



2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

RMIN

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



RMIN resources include:

- RISSafe™, a 24/7 officer safety event deconfliction system
- Access to investigative tools and various state, regional and federal databases through RISSNET™
- Criminal and fraud case analysis
- Intelligence Research services
- Audio, Video and Digital Forensic services
- Training to help build expertise and promote officer safety

RISS

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



RISS is congressionally funded and receives funding through grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. RISS appropriation supports all six RISS Centers, the RISS Technology Support Center and all RISS services and programs. Through its six regional centers, RISS serves more than 9,000 local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

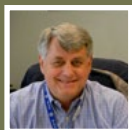
RISS provides case support, enhances officer safety through deconfliction and securely links thousands of criminal justice agencies to allow for intelligence sharing to combat crime, while promoting officer safety.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

Highlights of RMIN services for more than 1,000 law enforcement member agencies in 2019 included the following:

- **Analytical** - Supported 264 analytical cases including criminal investigations on homicides, cold case investigations, fraud/embezzlement cases, and digital forensics (computer, cell phone, audio/visual enhancement requests) which also involved hundreds of arrests and scores of successful criminal prosecutions. More than 9,300 analytical products were produced in support of those criminal investigations.
- **Courtroom Testimony** - RMIN analysts participated in formal interviews or provided courtroom testimony on 15 occasions for agencies, prosecutors or defense counsel requests to appear with a majority of trials resulting in guilty convictions or plea bargain agreements.
- **Intel Research** - Completed 4,310 agency requests for criminal intelligence research services.
- **RISSafe** - RMIN member agencies submitted 43,859 events into RISSafe using six Watch Centers in the RMIN region and the WSIN Watch Center. At least 8,051 potential conflicts were safely resolved, with a 100% deconfliction success rate: No undercover officers were injured/killed and no criminal investigations were compromised involving agencies using RISSafe.
- **Currency Deconfliction** - Expanded criminal currency investigative capabilities using the RISS Money Counter Program deconfliction database in partnership with HIDTA and DEA offices to assist in tracking the illicit flow of currency, counterfeit bills, and undercover "buy" funds in counter drug investigations and operations.
- **Publications** - Disseminated 29 special publications and 94 electronic "blast" alerts for criminal investigations to 632,605 individual law enforcement recipients.
- **RISSIntel™** - Added 18,936 new submissions (criminal intelligence) and received 694,009 database inquiries by member agencies in support of ongoing criminal investigations.
- **Oversight** - RISSIntel is a nation-wide criminal intelligence database with built-in 28 CFR Part 23 intelligence oversight. RISSIntel information is based on "criminal predicate" (reasonable suspicion of criminal activity) for submission/retention. While submitting agencies retain ownership of their criminal intelligence within RISSIntel, RMIN assists with active oversight by annually reviewing the database to ensure all criminal intelligence contained within RISSIntel is 28 CFR compliant.
- **Tribal** - Expanded RMIN tribal membership to include 32 agencies throughout the region, including a tribal agency in Canada.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Jeff L. Pierce
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RMIN

2019 RMIN EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RMIN, serving as one of six regional centers that make up the RISS (Regional Information Sharing Systems) Program, fills an important role in law enforcement information sharing services. With national name recognition and a regional focus, the RISS program provides dedicated analytical and deconfliction services to agencies nationwide. Within the RMIN region, we serve more than 1,000 federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

RMIN, along with other RISS Centers, provides critical, cost-effective resources to large and small agencies to enhance their effectiveness in combating crime.

Specifically, *the RISS Program is the only DOJ federally funded grant program* that:

- Maintains a secure, web-based, remotely accessible, free, 28 CFR compliant (with built-in oversight) criminal intelligence database available to all participating member agencies that retain ownership over their criminal intelligence information submitted into that database (RISSIntel).
- Offers secure, remotely accessible, officer safety event deconfliction services with Watch Centers operated by RISS, regional HIDTAs and Fusion Centers nationwide to protect sensitive operations and undercover officers from potential overlapping (blue on blue) conflicts (RISSafe). In 2019, RISS noted a milestone by entering more than two million events over the past 11 years, with a 100% successful deconfliction rate, all provided at no cost to participating agencies.
- Provides direct support to member agencies, including prosecutors at all levels of government, with case-specific assigned criminal intelligence analysts assisting member agencies in analyzing criminal evidence to assist investigators and prosecutors solve crimes and prosecute accused suspects. RMIN analysts often testify at trial as “expert witnesses” on behalf of the prosecution.

RMIN/RISS is a widely used, well-recognized national law enforcement resource with a regional focus and an individual agency application/benefit and has served as an effective grant program with bi-partisan Congressional support for more than 40 years.



Changes to the RMIN Executive Policy Board of Directors during 2019 resulted when the following individuals stepped down from the Board during the year:

James M. Wright <i>Director</i> Department of Public Safety Nevada January 2013 – January 2019	Christopher Darcy <i>Deputy Chief</i> Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Nevada October 2017 – October 2019	Scott Weaver <i>Cabinet Secretary</i> Department of Public Safety New Mexico February 2016 – January 2019
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2019 STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

RMIN SERVICES

Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, RMIN serves about 19,000 law enforcement officers from more than 1,000 member agencies in its eight-state region (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming) and three provinces in Canada. For a more detailed statistical breakdown, [CLICK HERE](#).

1,051
MEMBER
AGENCIES

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

264
ANALYTICAL
CASES
SUPPORTED

9,376
ANALYTICAL
PRODUCTS

RISSafe / OFFICER SAFETY

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

469
RISSafe
PARTICIPATING
AGENCIES

43,859
RISSafe EVENTS

8,051
RISSafe CONFLICTS

INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH

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

4,310
RESEARCH
CASES
SUPPORTED

INFORMATION SHARING

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

731
LAW
ENFORCEMENT
INFORMATION
COORDINATOR
ON-SITE VISITS

RISSNET™ RESOURCES

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

988
RISSNET USERS
(AGENCIES)

15,942
RISSNET USERS
(INDIVIDUALS)

TRAINING

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

98
RMIN TRAINING
EVENTS

4,233
TRAINING
ATTENDEES

PUBLICATIONS

- RMIN Bulletin
- Analytical Eye
- Attempt to Locate
- Annual Report
- Training Opportunities
- Request for Information
- Fugitive at Large
- Wanted Person

632,605
DISTRIBUTED
PUBLICATIONS

HOMICIDE



While pursuing a fleeing suspect, one of the responding officers—Officer Darrin Reed—was shot in the forehead and died at the scene. He had served more than 20 years in law enforcement and reportedly was months away from retirement. RMIN analysts compiled digital evidence into a format for presentation at trial; hundreds of pages of text messages and thousands of pages of social media messages were analyzed and photos were presented to the defense. “Without a doubt, [RMIN’s] products solidified the State’s ability to secure plea agreements from all defendants that, with the input of Officer Reed’s family, has delivered some measure of justice to Officer Reed’s family. I could not have understood the digital evidence and been able to utilize the digital evidence in such a way as to bring a just resolution to this case without the assistance of RMIN.”

~Lee White, Deputy County Attorney, Navajo County Attorney’s Office, Arizona

FRAUD



RMIN analysts organized and indexed evidential documents, created a link chart of investigative leads and calculated the financial loss for detectives investigating a scheme that defrauded more than 1,000 victims of more than three quarters of a million dollars. The defendant plead guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud in connection with the timeshare/telemarketing scheme and was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison and ordered to pay more than \$200,000 in restitution.

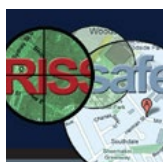
HOMICIDE



Three RMIN analysts—one in criminal intelligence, one in computer forensics and one in audio/video forensics—assisted a rural police department during an investigation into a homicide. The analysts extracted evidence from cell phones, tablets, computers and security video. Cell phone timelines were produced and text messages sent and received by the primary suspect were extracted; security video was analyzed; two of the analysts subsequently testified at the murder trial.

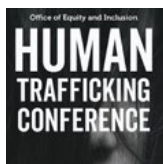
The defendant was found guilty of first-degree murder.

RISSafe



New Mexico State Police activated its Critical Intelligence Analysis Center (CIAC) on July 1, establishing the CIAC RISSafe Watch Center and designating RISSafe as its primary officer safety deconfliction tool for New Mexico State Police. And in response to a request from the New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, the CIAC will process after-hours deconfliction events for all HIDTA-funded task forces in New Mexico. This partnership between RISS, New Mexico State Police and New Mexico HIDTA serves to enhance officer safety/deconfliction for all law enforcement in New Mexico. RISSafe services are offered 24/7, free of charge to all law enforcement throughout the United States.

TRAINING



RMIN was invited to present at the 2019 Idaho Human Trafficking Conference hosted by the Nampa Police Department, the Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center [IC]² and the United States Department of Justice. RMIN staff provided training to acquaint participants with analytical services available to law enforcement member agencies with a focus on human trafficking investigations.

LOCATING A WITNESS

With RMIN’s assistance, detectives identified, located and successfully contacted a homicide witness.

“RMIN has been incredible to work with. Their professionalism, courtesy and knowledge has been a crucial part of Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Office success in several recent criminal investigations.”

~Sheriff Jason Frederick, Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Office, Montana

“You people are awesome. Your information is provided in a timely manner and the information and photo quality are excellent. Thank you for what you do.”

~ Criminal Investigator, Victor Ruvalcaba, Nevada State Contractor’s Board

“As you know, cases like this in a small community can be extremely tough on the PD. Thanks for the help and please share the success of the case with the staff that helped us. It was appreciated!”

~Chief Jeff Wilson, Orofino Police Department, Idaho

“[RMIN analysts] provided us key information crucial in putting together this case. I can’t express our gratitude!”

~Prosecuting Attorney E. Clayne Tyler, Clearwater County Prosecuting Attorney, Idaho

“I want to thank you for providing RMIN assistance to the East Valley Fusion Center during Operation ‘Break Free.’ We value the resource assistance from RMIN that helped with making this operation successful. Both [RMIN analysts] did a great job with research. At times there were numerous requests coming in . . . and both analysts were able to provide the information in a timely manner to help the detectives working the field. This was truly a collaborative effort involving multiple agencies and was a success because of the teamwork and collaboration from all agencies.”

~Sergeant Jodie Martinez, Mesa Police Department, Arizona



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