



## **YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT**

### **Let Your Voice Be Heard if WSIN Has Made a Difference In Your Investigative and Prosecution Efforts**

#### **RISS Fiscal Year 2011 Congressional Budget Update**

The RISS Program was placed in the President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget at \$9 million, a drastic cut of \$36 million from Fiscal Year 2010. For the past 10 years or so, RISS has been included in the President's Budget. The President is required to submit a budget but the Congress holds the final authority to appropriate funds. In the past, RISS has been zeroed out from time to time but ultimately Congress reinstates the RISS funding regardless of the President's proposal.

This is not a reflection on the work or value of WSIN and RISS. It is a process, and one that RISS has overcome in the past. RISS, with its 30+ year proven history, has consistently met and exceeded all performance measures placed on the program.

If a reduction of this magnitude occurs, it will have profound effects on the nation's criminal justice community and will cripple the ability for WSIN/RISS to provide the critical services to law enforcement and public safety member agencies. If funding is cut in 2011, information sharing among local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement will revert back to pre-9/11.

Let your voices be heard about the great work of the WSIN staff and the impact WSIN and RISS make on law enforcement throughout our region and country. **If WSIN assistance was helpful to your investigations or prosecution efforts, please take a moment to email or fax a note of support to your elected officials about the valuable support you and your agency receive from WSIN/RISS; and ask them to restore the RISS Program funding for FY 2011.** Email addresses and fax numbers for your elected officials can be found at the U.S. Senate website ([www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)) and the U.S. House of Representatives website ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)). **The deadline date for receiving emailed letters of support for the FY 2011 budget are March 12, 2010 for the House of Representatives; and March 26, 2010 for the Senate.**

#### **Important Educational Facts on The RISS Program**

- ❖ For **over 30 years**, the Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) Program has supported the efforts of local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement and public safety agencies across our nation.
- ❖ RISS consists of six regional centers that support and serve the unique needs of their individual regions while working together on national-scope issues. RISS is the only national intelligence network and information sharing program **wholly owned and controlled by state and local law enforcement.** RISS provides the **vital "state and local" intelligence piece critical to the nation's information sharing environment.**
- ❖ RISS provides investigative support services to include free or low cost training; analytical services; investigative equipment loans; access to RISSIntel and other databases; investigative support funding; audio/video enhancements; RISSafe™ officer safety event deconfliction program to more than **96,000** officers from more than **8,500** criminal justice agencies at local, state, federal, and tribal levels. RISS operates in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, Australia, Canada, and England.

- ❖ RISS serves as a force multiplier, offering a one-stop shop to effectively and efficiently aid agencies in tackling crime problems. **Through RISS services, criminal justice agencies are provided secure information sharing capabilities and investigative support services that, in many cases, they would not otherwise receive.**
- ❖ Almost **100** agency systems are connected or pending connection to RISSNET™, including **32** High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs), **36** state agency systems, and **28** federal and other systems.
- ❖ **RISSNET was recognized recently by the Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) formed within the jurisdiction of the Executive Office of the President as one of the four sensitive but unclassified (SBU)/controlled unclassified information (CUI) networks necessary to be involved with the development of a single sign-on solution to support an interoperable SBU/CUI environment.**

### RISS Fiscal Year 2009 Impact

- ❖ More than **3.4 million records** available in RISSIntel and more than **3.1 million inquiries** made to the system.
- ❖ RISSafe officer safety event deconfliction - **152,265 events** were entered into RISSafe, resulting in **52,469 identified conflicts.**
- ❖ Access to **thousands of gang records** in the RISSGang™ database including suspects, organizations, weapons, locations, and vehicles, as well as visual imagery of gang members, symbols, tattoos, and graffiti.
- ❖ RISS analysts developed **35,655 analytical products** for investigators and prosecutors to help increase their ability to identify, detect, and apprehend suspects as well as enhance prosecutorial success in court.
- ❖ RISS intelligence research staff responded to **96,293 requests** for database searches and research numerous resources.
- ❖ RISS member agencies borrowed **5,669 pieces of equipment** in support of multijurisdictional investigations.
- ❖ RISS training that builds investigative expertise was provided to **78,852 criminal justice professionals.**
- ❖ RISS field staff members conducted **25,242 on-site visits** to train, support, and help integrate RISS services.
- ❖ Through the services and support provided by the RISS Centers, member agencies made **4,975 arrests.** In addition, seizures or recoveries of over **\$27 million in narcotics, property, and currency resulted from member agency cases in which RISS services were used.**

**EMAIL YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES TODAY  
TO RESTORE RISS FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**Deadline Dates for Emails:**  
**House – Friday, March 12, 2010**  
**Senate – Friday, March 26, 2010**

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