatives participated in the conference, including RISS policy board members, the RISS Directors, the RISS Chief Information Officer, and the RISS Chief Technology Officer. For many years, RISS and the NNOAC have shared a strong partnership. The NNOAC represents more than 55,000 narcotic law enforcement officers across the nation and continues to support RISS in its efforts to advance information and intelligence

sharing, provide critical case support to law enforcement, and deconflict high-risk law enforcement operations. The NNOAC membership sees firsthand the harmful and deadly results of narcotics across our country. These men and women risk their lives daily to combat drug trafficking, respond to our nation's opioid crisis, and remove narcotics and contraband from our streets. Many of the services and resources offered by RISS directly support narcotics officers with their investigative and prosecution efforts.

During the conference, the RISS National Policy Group Chair, Donald F. Kennedy, and the RISS Chief Technology Officer, Julie Humphrey, provided a presentation on the RISS Program; its support for narcotics investigations, including opioids; and provided highlights of RISS's newest initiative—the next generation of the RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel). RISS serves as a critical infrastructure for law enforcement information and intelligence sharing. The new RISSIntel leverages Software as a Service (SaaS) to enable agencies of all sizes, including rural agencies, the ability to maintain their own intelligence software. RISSIntel SaaS is being built in the Azure Government cloud, offering the highest level of security, scalability, and flexibility.

The RISS Technology Support Center (RTSC), RISS's nationwide data center, has been diligently working with subject experts from across the country to ensure that the needs of law enforcement officers, intelligence analysts, and watch center personnel are met. Features of the new software are already being deployed and many more will be available in the weeks and months ahead. This initiative is a significant milestone in helping to advance the nation's criminal justice strategy and to create an effective and efficient information sharing environment.

A number of speakers, including Senator Tom Cotton (Arkansas); Congressman John Rutherford (Florida—4th District); Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker; Director Jon Adler, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice; Deputy Director David Bowdich, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and many others addressed the attendees. It was an opportunity to learn about recent trends, emerging issues, replicable solutions, and critical services related to narcotics investigations.

For examples of how RISS has helped narcotics investigations throughout the country, visit [www.riss.net/Impact](http://www.riss.net/Impact).