



REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS®

With increasingly sophisticated criminal activity and the threat of terrorism, law enforcement's need for effective information sharing has never been greater. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provides leadership and support to the Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) in partnership with the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR).

RISS comprises six regional intelligence centers that operate in mutually exclusive geographic regions. It provides criminal information exchange, secure communications, and other related services to local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement member agencies in the United States, Australia, Canada, and England. RISS disseminates critical information for investigative support in combating multijurisdictional crime that requires interagency cooperation.

RISS provides services to nearly 70,000 members to share information and intelligence on suspected terrorists, drug traffickers, cyber criminals, gangs, and others. RISS also operates a secure nationwide law enforcement and communications intranet—RISSNET—which allows for rapid exchange of information among the six centers, members agencies, and other state and federal information systems.

Through its many services, the RISS program:

- Facilitates coordination and communication among law enforcement agencies for targeting and investigating criminal activity across jurisdictions and state boundaries.
- Provides an information-management system that controls the receipt, analysis, evaluation, storage, dissemination, and update of information.
- Increases the likelihood of successful arrests, prosecutions, and recovery of criminal assets.

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