



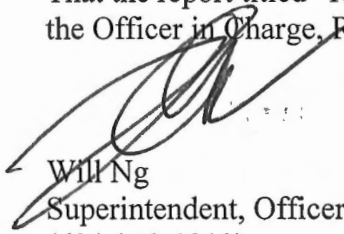
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Report to Committee



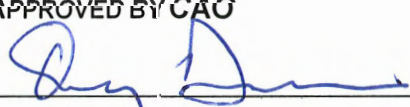
To: Community Safety Committee
From: Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
Date: May 17, 2018
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Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2018

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2018", dated May 17, 2018, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.


Will Ng
Superintendent, Officer in Charge
(604-278-1212)

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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Activities and Noteworthy files
2. Analysis of Crime Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Auxiliary Constable Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Stations and Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Arrest

On April 12, 2018, Richmond Detachment's Prolific Offender Suppression Team arrested a suspect who had been on the Richmond RCMP's "Most Wanted" list for a year. The suspect was arrested in Surrey and charged with 28 criminal charges, including six charges of break and enter and seven charges of possession of stolen property. Prior to his arrest, the suspect had eight outstanding warrants, including six from Richmond.

Pedestrian Accident

On April 17, 2018, a 76-year-old pedestrian sustained serious injuries after being struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Blundell Road and No. 3 Road. The victim was transported to Vancouver General Hospital. Current information indicates that there was significant traffic congestion at the time. The RCMP Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service and the Richmond Criminal Collision Investigation Team attended the scene.

Threat Simulation

On April 19, 2018, Richmond Detachment participated in Exercise Terminal Turmoil 2018, which simulated an Active Shooter/Active Threat incident at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR). This multi-agency exercise included a variety of YVR stakeholders including Richmond Fire-Rescue, City of Richmond Emergency Programs, BC Emergency Health Services, the United States Customs and Border Patrol, and Canada Border Services Agency.

Volunteers are Stars Awards

On April 19, 2018, Richmond Cares Richmond Gives hosted the “Volunteers are Stars” Awards. This event recognizes Richmond's dedicated volunteers for their valuable contributions to the community during National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Four Richmond Detachment volunteers received awards. These individuals have been volunteering for over 10 years and have provided countless hours to a variety of programs promoting community safety and crime prevention.

Auto Theft Prevention

On April 25, 2018, in partnership with ICBC, Richmond Detachment launched “Operation Lock Up”. This auto theft prevention initiative involves the distribution of steering wheel locks for pre-2007 year model vehicles.¹ Recent crime data has shown that vehicles of this vintage are most susceptible to auto theft. Vehicle owners were encouraged to attend the Lock Out Auto Crime Blitz with their identification and vehicle registration to receive a voucher for a free steering wheel lock. As of May 1, 2018, steering wheel locks are being distributed through Richmond's three Community Police Stations.

Homicide

On April 30, 2018, RCMP officers responded to reports of gunfire at a residence on Eckersley Road. Upon their arrival, police located two deceased victims within the residence. The homicides appear to be targeted and both victims are known to police. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team and Richmond RCMP are investigating.

Analysis of Crime Statistics*Arson*

In April 2018, there was one incident of arson, which is down two from the previous month and is four less than recorded in April 2017. This number remains within the five-year statistical average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 12 assault serious events in April, which is down five incidents from March 2018. Last month, the number of assault serious files were statistically high and above the five-year

¹ Steering wheel locks were funded by ICBC.

average range. While the number this month is 29 per cent lower than March 2018, it remains outside the five-year average range and represents a 33 per cent increase from April 2017.

No patterns of significance have surfaced in the files recorded. However, the use of pepper spray/mace has been identified as a continuing trend. In addition, a large number of assault serious incidents were initiated from reported domestic disputes which statistically were captured as assaults.

Auto Theft

There were 23 auto theft incidents this month, which is down four per cent from the March 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is within the five-year average range and represents no change from April 2017.

Drugs

In April 2018, there were 62 drug incidents, which is a 27 per cent increase from the previous month. This number is 22 per cent higher than April 2017 but remains within the five-year expected range.

Mental Health

This month, 119 mental health incidents were recorded, which represents an eight per cent increase from March 2018. This number marks a 17 per cent reduction from April 2017 when a statistically high number of files were documented. Mental health incidents are within the five-year average range.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 48 break and enters to residences in April 2018, which is a 14 per cent decrease from the previous month. The total number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range and represents a 16 per cent decrease from April 2017.

Commercial Break and Enter

In April 2018, there were 29 break and enters to businesses, which is a 26 per cent increase from March 2018. This number represents a 12 per cent increase over April 2017 and is within the five-year expected range.

Robbery

There were two robbery incidents in April 2018, which is down seven incidents from a statistically high number of robberies that were reported during the previous month. The total robberies for this month is within the five-year average range and represents a 50 per cent reduction from April 2017.

Sexual Assault

In April 2018, there were 16 sexual offence files recorded, which is up 78 per cent from the previous month and is outside the expected range. The total number of sexual assault files this month is more than three times the number recorded in April 2017, when five sex offences were reported.

Year to date totals indicate there has been a 107 per cent increase over the same reporting period from 2017. Of the 16 reported incidents this month, three were delayed/historical reports. The files this month included indecent acts and events involving physical force. Files will continue to be monitored for patterns or trends.

Shoplifting

In April 2018, there were 69 shoplifting thefts, which is a 20 per cent decrease from the previous month. In March 2018 the total was outside the average range due to a large number of files generated as a result of a loss prevention project. The number of shoplifting files this month represents a 30 per cent increase from April 2017.

The total this month remains outside the five-year average range, which can be partially attributed to the residual benefits of the loss prevention project undertaken by the Crime Reduction Unit last month. The project has contributed to increased vigilance by Loss Prevention Officers at retail locations.

Theft from Auto

There were 228 theft from auto incidents this month, which is a one per cent increase from March 2018 and a 46 per cent increase from April 2017. This number is within the five year average range.

Jurisdictional Crime Trends

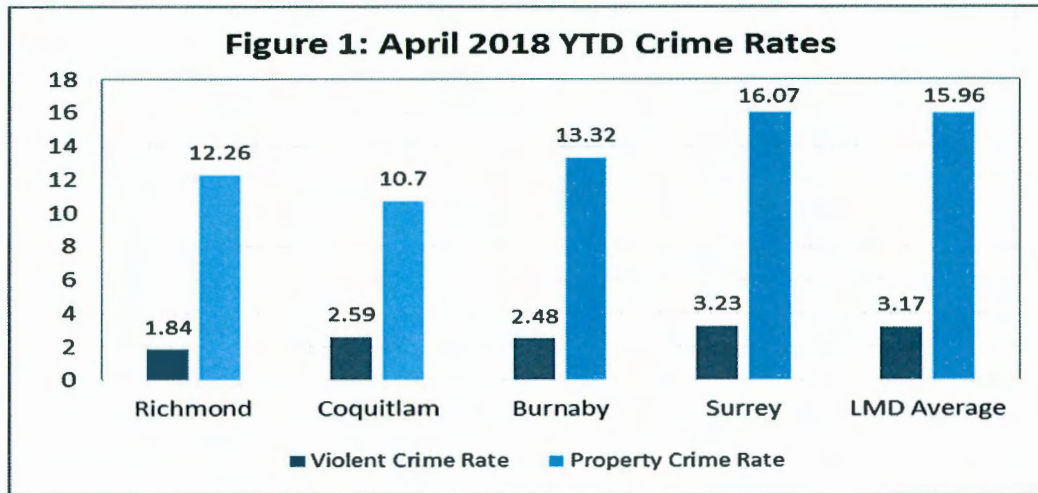
In April 2018, "E" Division RCMP issued a media release warning the public that "virtual kidnappings" had resurfaced in the Lower Mainland. Also referred to as cyber extortion, these frauds are characterized by a victim receiving an automated call from what appears to be a Chinese government phone number. The suspects claim to be a government representative or police officer and convince victims that they are implicated in an investigation in China. In order for the issue to be resolved, they are told they need to pay a sum of money. In some cases, victims are also instructed to isolate themselves and not contact Canadian police. The victim's families are then contacted and extorted for the return of their loved ones.² In April, one incident was reported in Richmond.

In order to facilitate a meaningful comparison of crime types across jurisdictions, data on crime rates is presented on the following page (Figure 1).³ Out of the four largest RCMP Detachments in the Lower Mainland, Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate in April. Richmond's violent

² <http://bc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=2087&languageId=1&contentId=54945>

³ Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations).

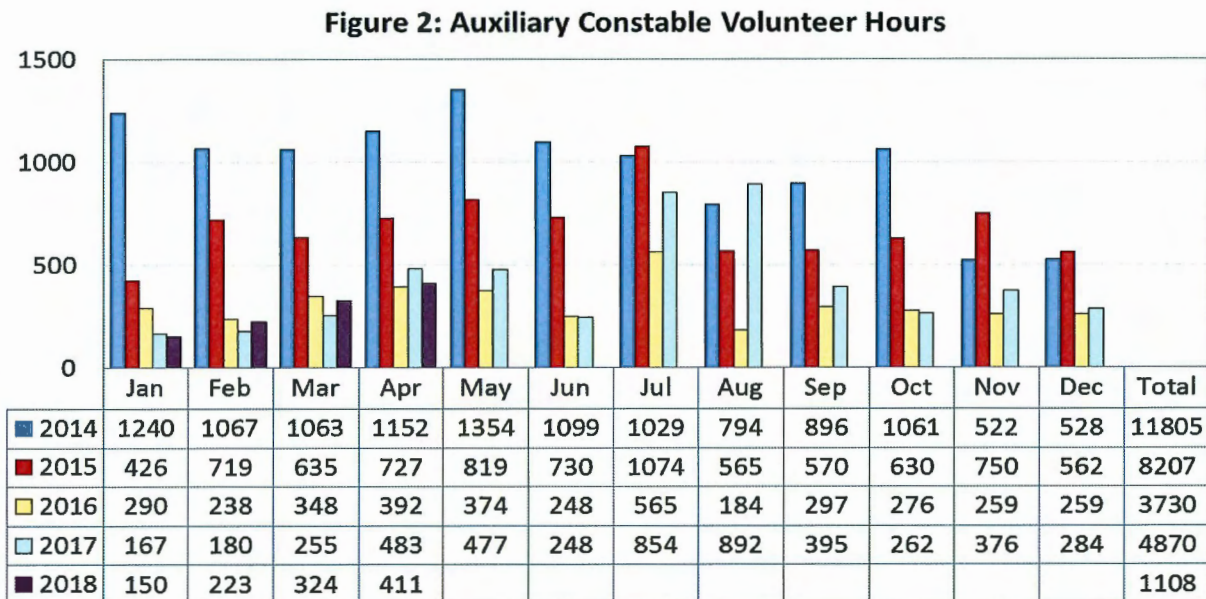
crime rate in 2018 has decreased from 2017, while across the LMD, including Coquitlam, Burnaby and Surrey, the violent crime rate has increased. Richmond also has a low property crime rate, ranking second lowest.



Auxiliary Constable Program

In April 2018, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 35 Auxiliary Constables, who provided a total of 411 volunteer hours. In the coming months, the Province of BC and RCMP "E" Division are expected to announce the new uniform and training standards for the Tier three program. Once this information is made available, the Auxiliary Constable Coordinator intends to commence recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliary Constables.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2014 to 2018.



Auxiliary Constable Activities

Auxiliary Constables attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and provide traffic and crowd control. During the month of April Auxiliary Constables participated in:

- Crime Watch
- Distracted Driving Blitz
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Mental Health Initiative
- Volunteers are Stars Awards
- Youth Academy

Block Watch

At the end of April 2018, the Block Watch program had 456 groups totaling 10,384 participants. Currently, the program includes 605 captains and co-captains.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers.

During the month of April volunteer highlights included:

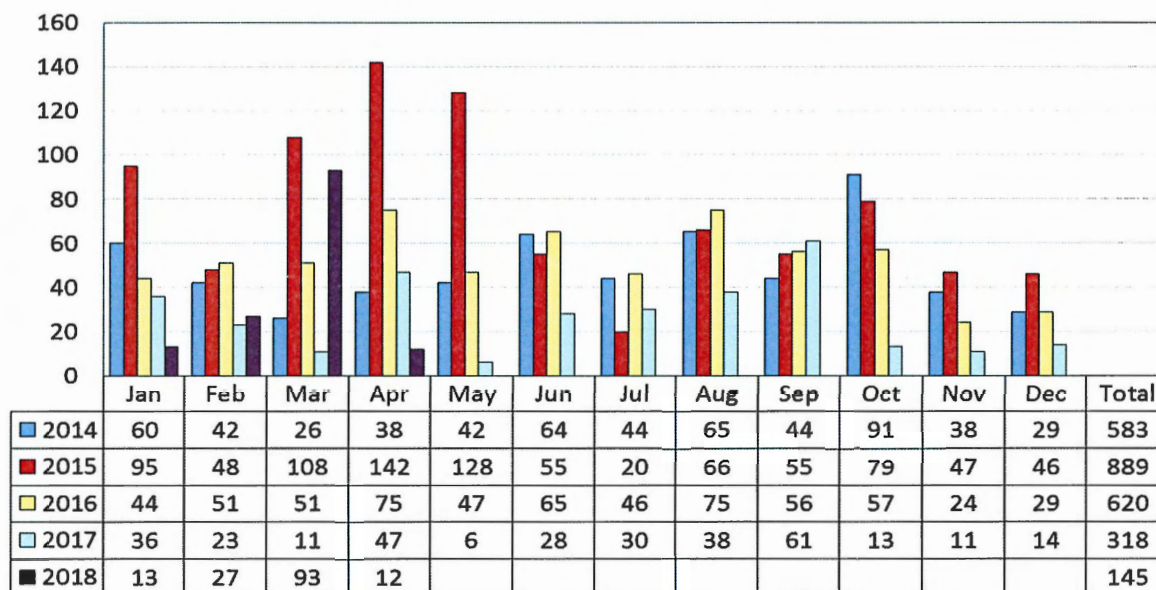
- The deployment of 39 foot/van patrols totalling 324 hours and nine bike patrols totalling 84 hours.
- 35 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 1,041 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 2,761 vehicles at various locations throughout the city.
- April 3, 6, 11, 17 and 25 – Volunteer Speed Watch deployments occurred on River Road. These deployments resulted in 176 letters being sent out to registered vehicle owners.
- April was Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) month and notices were issued to 4,538 vehicles at various locations.
- April 15 – During the course of a LOAC deployment, volunteers queried license plates and came across an occupied stolen vehicle. The volunteers contacted police who attended the scene and arrested the suspect.
- April 18 – Volunteer Appreciation Event was held at Whiteside Elementary School. Approximately 100 volunteers, City staff and RCMP members were in attendance
- April 24 – Volunteers and an RCMP member were conducting a LOAC deployment at a hot spot for theft from automobile incidents and discovered a stolen vehicle.

- April 25 – Seven station volunteers and four Auxiliary Constables participated in a LOAC Blitz deployed from the City Centre Community Police Station. They issued 552 LOAC notices and distributed 15 vouchers for steering wheel locks.

Distracted Drivers

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.⁴

Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent



⁴ The total for March 2018 includes 92 warning letters sent as a result of the multiple Distracted Driving Campaign Blitzes which occurred that month.

Lock-Out Auto Crime

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

Figure 4: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

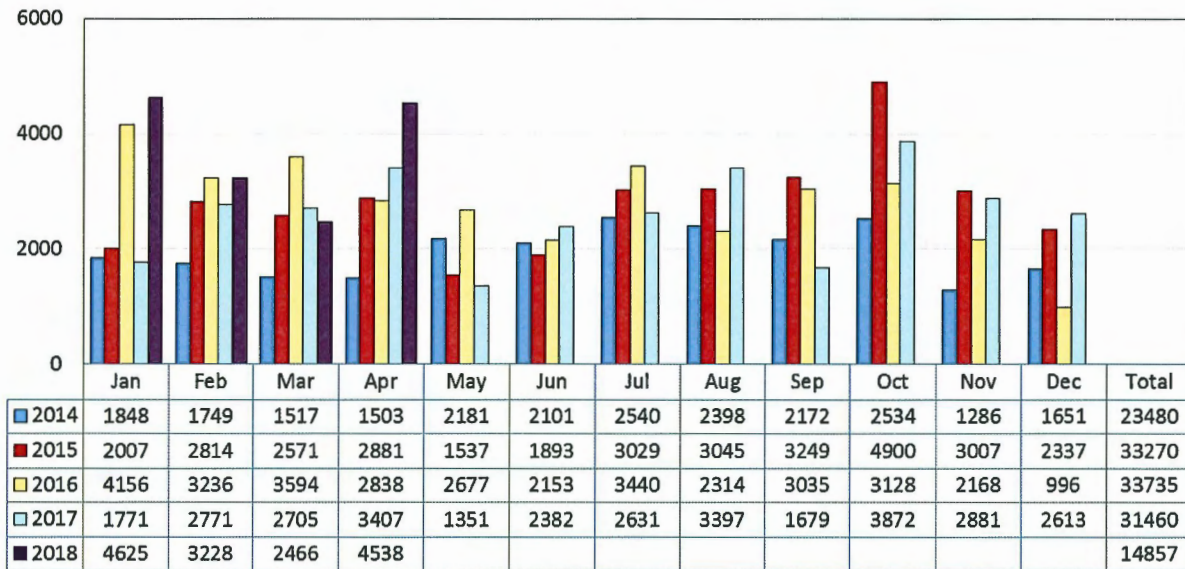
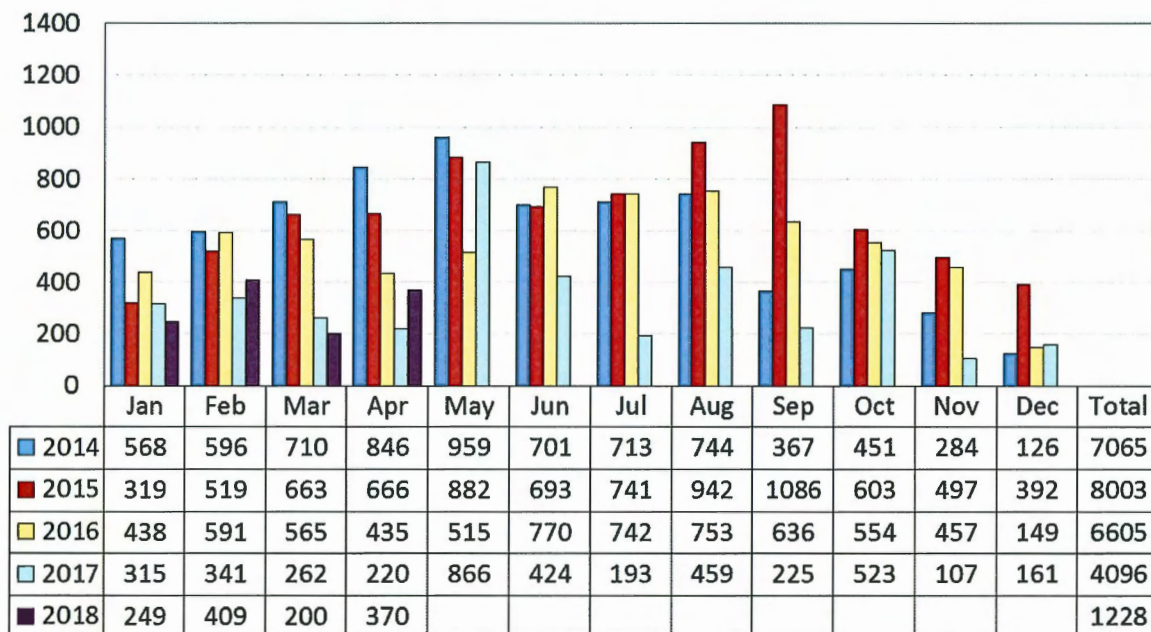
*Speed Watch*

Figure 5 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 5: Speed Watch Letters Sent



Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and dialogue initiatives. During the month of April, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- School Sports
- Theft from Auto Blitzes
- Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
- Volunteers are Stars Awards
- Vulnerable Institution Patrols

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond's roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. The following statistics compare April 2018 data to both February 2018 and March 2018. The Moving Violations category refers to violations such as unsafe lane change and unsafe passing. The Vehicle category refers to motor vehicle regulation defects such as no insurance and no lights. The Other category refers to other motor vehicle infractions such as miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of accident and failing to stop for police.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	February 2018	March 2018	April 2018
Distracted Driving	42	65	59
Driver License	130	170	126
Impaired	21	23	29
Intersection offences	72	99	99
Moving Violations	100	76	88
Speeding	127	225	159
Seatbelts	15	11	4
Vehicle Related	45	46	54
Other	8	16	10
Total	561	731	628

Parking Tickets:

Name	Act	Example	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	25	31	19

Victim Services

In April 2018, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 71 new clients and attended 12 crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 177 ongoing files.

Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving family conflict, medical and accidental sudden deaths and homicides.

Youth Section

The Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of April Youth Section highlights include:

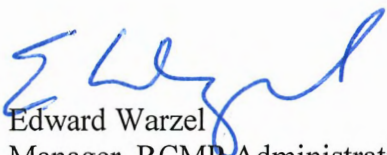
- Three Youth Section members, who are a part of the Lockdown Task Force in conjunction with the Richmond School Board, received key fob access for all public schools. This month, the officers conducted lockdown drills at four elementary and secondary schools.
- Youth Section members delivered four internet and safety presentations to two parent advisory councils and various schools.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
2: Crime Statistics
3: Crime Maps

Auxiliary Constables

- The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community policing activities related to public safety and crime prevention.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm

Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: blockwatch@richmond.ca
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm

Difference Maker Project

- The Difference Maker Project is an off-shoot of the School Sports Programs. Elementary school students are mentored by teachers, police officers and community ambassadors. This activity aims to encourage social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth through community projects.

Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm

Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit
- www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm

Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

APRIL 2018 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents and MHA-related calls for service are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type. For 2017, some inclusion criteria have been modified to improve accuracy and accommodate RCMP scoring regulations. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using a standard deviation), it will be noted in **red**, while below expected numbers will be noted in **blue**.

Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in **red**, while decreases of more than 10% are **blue**.

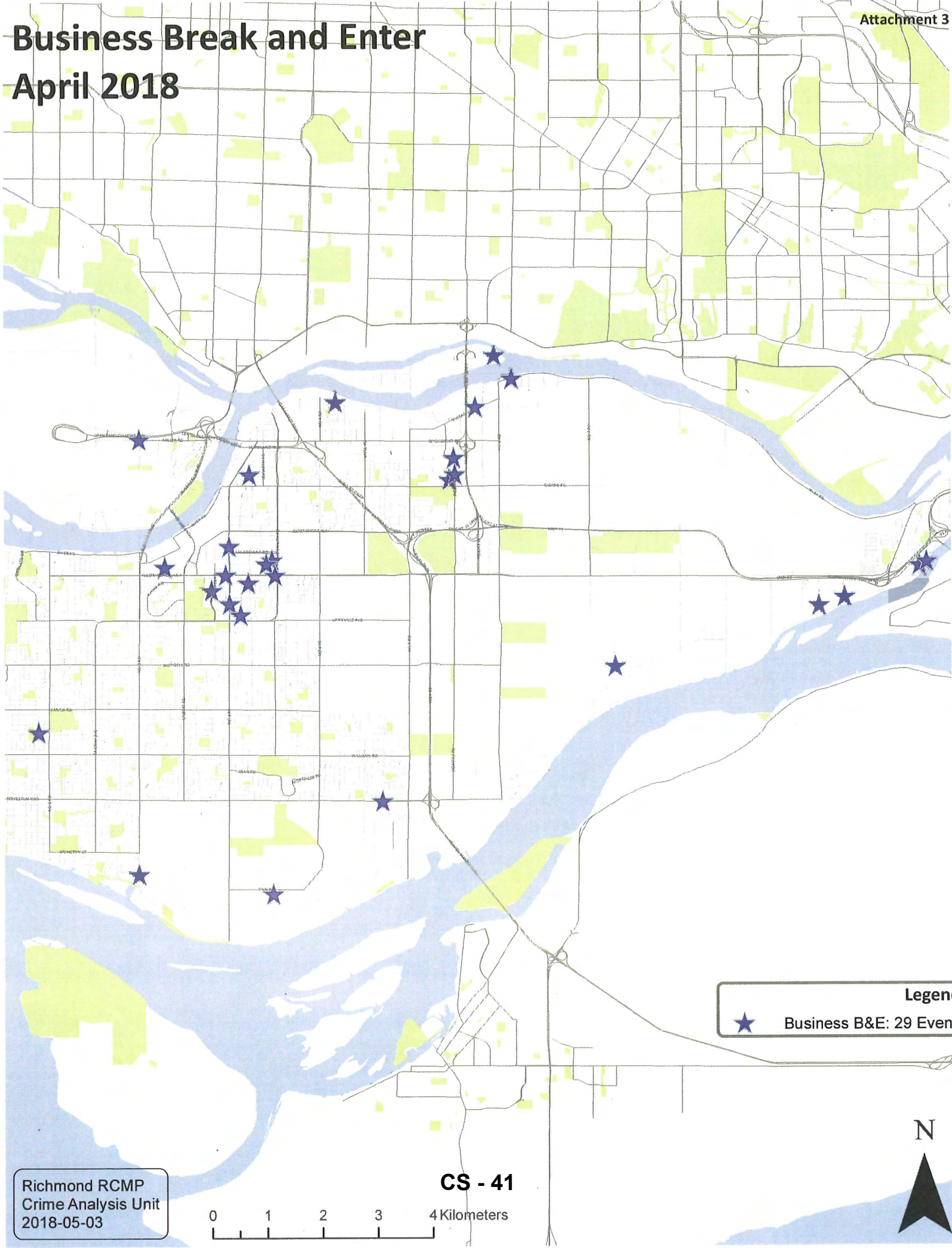
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	April-18	April		2017	2018	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	105	101.2	92-110	425	404	-5%	-21
Robbery UCR 1610 (1-3)	2	4.4	1-7	19	19	0%	0
Assault Common UCR 1430	40	35.0	31-39	143	149	4%	6
Assault Serious UCR 1410, 1420	12	8.0	7-9	37	42	14%	5
Sexual Offences UCR 1345, 1330, 1356, 1310	16	9.4	5-14	27	56	107%	29
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	675	635.8	573-699	2736	2668	-2%	-68
Business B&E UCR 2120-1	29	27.4	24-30	172	145	-16%	-27
Residential B&E UCR 2120-2	48	52.2	44-61	262	267	2%	5
Auto Theft UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178	23	25.0	21-29	109	79	-28%	-30
Theft from Auto UCR 2132, 2142	228	188.4	134-243	777	863	11%	86
Theft UCR 2130, 2140	96	103.0	88-118	421	373	-11%	-48
Shoplifting UCR 2133, 2143	69	57.8	50-66	206	281	36%	75
Fraud UCR 2160 (all), 2165, 2166	68	61.6	50-74	326	275	-16%	-51
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	182	159.0	144-174	637	700	10%	63
Arson UCR 1629, 2110	1	3.6	3-5	12	7	-42%	-5
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	962	896.0	816-976	3798	3772	-1%	-26
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	62	65.4	43-88	218	188	-14%	-30
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	119	114.0	95-133	509	448	-12%	-61

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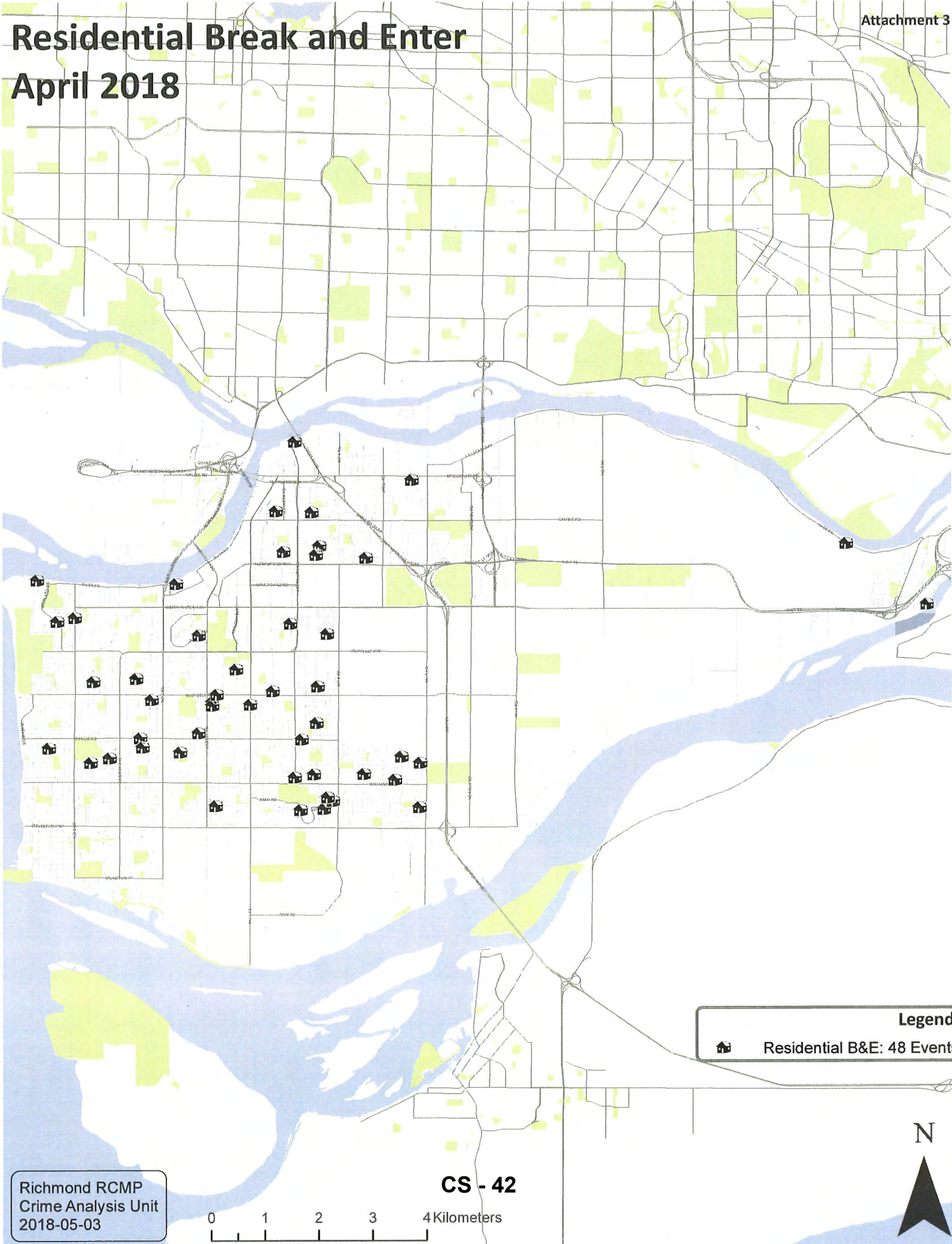
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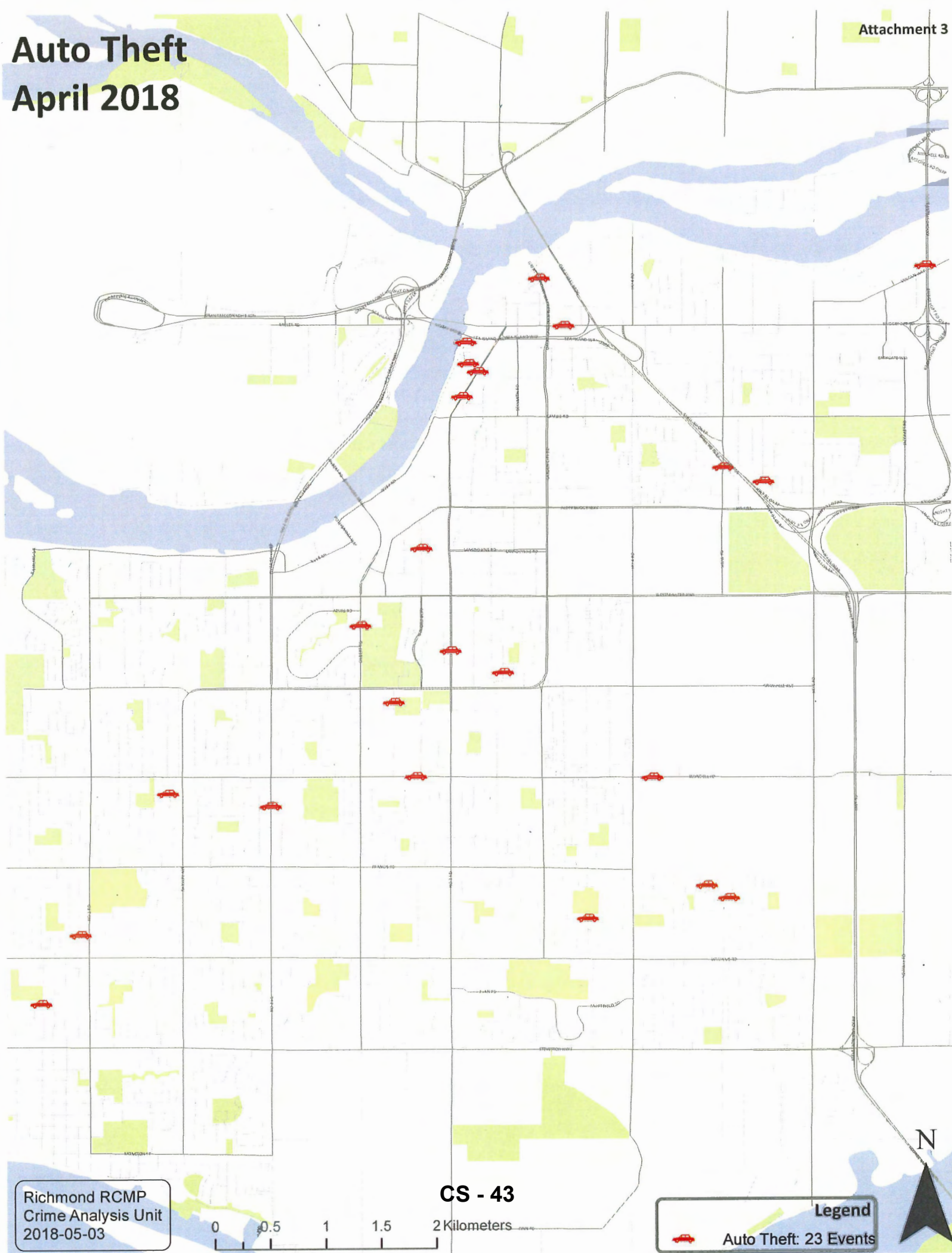
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