



NNOAC Insight

The Official Position of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition

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SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS (RISS) PROGRAM

The National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) comprises 40 individual state narcotic officers' associations and represents more than 50,000 officers nationwide. NNOAC supports criminal justice organizations that provide critical services and resources directly to officers in the field. One such organization is the **Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program**. NNOAC prioritizes and promotes the critical need to exchange information and intelligence, provide training, and foster collaboration and networking. RISS's mission and goals directly support and align with those of NNOAC.



As the criminal landscape evolves and new threats emerge, law enforcement must also adapt, while safeguarding officers and those they serve. NNOAC plays a critical role in advancing the work of narcotic officers across the country. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drug overdoses are a leading cause of death among individuals ages 18–44, accounting for at least 87,000 deaths in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Fentanyl continues to plague Americans as law enforcement seizes hundreds of millions of fentanyl-laced pills each year. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reported that more than 9,000 pounds of fentanyl powder and more than 45 million fentanyl-laced fake pills have been seized so far in 2025. With the assistance of RISS services and resources, member agencies seized more than **\$79 million in narcotics** in FY2025. **These activities have had an impact on overdose deaths.** As reported by the CDC, overdose deaths declined 24 percent from October 2023 to September 2024. A CDC representative noted in a February 2025 article, “Our partnerships with public safety colleagues in every state mean we are more rapidly identifying emerging drug threats and supporting public health prevention and response activities.” Support for programs such as RISS contributes to the work of eradicating drug deaths throughout the United States. NNOAC strongly supports RISS and considers it one of our nation's most important law enforcement programs for narcotic officers and all officers across the country. NNOAC membership urges congressional leaders to support RISS by funding it at **\$55 million in FY2027**.

RISS is a nationwide program comprising six regional centers and the RISS Technology Support Center. RISS serves more than **11,150** local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice agencies and partners by providing adaptive solutions and services that provide investigative case support; secure information and intelligence sharing; and officer safety, deconfliction, and law enforcement wellness. RISS helps agencies solve narcotics, human trafficking, cryptocurrency, and other crimes. RISS also partners with numerous federal and nationwide entities to advance criminal justice and information sharing initiatives.

Investigative Case Support

RISS delivers critical investigative support services and field-based solutions that directly impact law enforcement's ability to deter, identify, apprehend, arrest, and prosecute offenders. Officers can borrow specialized equipment, obtain training, access critical publications, request analytical products, leverage intelligence research staff, and consult with law enforcement coordinators. In FY2025, RISS provided publications and training in topics such as street-level narcotics, undercover techniques for narcotic officers, investigating the fentanyl epidemic, and other relevant topics.

Secure Information and Intelligence Sharing

RISS helps connect officers across jurisdictions to identify investigative leads, solve crimes, promote officer safety, and aid in successful case resolution. RISS resources streamline and improve law enforcement operations, enabling officers to search for data quickly and efficiently. **The RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET)** provides a secure

infrastructure for hundreds of intelligence and investigative resources, enabling bidirectional sharing. More than **300 RISS and partner resources** and more than **77 million intelligence and investigative records** are accessible via RISSNET. In addition, RISS has developed several resources accessible via RISSNET that assist narcotic officers with their efforts to support victims, including the following:

- RISS Collaboration Websites
- RISS Criminal Intelligence Database
- RISS Drug Pricing Reference Guide
- RISSLeads Investigative Website
- RISS Master Telephone Index
- RISS Money Counter Network
- RISS Property and Recovery Tracking System

Officer Safety, Deconfliction, and Law Enforcement Wellness

RISS recognizes the dangerous nature of everyday law enforcement activities. Officers must have the necessary information, resources, and tools to identify, deter, and respond to criminal activities while maintaining their own safety. The **RISS Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System (RISSafe)** supports law enforcement personnel who are conducting events near one another at the same time. RISSafe is accessible on a 24/7/365 basis and is available at **no cost** to all law enforcement agencies. Currently, **29 RISSafe Watch Centers** are operational throughout the country, 23 of which are operated by organizations other than RISS, such as fusion centers, state agencies, and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs). Since the inception of RISSafe, more than **3.4 million operations** have been entered into RISSafe, resulting in more than **649,000 identified conflicts**. RISSafe is integrated with HIDTA's Case Explorer and SAFETNet systems and collaborates with its partners to advance nationwide deconfliction efforts. The **RISS Officer Safety and Wellness Website** provides secure access to vetted, reliable, and trusted information and materials on various officer safety and wellness-related topics.

RISS Makes a Difference

Each year, agencies and officers report that they were able to seize millions of dollars and remove dangerous contraband from the streets using RISS services and resources. In FY2025, officers conducted more than **2.6 million** inquiries to RISS resources, resulting in more than **1.8 million hits**. In addition, in FY2025, the RISS Centers developed **41,226 analytical products**, loaned **3,022 pieces of specialized investigative equipment**, responded to **365,626 requests for research and technical assistance**, and helped **train 72,026 individuals**. RISS receives hundreds of shared success stories from agencies and officers nationwide on how RISS services and resources were used to solve crimes and keep communities safe. To view real-life narcotic-related success stories and other shared successes, visit www.riss.net/impact.

During FY2025, RISS developed and deployed the **RISS Mobile App**, enabling officers to access the power of RISS directly on their smartphones. Additionally, in partnership with the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA, RISS **deployed the National Case Coordination System (NCCS)**. The NCCS notifies officers if target/subject information entered matches with data in either RISSIntel or Case Explorer. RISS also **partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation** to connect its National Data Exchange (N-DEx) to RISSIntel, providing users access to **more than 2 billion records**.

Continued Support for RISS

RISS offers a comprehensive range of diverse and far-reaching services and programs to support agencies and personnel from the initial investigation through the prosecution and conviction of criminals. RISS helps keep officers and citizens safe while ensuring that privacy and civil liberties are protected. Each day, narcotic officers across the country put their lives on the line. **Hundreds of thousands of officers utilize RISS services daily to help remove dangerous drugs from the streets and protect citizens**. The services provided by RISS aid law enforcement professionals in combating drug problems and reducing the number of deaths and crimes caused by using narcotics. NNOAC respectfully requests that Congress fund RISS at \$55 million for FY2027.



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For more information about the RISS Program and its services and resources, visit www.riss.net.