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### News Release

## Chief Deputy Ben Bailey Elected Chairman of ROCIC Board *Chief Deputy Ben Bailey recognized by the Regional Organized Crime Information Center*

**October 7, 2014, Monroe, NC** - Ben Bailey of the Union County Sheriff's Office was elected 2014-2015 Chairman of the Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC) Board of Directors at ROCIC's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Homicide Conference held in Greensboro, N.C. in early September.

ROCIC is an organization representing 239,411 sworn law enforcement officers in the 14 southern states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It is one of six Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Centers located across the United States which are congressionally funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and consist of more than 8,900 law enforcement agencies.

The law enforcement agencies within RISS work together to combat multi-jurisdictional criminal activities and to promote officer safety. ROCIC and RISS member agencies are represented throughout all levels of government – municipal, county, parish, judicial district, state, tribal, and federal.

Chief Deputy Bailey has 29 years of law enforcement experience, 24 of those years serving in supervisory or management capacities. Bailey has served as the Chief Deputy of the Union County Sheriff's Office since 2002. The Union County Sheriff's Office has been a member of ROCIC since 2008.

Bailey has served on the ROCIC Board of Directors as the North Carolina board member since 2010. Chief Deputy Bailey also recently served as board secretary. Since being elected to the board, he has traveled to Washington, D.C. every year visiting North Carolina's senators and representatives promoting the vital services ROCIC/RISS offers to law enforcement across the nation.

ROCIC/RISS is a trusted, diverse and far reaching program, offering critical information sharing and investigative services that directly support and positively impact our nation's public safety mission. For 40 years, law enforcement has counted on ROCIC and the RISS Program to provide vital information sharing, officer safety and investigative

support tools. It links thousands of criminal justice agencies through secure communications and provides information sharing resources and investigative support to combat multijurisdictional crimes, including violent crime, gang activity, terrorism, drug activity, cybercrime, human trafficking, identity theft, and other regional priorities.

In early 2014, member agencies used ROCIC services to recover more than \$5.3 million in stolen property, currency and narcotics-related assets.