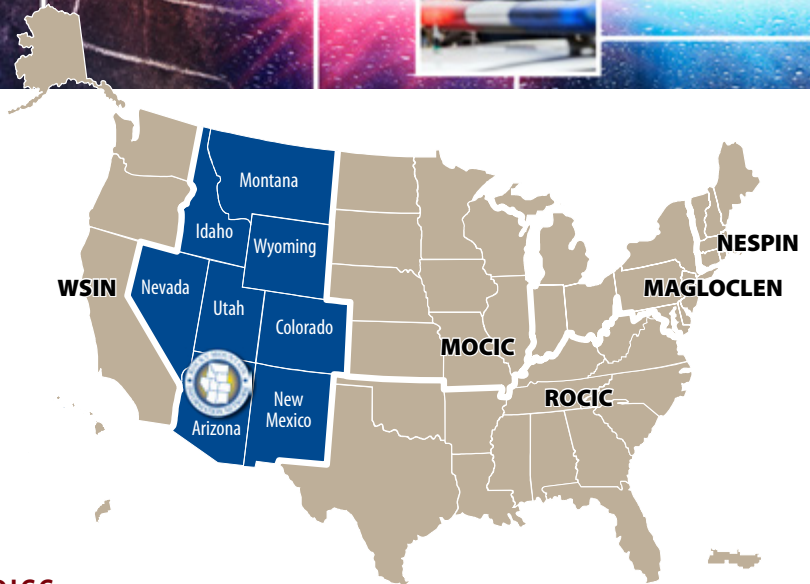




## 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights of RMIN's 2017 service and support to its 1,000+ member agencies included:

- producing 6,448 analytical products
- completing 4,654 intelligence research cases
- deconflicting 36,905 RISSafe™ events for officer safety – resolving over 4,000 actual conflicts (i.e., potential officer “blue on blue” encounter) without injuries or compromised operations and at no cost to law enforcement agencies
- expanding deconfliction to include “moneydeconfliction,” providing money counter equipment with laptops and a RISS application to track/deconflict money seized by law enforcement
- closely partnering with fusion centers and HIDTAs 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.

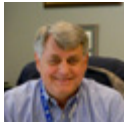
RISS provides case support, enhances officer safety through deconfliction and securely links thousands of criminal justice agencies to allow for intelligence sharing to combat crime, while promoting officer safety.

### 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



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**Jeff L. Pierce**  
RMIN

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

RMIN continues to provide a wide array of valuable investigative services to law enforcement member agencies. An important factor that is not covered in statistical reports or summary assessments is the very real value of quality work and staff dedication provided to agencies by both RMIN Center Staff and RMIN Law Enforcement Information Coordinators. Let me highlight just a few examples that occurred during 2017.

- RMIN coordinators in partnership with FBI N-DEX staff encouraged expanded use of N-DEX as a cost-effective investigative resource for state & local investigators. Results – from Jan to Aug 2017, N-DEX use by RMIN/RISS state/local members and Center staff increased from 5,000 inquiries to almost 150,000 inquiries per month! Cases solved, suspects located, new investigative leads obtained at no extra cost to local agencies. Smart use of existing resources underutilized for years. RISS credibility expanded the use of an excellent FBI database to help solve local crimes.
- In early 2017, RISS signed an MOU with the FBI that recognized the RISS Program as a “trusted partner” and valuable resource for law enforcement in combatting crime.
- A RMIN Research analyst provided new investigative leads to an agency on a child porn “human trafficking” investigation. Results – the case expanded to a dozen states, several countries and multiple continents; almost 30 arrests and many victims rescued!
- RMIN provided analysts to fusion centers during special events and targeted special operations. Results – fugitives and sex traffickers arrested, victims rescued, and local communities protected.

The above examples all testify to the value of RMIN and the RISS Program for law enforcement. We are honored to serve you, assist law enforcement, and promote officer safety always.

# EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Changes to the RMIN Executive Policy Board of Directors during 2017 resulted when the following individuals stepped down from the Board during the year:

**Ralph W. Powell, Director**  
Idaho State Police  
**Idaho**  
March 2013 - July 2017

**Walter K. Vanatta, Chief**  
Craig Police Department  
**Colorado**  
January 2003 - August 2017

**Mathew M. McCarthy, Deputy Chief**  
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
**Nevada**  
October 2016 - October 2017

# 2017 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](#).

**1,058**  
MEMBER  
AGENCIES

**469**  
RISSafe  
PARTICIPATING  
AGENCIES

**36,905**  
RISSafe  
EVENTS

**4,006**  
RISSafe  
CONFLICTS

### 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

### 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

**242**  
ANALYTICAL  
CASES  
SUPPORTED

**6,448**  
ANALYTICAL  
PRODUCTS

**4,654**  
RESEARCH  
CASES  
SUPPORTED

### INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH

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

### RISSNET™ RESOURCES

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

**986**  
RISSNET  
USERS  
(AGENCIES)

**15,226**  
RISSNET  
USERS  
(INDIVIDUALS)

**935**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
INFORMATION  
COORDINATOR  
ON-SITE VISITS

### 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

### TRAINING

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

**59**  
RMIN TRAINING  
EVENTS

**4,190**  
MEMBERS  
ATTENDING  
TRAINING

**729,501**  
DISTRIBUTED  
PUBLICATIONS

### PUBLICATIONS

- RMIN Bulletin
- Investigations
- Training Opportunities



### RISS MONEY COUNTER PROJECT

During 2017-18, RMIN deployed Money Counter Project (MCP) kits to fusion centers and task forces in each of the eight RMIN states. Each MCP kit included a money counter, a computer with touch screen, a printer and a secure RISS application that records and deconflicts each seized bill/currency by serial number and image. The equipment, applications, training and follow-on service support was provided free to participating fusion centers and task forces.

For a more detailed statistical breakdown [click here](#)



# HIGHLIGHTS



**Sex Trafficking:** In a follow-up to Operation Cross Country XI, the FBI's annual law enforcement action focused on recovering underage victims of prostitution, RMIN analysts researched and provided victim contact information to task force officers at a fusion center.

Equipped with contact information provided by RMIN analysts, task force officers then reached out to victims to offer assistance from state protective services.



**Child Pornography:** A tip related to child pornography from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children led police officers to obtain a search warrant that resulted in the seizure of two laptops that were sent to RMIN for forensic examination. Images and videos of child pornography were located on the devices. Two suspects were arrested: one suspect took a plea while the other went to trial. During the trial, the Computer Forensic Analyst from RMIN testified as an expert witness to the criminal evidence discovered on the laptops and the suspect was found guilty.



**Assault/Pursuit/Live Shooter:** A traffic stop, shots fired at deputies, a crash, a foot pursuit and a wild animal park lockdown: When a suspect fled from deputies during a traffic stop and fired at officers during the pursuit, an Intelligence Research Analyst from RMIN provided law enforcement with a photo of the suspect while the pursuit was in progress. The suspect crashed his vehicle and then fled on foot toward a wild animal park; the park went into lockdown. The photo was shared with law enforcement engaged in the pursuit and the suspect was located hiding in a ditch and quickly apprehended.



**Narcotics:** A police department working an ongoing multijurisdictional narcotics investigation asked RMIN's Digital Forensics Analyst to recover data from a cell phone and save it in a digital format that would allow investigators to search for information related to the investigation. The extraction was successful and the data was provided to the investigators in a format and timeframe beneficial to the investigation. The suspect took a plea agreement. "Thank you for the analysis of the cellular telephone. It was done in a very timely fashion and the assistance was greatly appreciated. We were very impressed. Thanks again."



**Special Event:** RMIN provided intelligence research and federated database checks for officer safety and investigative support deconfliction purposes through on-site staffing during Arizona Bike Week, billed as the biggest motorcycle event in the Southwest. Multi-agency law enforcement cooperation monitored Outlaw Motorcycle Gang activities, resulting in valuable intelligence while helping to ensure officer safety during the event.



**N-DEX Partnership:** Using the RMIN portal to access the FBI's N-DEX system, a Corrections Department manager in one state got a "hit" on a record that showed a fugitive had been arrested in a neighboring state on charges of concealing his identity and possessing a controlled substance. A bench warrant was obtained and the detention facility contacted; the subject was served while he was in custody in the other state. Access to the N-DEX database through RMIN allowed the manager to identify the absconder who was detained in another jurisdiction.



**Child Pornography:** A federal agency reached out to RMIN for assistance in researching investigative leads on a multinational human trafficking undercover investigation, which now includes several countries on multiple continents. Individuals — a minister, an instructional aide for mentally-challenged individuals and a school principal, among others — who held jobs working with young adults and children have been arrested for possession, distribution and production of child pornography. The investigation continues to expand while criminal leads are developed.



**Fraud and Money Laundering:** A RMIN analyst provided research and case organization for an investigation involving a scheme to defraud retailers of millions of dollars through gift cards. The primary suspect pled guilty to fraud and money laundering and acknowledged that losses associated with the scheme were between \$3.5 and \$9.5 million. The case expanded to Oklahoma and involved investigations from federal and municipal agencies.



**Fraud:** In an investigation involving Medicare fraud, a podiatrist rendered routine footcare and billed Medicare for services at a higher reimbursement rate. The RMIN analyst organized phases and details of the investigation into a presentation used during a meeting with the defendant's lawyers. After the meeting, the defendant pled guilty of all eight counts. "Not only was RMIN very professional throughout the whole process, but [RMIN] worked hard to hit all the deadlines that our prosecutor put on [RMIN] at the very last hour. I'm looking forward to working with RMIN again..."



**Kidnapping:** When sheriff's deputies retrieved the VIN from a burned truck in the wilderness, they discovered it was involved in an out-of-state parental kidnapping incident. RMIN Law Enforcement Information Coordinators in the two states helped coordinate RMIN-provided support services to include Intelligence Research, Analytical and Publications to investigators in both states. Deputies searched the wilderness and found the suspect and his two young daughters, who were rescued.



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