
From: Drake, Randy (WSP)
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:47 PM
To: 'Ryan, Joe'; Larm, Doug (SPD); gibson, shawna; Call, Stephanie
Cc: Evans, Bill (WSFC); Ladines, Lance (WSP)
Subject: RE: RISSGang

Joe,

Good call. I'll follow up with you in person.

From: Ryan, Joe [mailto:joe.ryan@wsfc.wa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:52 AM
To: Larm, Doug (SPD); gibson, shawna; Call, Stephanie
Cc: Drake, Randy (WSP); Evans, Bill (WSFC); Ladines, Lance (WSP)
Subject: RE: RISSGang

Dan Irwin (Spokane PD) has been identified as being well versed in using GangNET and was also instrumental in setting it up in Spokane. In the past he has offered to come out here to demonstrate the system and I have no reason to believe that the offer isn't still on the table. The upside to inviting him to be that power user is that he has a tremendous amount of experience; however, there are other factors that may need to be considered prior to him being invited. Any GangNET power user is going to be a propionate and inversely will probably not have a lot of love for RISSGang. I have to assume this is true of Dan Irwin as well. I know he has engaged Chief Kirkpatrick on the topic and I do not know whether this is something that needs to be considered as well. Seeing as I have rocked this boat in the recent past I felt it would be wise to check for Icebergs this time,

Joe

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Good morning to All!

Please read the email string.

Okay, here is what we are moving towards: we will have a small, select group to work directly with a CalGang user and RISSGang user. This is not a competition. This is a requirements based research. We have a requirement to initiate a statewide gang database. We have analytical requirements as well (what analysts do with the database). We have a customer support requirement too. In other words, we support strategically (state), operationally (regional) and tactically (local). So, our whole focus is on trying to determine what is the best tool for us to use in meeting all of our requirements.

That said, we will host a 12 April requirements meeting. We present our requirements and the CalGang user and RISSGang user will demonstrate efficiency and effectiveness of their own tool to satisfy our requirements.

Here are the tasks. I need all of you to work together and come up with 3-5 scenarios that you envision on how our customers would interface with us on basis of gang data. I don't need something elaborate or complex but each of you have a perception on how the state/region/local customers would approach us on gang analytics. We will take your scenarios and present them to the two users and see how the respective tools are used to complete our requirements. Again, it is not a competition but a requirements-based research that we need to do to satisfy once and for all which tool would work in our gang database environment. It is not one is better than the other; rather, it is one manifests itself as being the best tool to satisfy our information requirements.

Also, for the group, please identify a CalGang user that can perform as our research analyst. We will invite the user to our 12 April meeting and the analyst will take your scenario input and demonstrate the process and procedures for data input....and....data output.....and.....analytical research output. Please let me know who you identify. I want to try and make the 12 April date but let me know if there are hurdles that cannot be overcome that could push the date.

Thank you
Doug

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Subject: FW: RISSGang

FYI

From: KAREN AUMOND [mailto:kaumond@wsin.riss.net]
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To: Drake, Randy (WSP)
Subject: RE: RISSGang

Hello Randy,

I've thought about what you said and I agree with you. I looked at our data and found that we do have quite a few WA Gang records - 7328 to be precise - in our database. I've attached two documents - one is a list of agencies that have submitted gang data to the WSIN database and the second is a map showing the same data by County.

I think the distinction is how these records get entered and by who. Some were entered by a "Batch" upload from existing gang databases. Others were entered by either NW HIDTA or WSIN by calling in. Lastly, records are entered on-line - remotely.

Some additional information:

- In the last month, we received a call from Yakima SD saying that they wanted to remove their information from GangNET and bulk load it into the WSIN Database. They don't have the money to pay for GangNET and they are happy with RISSGang.
- Two weeks ago I attended a RISS meeting to discuss priorities for improving RISSIntel and RISSGang. The "Top 10" list includes making it easier to enter associates, auto linking entities that are clearly the same, and improving the usability of RISSGang. These enhancements are currently being further defined - and the focus group you discussed could have input into that.

All of this said, I think your idea of getting people together to go over things and seek input is great. I would like to have this meeting sooner rather than later. How does the afternoon of April 12th and/or morning of April 13th look?

Thanks for your support, Randy. I do appreciate what you are trying to do.

Karen

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Sounds great! Thanks.

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From: KAREN AUMOND [mailto:kaumond@wsin.riss.net]
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To: Drake, Randy (WSP)
Subject: RE: RISSGang

Randy,

Thanks so much for the detailed explanation. Yes, we do have someone that can attend a meeting and explain the functionality so people can give it a fair evaluation. Let me chew through this and get back to you tomorrow.

Karen

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Subject: RE: RISSGang

No. I was gone last week at the National Fusion Center Conference in Denver and was advised, by the analyst who sent the email, that he may have been out of line. He and I discussed this today and he now has a better understanding of what it is we are actually doing. So what are we doing?

As you know, the legislature called for the establishment of a statewide gang database as part of their 2008 legislative packet aimed at gang enforcement and prevention. Soon after, WASPC came out with a resolution stating that RISS Gang would be that database. Since that time there has been zero executive level leadership in this state regarding the implementation of RISS Gang as the statewide gang database. In the meantime, agencies across the state have started using a variety of disparate databases.

I believe that the Fusion Center can take a leadership role in carrying out WASPC's resolution. But in order to do that we need more information. For example, I asked the analysts to determine exactly how many different gang databases were being used in our state. I have attached a map that demonstrates one of the problems we have.

Since RISS Gang is clearly not being widely used I asked the next question...why? And that is what we are trying to figure out now. In answering that question I asked Shawna Gibson, from Everett PD, to come and show us how she uses RISS Gang. It turns out that even though her Region claims to use RISS Gang they are not using it frequently enough to have a real good understanding of how to navigate it and leverage all of its functionality. This led to a conversation about how "easy" GangNet was to use. We had a local user come in and show us how GangNet works. This is where my fusion center analyst got exposed to it and apparently took this as discussion to mean that we were buying GangNet.

I have since talked with John Martin and explained my position to him. That position is that if RISS Gang is going to be the statewide gang database then we need to get people to understand it and use it. I asked John to find me an actual power user. Someone who uses it every day and thinks it's great. We agreed that such a person probably doesn't exist in Washington – if he/she does then we are not aware of who it is. I would like such a power user to come up here, meet with a very small group of gang unit analysts and take a deep dive into the system so that we can finally cut through the rhetoric and determine how to get people to put meaningful data into RISS Gang. I say "rhetoric" only because I am extremely frustrated by our "tail wagging the dog" culture that has detectives and analysts determining where information/intelligence will be stored.

I also explained to John that the fusion center analysts must search for data wherever it resides – regardless of the system. As you can tell by the attached map, we currently have to examine numerous databases if we hope to get an accurate picture of what is going on in Washington State. This is not efficient or effective and I sincerely hope to change that.

I hope this answers your question. I want to see RISS Gang work and I think the only way to do it is to prove its utility to the users. At the end of this little research project I hope to accomplish one of a couple of options:

1. Demonstrate that RISS Gang can do everything analysts and detectives need it/want it to do and then push WASPC to make the attached map one color.
2. Identify substantive gaps between what RISS Gang does and what analysts/detectives need/want it to do and then report these findings to WSIN.

I hope this clarifies what I am trying to do. Please let me know if you need additional information. Also let me know if you have a RISS Gang power user who would be willing to come up and meet with a small group of gang analysts/detectives and give a hands on demonstration that uses examples/scenarios from the panel.

Have a nice evening!

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Hi Randy,

I spoke with Dave Rodriguez last week and he mentioned that an Intelligence Analyst from the Fusion Center indicated that you were considering buying GangNet rather than entering directly into RISSGang.

Just wondering if this correct.

Thanks,

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