



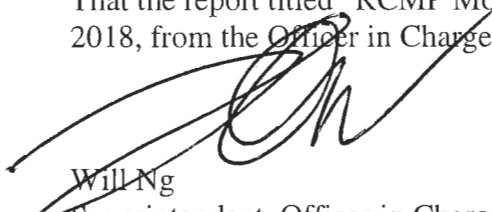
# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee



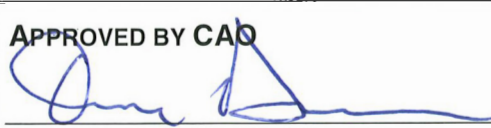
**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Will Ng, Superintendent  
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment  
**Date:** November 14, 2018  
**File:** 09-5000-01/2018-Vol  
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**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – October 2018

### Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – October 2018”, dated November 14, 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

##### *Homicide*

On October 4, 2018, Richmond RCMP responded to a call from a residence in the 7000 block of Westminster Highway after reports of a body. The female victim's death is considered suspicious. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team took conduct of the investigation and has worked in close partnership with the Richmond RCMP and the BC Coroner's Service. Manslaughter charges have been laid in connection to the death.

##### *Break and Enter*

On October 6, 2018, Richmond RCMP attended a residence in the 6000 Block of Maple Road after reports of a disturbance. Multiple suspects were observed leaving the scene on bicycles prior to police arrival. Upon attending the scene, police discovered that a break and enter had occurred. With the assistance of the RCMP Integrated Police Dog Section, a male and a female suspect were located. The Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising the public to be mindful of suspicious persons, including cyclists, as many criminals who are prohibited from using vehicles use bicycles as their means of transportation. Charges are pending.

### *Shots Fired*

On October 8, 2018, Richmond RCMP responded to multiple reports of shots being fired in the 7000 block of Parry Street. Police believe the shooting was targeted. Investigators located two vehicles parked at a residence with damage consistent with gunfire. A suspicious individual, known to police, was located in the area. The incident remains under investigation.

### *Break and Enter Suspects Arrested*

On October 12, 2018, Richmond RCMP received a report of a house alarm in the 9300 block of Granville Avenue. A witness observed suspects jumping a fence and leaving the area. Shortly after arriving on scene, police located and arrested two male suspects. Both men are Richmond residents and are known to police. In a media release, Richmond RCMP reminded the public that reporting suspicious activity is important in combatting crime.

### Analysis of Crime Statistics

#### *Arson*

In October 2018, there were two incidents of arson, which represents no change from the previous month and no change from October 2017. This number is below the five-year statistical average range. Year to date, the number of arsons is down 25 per cent from the same period last year.

#### *Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were 12 assault serious events in October 2018, which is up seven incidents from the previous month, during which a statistically low number of events were reported. The number of assault serious files this month is within the five-year average range and represents a 15 per cent decline from October 2017. Year to date totals are down 18 per cent from the same period last year.

#### *Auto Theft*

There were 33 auto theft incidents this month, which is a 15 per cent decrease from September 2018. For the second consecutive month however, the number of auto thefts is outside of the five-year average range and represents a 57 per cent increase from October 2017. Criminal analysis has identified a number of crime trends and persons of interest, which are being investigated. Year to date totals indicate there has been a six per cent reduction in the number of auto thefts compared to the same period last year.

#### *Drugs*

In October 2018, there were 25 drug incidents, which is a 51 per cent decline from the previous month. This number represents a 48 per cent reduction from October 2017 and is significantly below the five-year average range. Drug offences have declined by 12 per cent from the same period last year.

The significant reduction observed this month has occurred primarily as a result of the decline in cannabis-related offences, which coincides with legalization of cannabis on October 17, 2018.

#### *Mental Health*

There were 140 mental health incidents in October 2018, which represents a 19 per cent increase from September 2018 and a 14 per cent increase from October 2017. For the second consecutive month, the number of mental health incidents is outside the five-year average range. Year to date totals indicate there has been a five per cent increase in mental health-related files over the same period last year. Files have been reviewed and no patterns or trends have been identified.

#### *Residential Break and Enter*

There were 57 break and enters to residences in October 2018, which is a 32 per cent decrease from the previous month and represents a six per cent increase from October 2017. After three consecutive months of elevated numbers, the number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range. As a result of these previously elevated numbers, the year to date total of residential break and enters is 22 per cent higher than the same period last year.

Significant arrests were made in early October 2018, which has had a direct impact on reducing the number of break and enters this month.

#### *Commercial Break and Enter*

In October 2018, there were 22 break and enters to businesses, which is down two incidents from September 2018. This number represents a 56 per cent reduction from October 2017, during which a statistically high number of commercial break and enters were reported. The number of commercial break and enters this month is below the five-year expected range and year to date totals indicate there has been an eight per cent decline compared to the same period last year.

#### *Robbery*

There were seven robbery incidents in October 2018, which is up three incidents from the previous month. This number is within the five-year average range and represents no change from October 2017.

#### *Sexual Offences*

There were eight sexual offence files in October 2018, which is down one incident from the previous month. The number of sexual offences this month marks a 43 per cent reduction from October 2017, during which a statistically high number of offences were reported. This month's total remains within the five-year average range.

Year to date totals for 2018 indicate that there has been a 39 per cent increase in the number of reported sexual offences compared to the same period in 2017. This increase is due to high numbers reported in January 2018 and April 2018. No patterns or trends have been identified.

### *Shoplifting*

There were 71 shoplifting thefts in October 2018, which is a 42 per cent increase from the previous month and an 11 per cent increase from October 2017. This month, reported shoplifting thefts are outside of the five-year expected range. No patterns of concern have been identified.

### *Theft from Auto*

There were 171 theft from auto incidents in October 2018, which represents a six per cent decrease from the previous month. This number marks a 32 per cent decrease from October 2017. The total this month is below the five year average range.

### Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

Year to date crime statistics across the Lower Mainland have identified an overall increase in bike thefts compared to last year. In Richmond, however, the number of bike thefts has declined by 29 per cent from 2017. This reduction is the largest observed in the Lower Mainland.

In 2016, Richmond Detachment launched Project 529, which is an online bike registry. Since launching and promoting the bike registry in Richmond, there has been a 48 per cent decrease in bike theft.<sup>1</sup> Project 529 has also been greatly promoted by the Vancouver Police Department and has led to a 30 per cent reduction in bike theft in Vancouver since it was launched three years ago.<sup>2</sup>

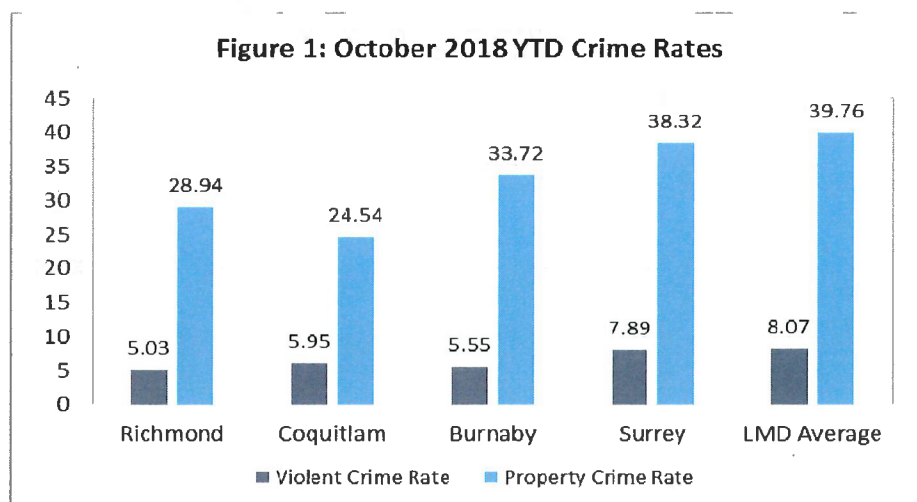
In order to compare crime types across jurisdictions, data on crime rates is presented on the following page (Figure 1).<sup>3</sup> Out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond continues to have the lowest violent crime rate. Richmond's property crime rate also remains low, ranking second lowest in its peer group.

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<sup>1</sup> In 2015, there were 296 bicycle thefts. In 2018 the number is projected to be less than 154.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-cycling-bike-crime-police-project-529-1.4883250>

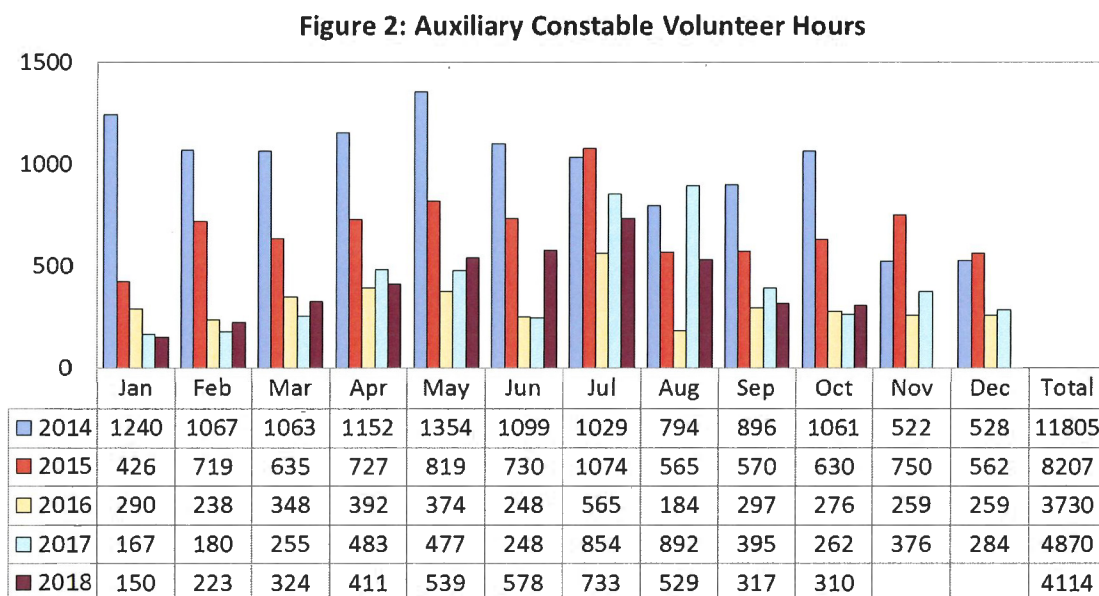
<sup>3</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations)



### Auxiliary Constable Program

In October 2018, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 37 Auxiliary Constables. Auxiliary Constables provided a total of 310 volunteer hours during the month of October. In the coming months, the Province of BC and RCMP “E” Division are expected to announce the uniform and training standards for the new Tier 3 Auxiliary program; however the details of these changes are not yet available.<sup>4</sup> The Detachment will commence recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliary Constables once these details are known.

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



<sup>4</sup> <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/auxiliary-program-tiers>

### *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 October Auxiliary Constables participated in:

- Bait Car Deployments
- Crime Watch
- Home Security Checks
- Pedestrian Safety Campaigns
- School Sports
- South Arm Halloween Event

### Block Watch

At the end of October 2018, the Block Watch program had 459 groups totaling 10,475 participants. Currently, the program includes 612 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 October volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of 39 foot/van patrols totalling 294 hours and eight bike patrols totalling 90 hours.
- 46 Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 1,168 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 7,839 vehicles at various locations.
- October 13 – While volunteers were conducting a Crime Watch deployment, they recovered a stolen vehicle plate in the parkade of a local library.
- October 17 – Seven volunteers, three RCMP members and one Auxiliary Constable participated in a Pedestrian Safety Blitz deployed from the City Centre Community Police Station. A total of 1,250 reflectors were distributed.
- October 23 – Four volunteers participated in a Pedestrian Safety Blitz deployed from the Steveston Community Police Station. A total of 850 reflectors were distributed.
- October 29 – Volunteers conducted break and enter outreach in target areas.
- October 31 – South Arm Community Police Station hosted a Halloween event with the participation of 17 volunteers. Volunteer van, foot and bike patrols were conducted and 905 reflectors were distributed.

*Distracted Drivers*

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.<sup>5</sup>

**Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent**

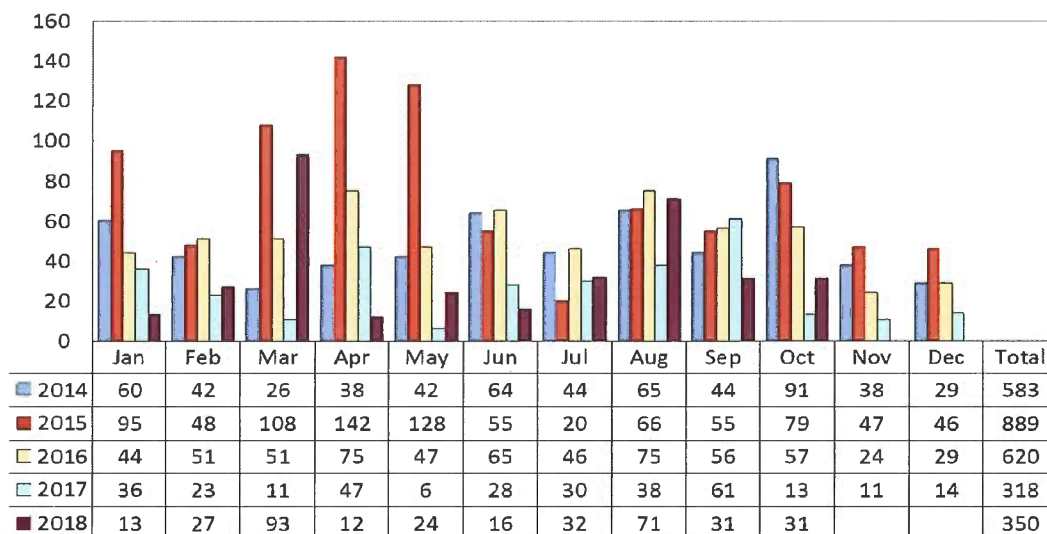
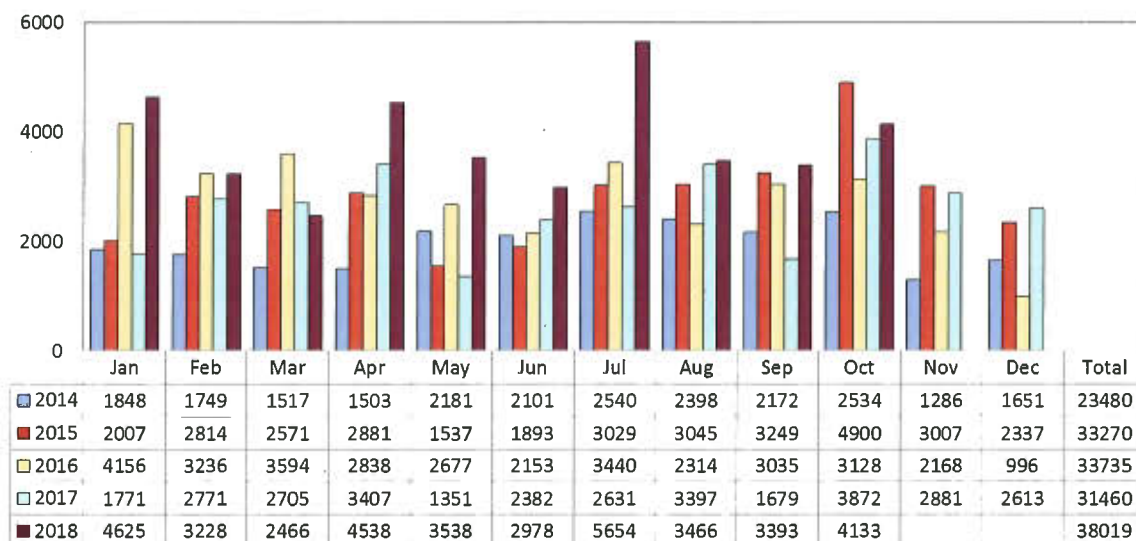
*Lock-Out Auto Crime*

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

**Figure 4: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



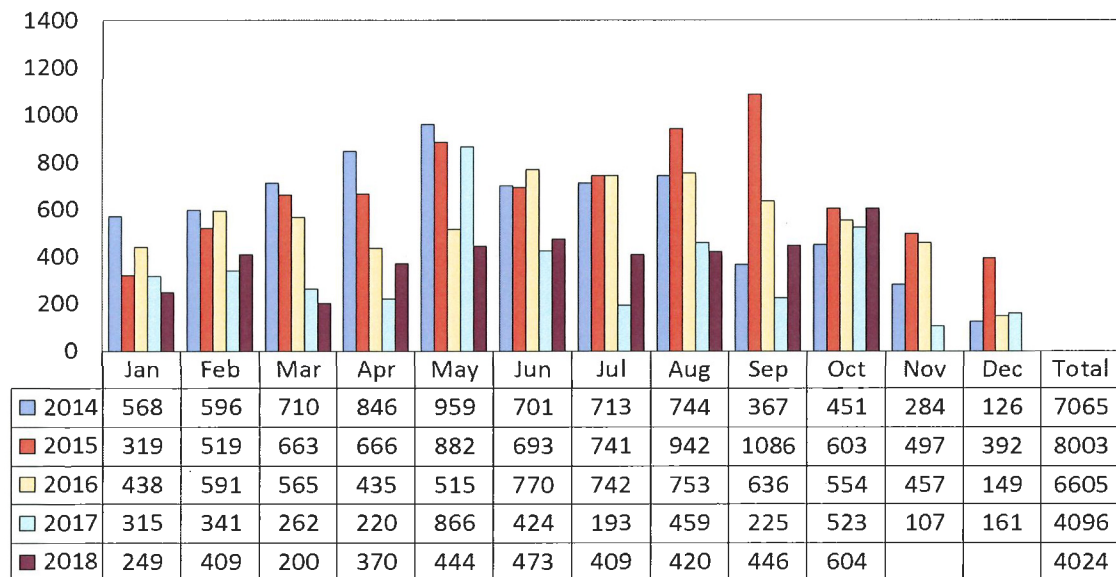
<sup>5</sup> The total for March 2018 includes 92 warning letters sent as a result of the multiple Distracted Driving Campaign Blitzes which occurred that month.



### 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 October, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Break and Enter Community Outreach
- Coffee with a Cop
- Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- School Sports Events
- South Arm Halloween Event
- 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 October 2018 data to both August 2018 and September 2018.

Table 1 outlines the Violation Tickets issued for the last three months and Table 2 outlines Municipal Parking Tickets issued.

Table 1: Violation Tickets Issued

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018</b>	<b>October 2018</b>
Distracted Driving	57	107	43
Driver License	162	233	196
Impaired	31	31	22
Intersection offences	93	106	132
Moving Violations <sup>6</sup>	225	207	201
Speeding	271	229	275
Seatbelts	11	7	10
Vehicle Related <sup>7</sup>	55	62	65
Other <sup>8</sup>	3	15	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>963</b>

Table 2: Parking Tickets Issued

<b>Name</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Aug 2018</b>	<b>Sept 2018</b>	<b>Oct 2018</b>
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	26	10	9

### Victim Services

In October 2018, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 68 new clients and attended nine crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 155 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving property crime, medical-related sudden deaths, motor vehicle accidents and suspicious deaths.

### 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 October, Youth Section highlights include:

- Youth Squad commenced on October 18 and will last for 10 weeks. The program is hosted at Richmond Detachment and is aimed at grade 11 and 12 students who are interested in a career in law enforcement.
- The Youth Section updated the SAFE (School Action for Emergencies) plan database for Richmond Schools. SAFE contains important safety information on all elementary schools, high schools and post-secondary institutions that can assist police if a critical incident occurs. Training was also provided to General Duty and support units.

<sup>6</sup> Moving violations refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

<sup>7</sup> Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

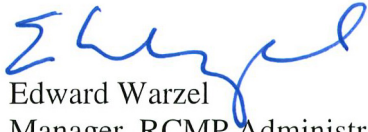
<sup>8</sup> Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

**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](http://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](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## OCTOBER 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**.

	Oct-18	October		2017	2018	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>127</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>91-113</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-43</b>
Robbery <small>UCR 1510 (1-3)</small>	7	6.6	5-9	50	51	2%	1
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	<b>58</b>	35.8	31-41	403	410	2%	7
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410, 1420</small>	12	11.6	8-15	136	111	<b>-18%</b>	<b>-25</b>
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1512, 1530, 1535, 1540</small>	8	9.6	7-12	85	118	<b>39%</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>654</b>	<b>668.8</b>	<b>639-698</b>	<b>6481</b>	<b>6403</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-78</b>
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	<b>22</b>	36.8	27-47	330	304	-8%	-26
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	57	56.2	37-76	514	625	<b>22%</b>	<b>111</b>
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178</small>	<b>33</b>	25.0	18-32	275	258	-6%	-17
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	<b>171</b>	203.2	178-229	1759	1889	7%	130
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	94	101.6	90-113	933	866	-7%	-67
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>	<b>71</b>	60.0	55-65	540	622	<b>15%</b>	<b>82</b>
Fraud <small>UCR 2130, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138</small>	<b>78</b>	62.6	55-70	747	731	-2%	-16
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>199</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>157-187</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>143</b>
Arson <small>UCR 1529, 2110</small>	<b>2</b>	3.6	3-5	32	24	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>980</b>	<b>942.4</b>	<b>905-980</b>	<b>9352</b>	<b>9374</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>25</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>47-74</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>-71</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>140</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>93-126</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>65</b>

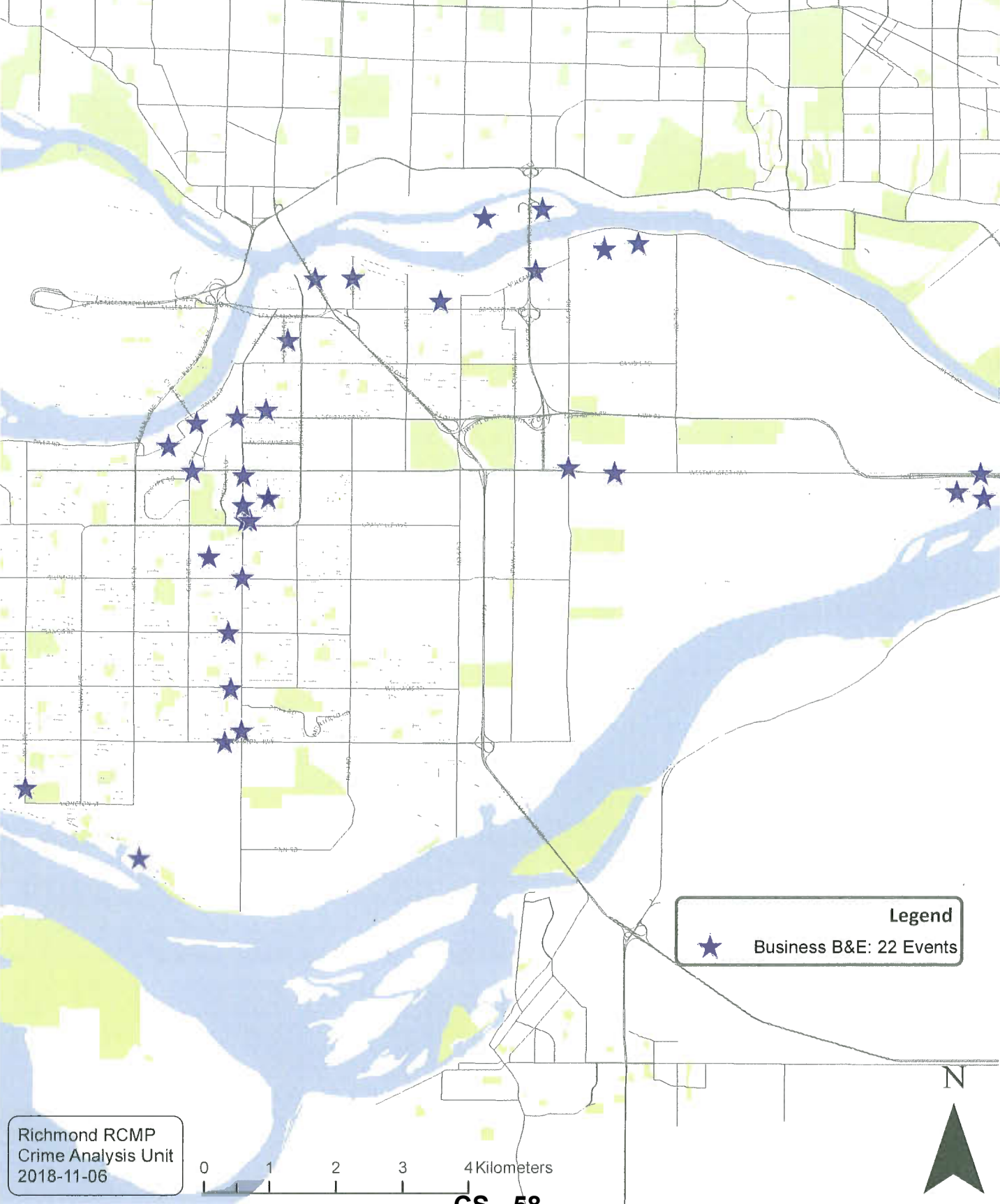
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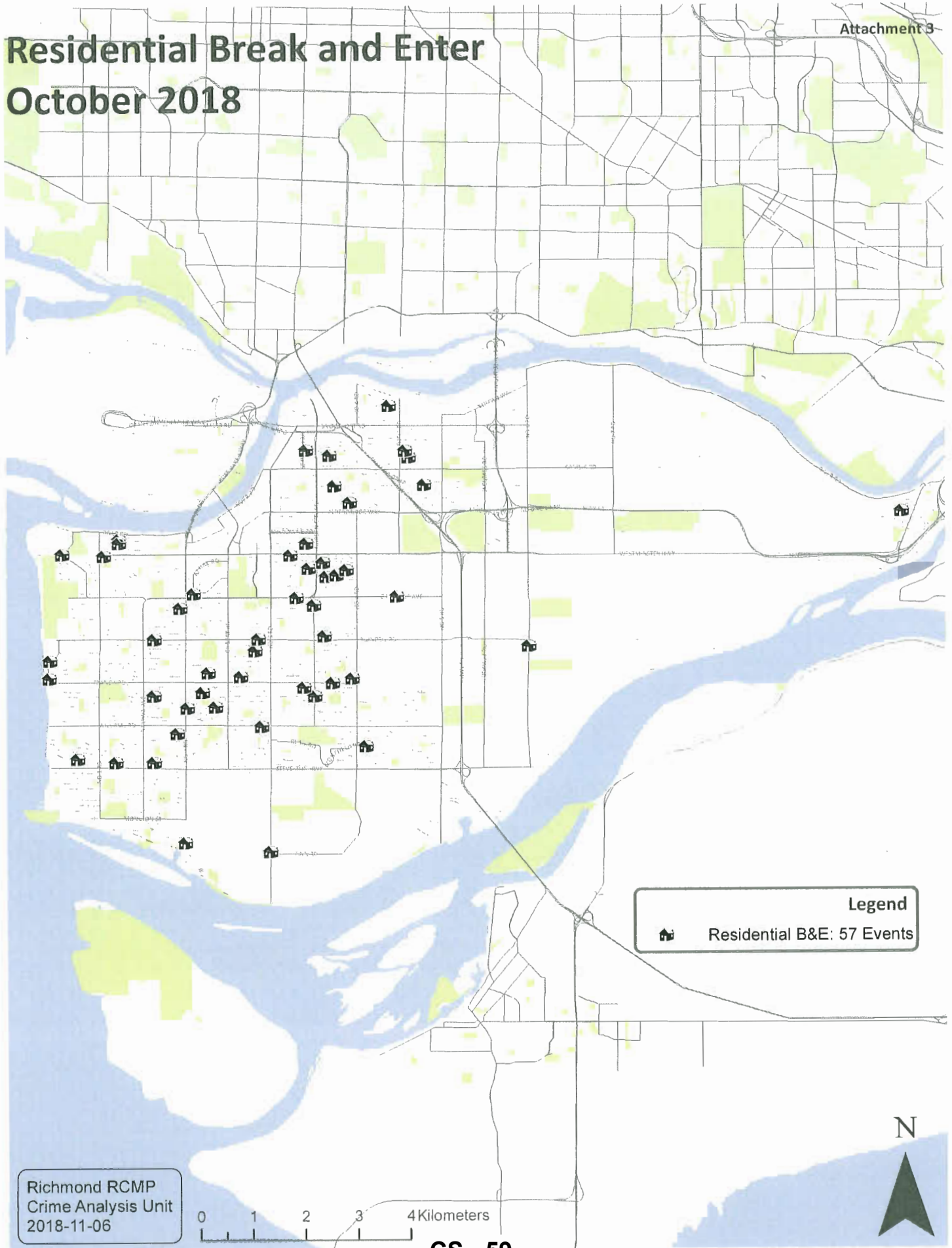


# Business Break and Enter October 2018



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# Residential Break and Enter October 2018



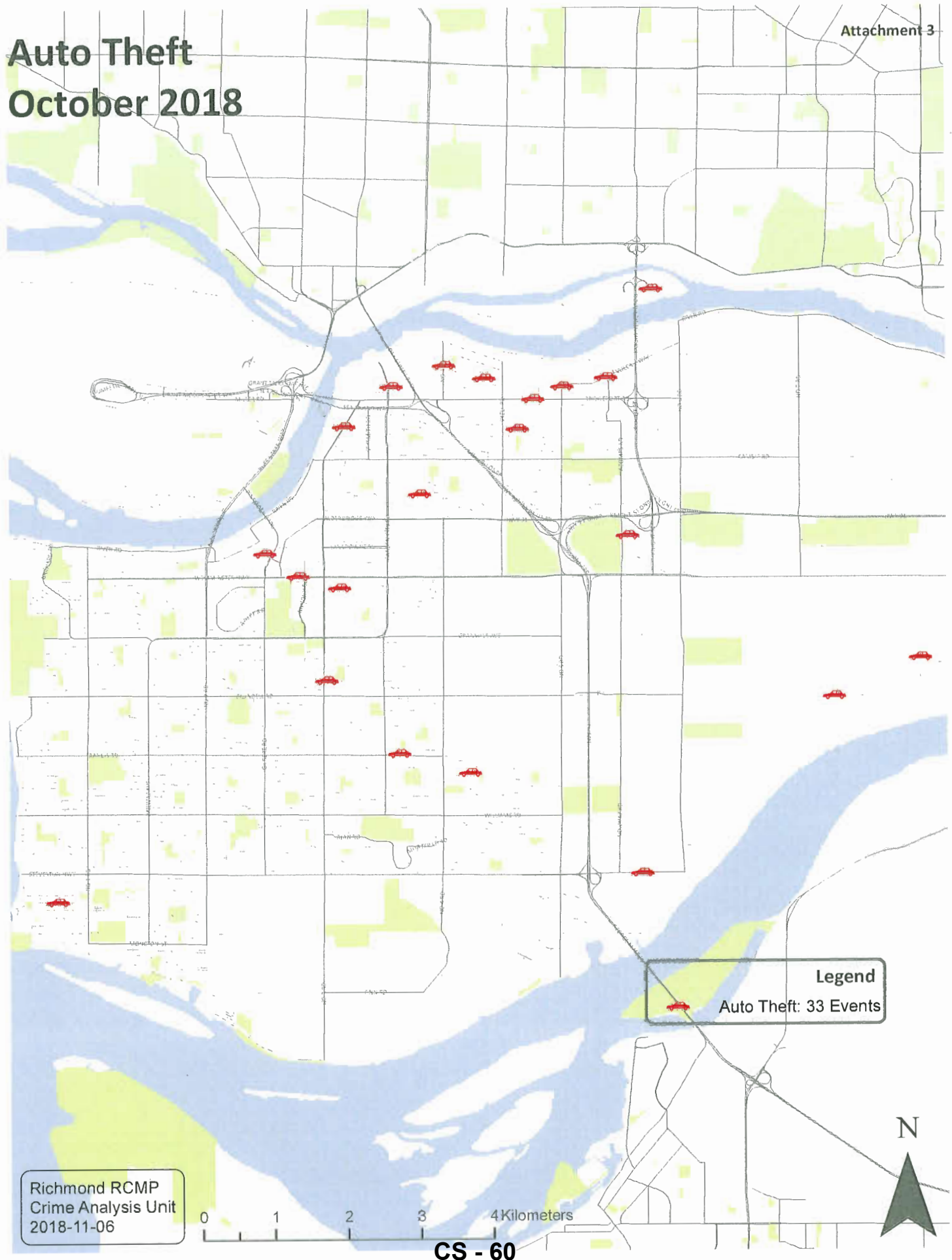
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# Auto Theft October 2018



# Theft from Auto October 2018

