



WHAT IS THE RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE?

The Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI), funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, provides grant funding, training, and technical assistance (TTA) support to law enforcement agencies addressing violent crime challenges in rural areas. The RVCRI supports various aspects of policing, such as improving investigations, implementing violent crime reduction strategies, and enhancing collaboration between local stakeholders. Current efforts under the RVCRI focus on the following:

- Hiring and deploying personnel
- Enhancing crime analysis capacity
- Implementing problem-oriented policing strategies
- Improving stakeholder collaboration and communication
- Expanding victim services, crime prevention programs, and community partnerships
- Purchasing and deploying technology to address violent crime and investigations

WHAT ARE RVCRI PARTNER AGENCIES CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING?

SHAWANO, WISCONSIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Shawano, Wisconsin Police Department (SPD) funded a detective position to investigate violent crime and narcotics use and trafficking. With this new permanent position, the SPD hopes to build trust with community members, increase patrols in hot spot areas, enhance crime prevention efforts, and sustain a reduction in related violent and narcotics-related crime.

UNION COUNTY, OREGON DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The Union County, Oregon, District Attorney's Office is hiring a part-time DA investigator (DAI) to focus on violent crime, specifically sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and child abuse. With the addition of the DAI, Union County plans to increase reporting, conviction rates, accountability for people who commit violent crimes, and services provided to victims, ultimately ensuring survivor safety and security.

VAIL, COLORADO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Vail, Colorado, Police Department, Eagle County District Attorney's Office, and Eagle County Department of Health and Human Services, along with community partners, launched the Mountain Safe program – a countywide collaboration designed to reduce violent crime and victimization, especially among youth and the Spanish-speaking population.

JACKSON COUNTY, IOWA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Jackson County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office is developing a regional training hub with virtual reality training capabilities to enhance officer response to calls for service, particularly those involving violent crime. The development of this training hub will allow all training hub partners to train together regularly and learn techniques that promote positive and safe outcomes.






HOW DO I CONTACT THE RVCRI TEAM?

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WHAT MAKES RVCRI DIFFERENT?

This program is specifically designed to support rural and tribal law enforcement agencies address violent crime challenges. RVCRI grantees have access to:

-  **Tailored TTA**
-  **Grant Management and Reimbursement Support**
-  **No-cost Training and Peer-to-Peer Networking Opportunities**
-  **Resources**
-  **Subject Matter Experts**