



# 2018 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

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

Highlights of RMIN's 2018 service and support to its 1,000+ member agencies included:

- producing 4,237 analytical products
- completing 3,844 intelligence research cases
- deconflicting 39,214 RISSafe™ events for officer safety – resolving more than 5,390 actual conflicts (i.e., potential officer “blue-on-blue” encounters) without injuries or compromised operations and at no cost to law enforcement agencies
- expanding deconfliction to include “money deconfliction,” providing money counter equipment, laptops and the RISS Money Counter Program (MCP) to track/deconflict currency seized by law enforcement
- closely partnering with fusion centers and HDTAs for information sharing as well as special Tactical and/or Intelligence Liaison Training programs for Utah, Colorado and Arizona
- developing and maintaining secure websites for narcotics and human trafficking criminal investigators
- focusing on special support for tribal law enforcement, including providing a secure tribal RISS7 criminal intelligence database and co-sponsoring key tribal agency initiatives

## 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.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INFORMATION NETWORK

2018

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Jeff L. Pierce**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RMIN

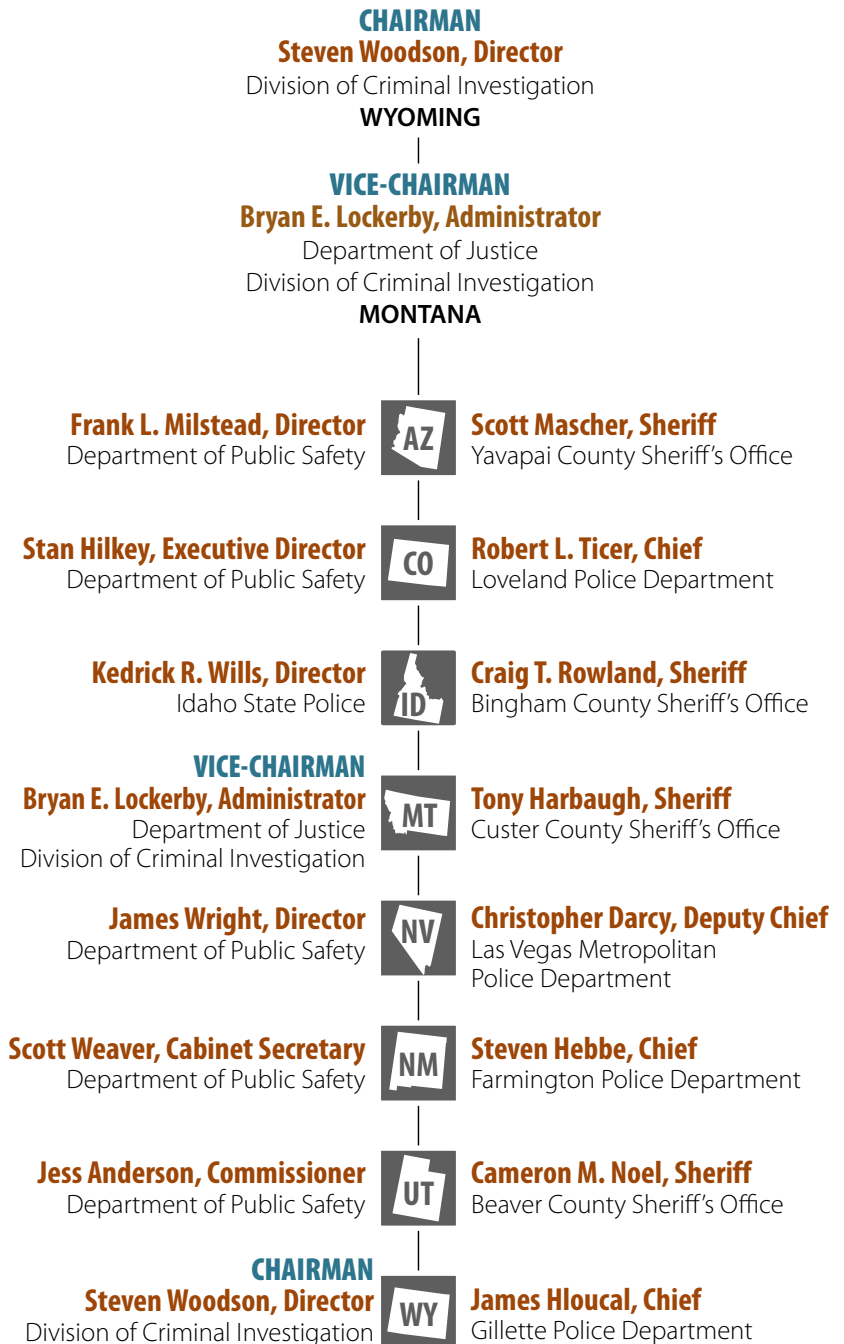
# 2018 RMIN EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RMIN has now been in existence for more than 40 years...serving state, local, and tribal law enforcement, as well as our federal partners in a combined effort to help agencies combat crime throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Since 1977, RMIN has grown and expanded its core services in many ways. For example, during the last decade...RMIN began offering RISSafe officer safety/event deconfliction services to all law enforcement agencies...at no cost to those agencies.

In 2018 alone, almost 40,000 events were processed by five active RISSafe Watch Centers within the region and thousands of potential "conflicts" (blue-on-blue situations) were safely resolved. Additionally, RMIN provided more than 200 analytical casework services to member agencies and processed thousands of Intelligence Research requests, supporting criminal investigations for hundreds of member agencies. Analytical and Research support involved homicides, illegal drug trafficking, human trafficking, fraud/embezzlement, and support on "cold case" criminal investigations. RMIN field services Law Enforcement Information Coordinators established and actively supported multi-agency intelligence and information-sharing groups with investigators and law enforcement associations, including active support for the Western States Sheriff's Association, and the Indian Country Intelligence Network (Arizona).

RMIN continues to provide an excellent "return on investment" as a value-added resource for the 1,000+ RISS member agencies within the region. RMIN exists to help law enforcement in combatting crime, share timely intelligence products, and promote officer safety. Many member agencies are small departments, located in rural areas, where they must protect local communities with limited resources. Other larger departments are located in busy urban areas, where many law enforcement agencies provide services. For large and small departments, multi-agency coordination is an absolute requirement for effectively combatting crime.

RMIN provides tailored services to meet the special needs of small, rural departments and large, urban agencies alike. All benefit from RMIN membership. This annual report includes highlights of the types of services and positive impact from tailored support RMIN provided to agencies and prosecutors during 2018. Thanks to all who have supported RMIN/RISS over the years. Your active use of RMIN services truly sustains the RISS Program!



Changes to the RMIN Executive Policy Board of Directors during 2018 resulted when the following individuals stepped down from the Board during the year:

**Keith Squires, Commissioner**  
Department of Public Safety – Utah  
November 2007 – August 2018

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**James O. Tracy, Sheriff**  
Utah County Sheriff's Office – Utah  
June 2004 – August 2018

## 2018 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 list of RMIN agencies, [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

**221**  
ANALYTICAL  
CASES  
SUPPORTED

**4,237**  
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

**39,214**  
RISSafe EVENTS

**5,397**  
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

**3,844**  
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

**919**  
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

**975**  
RISSNET USERS  
(AGENCIES)

**14,686**  
RISSNET USERS  
(INDIVIDUALS)

### TRAINING

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

**55**  
RMIN TRAINING  
EVENTS

**3,896**  
MEMBERS  
ATTENDING  
TRAINING

### PUBLICATIONS

- RMIN Bulletin
- Annual Report
- Attempt to Identify
- Request for Information
- Attempt to Locate
- Fugitive at Large

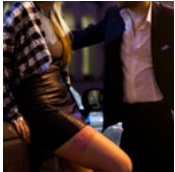
**502,606**  
DISTRIBUTED  
PUBLICATIONS





## CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

RMIN continues to assist a federal agency with an international case involving possession, distribution, production, and accessing with the intent to view child pornography. A second phase of this investigation is underway and has resulted in 28 search warrants executed, 34 arrests, 3 indictments, 1 conviction and 8 previously unidentified minor child victims identified and rescued over the last several months.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

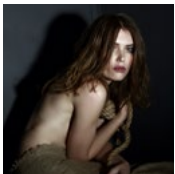
RMIN's Intelligence Research Services assisted a team of law enforcement agencies with two Human Trafficking operations. During the operations, 83 requests for information were processed, 72 background checks performed, 29 open source requests managed, 4 suspects identified by facial recognition and 23 arrests made.



## ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE

RMIN Analytical provided services in an attempted homicide investigation that resulted in a 45-year prison sentence for the defendant. The defendant stabbed the victim six times and slashed the victim's throat with a serrated knife. The defendant then poured a bottle of liquid multi-purpose cleaner on the victim's eyes and left the victim to die. The victim survived, called 9-1-1 and identified her attacker to responding police officers before collapsing. The victim endured multiple surgeries and after months of recovery, regained the ability to speak, see and use her hands although she was permanently disfigured. The RMIN analyst compiled the call detail records and mobile device extraction report and composed a presentation for trial that incorporated a month's worth of the defendant's mobile device records, case events and details. The mapping of the data highlighted an anomaly in the patterns of the defendant's mobile device on the day of the incident. This critical evidence helped corroborate the victim's account, illustrate the mechanics of the crimes and provide material for cross examination.

*"RMIN is a partner in [the county district attorney's office] efforts to organize large, complex, and serious cases such as this. I and my colleagues hope that our great relationship continues for many years to come."*



## SEXUAL ASSAULT:

RMIN's Intelligence Research Unit created a bulletin for notification of a fugitive-at-large believed to be traveling from New Mexico to Arizona. The fugitive reportedly battered and forcibly raped an adult female victim

with whom he had prior relations. The fugitive drugged and forced the victim to engage in sexual intercourse with several unknown conspirators in exchange for money and drugs. The bulletin was electronically dispersed to New Mexico and Arizona law enforcement agencies. The day after the bulletin was released, the fugitive was located and arrested.



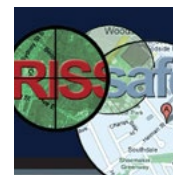
## UNIDENTIFIED BODY:

A county sheriff's office contacted RMIN for assistance in identifying an overdose victim, providing RMIN with the license plate of the vehicle the investigator believed the victim had been driving. Research provided the name of the vehicle's registered owner and uncovered additional information that the investigator pursued with a drug task force in another state. The two agencies worked together to identify the male as a Guatemalan national in the U.S. illegally. Additional investigation led to the federal indictment of a Mexican national, also determined to be in the U.S. illegally. Agencies believe the two individuals were working together to traffic large quantities of drugs, including heroin and meth mixed with fentanyl, onto a tribal reservation, resulting in at least three deaths and other, non-fatal overdoses on the reservation this year. RMIN provided the agency with the names of relatives of the Guatemalan national in California, which allowed officers to notify his relatives of his passing.



## HOMICIDE:

RMIN's Analytical assistance was requested in a 2016 homicide case involving two defendants who allegedly initiated a drug deal with the intent to rob the victim. A scuffle ensued and one of the defendants allegedly stabbed and killed the victim. RMIN provided maps of both defendants' cell phone records, call timelines, a timeline of events (to include 9-1-1 audio clips) and a timeline of Facebook private message conversations. The defendant who stabbed the victim accepted a 60-year plea deal, and the defendant who initiated the drug deal accepted a 40-year plea deal.



## RISSafe:

RMIN Watch Center Specialists were asked to enter an address into RISSafe for surveillance during a narcotics investigation. Eighty-seven pounds of methamphetamine (valued at \$174,000), one-half pound of heroin (valued at \$5,200), eight pounds of marijuana (valued at \$3,200), two firearms and \$14,000 were seized. One suspect was arrested.



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