



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Derek Dang, Chair
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston (entered at 4:23 p.m.)
Councillor Bill McNulty
Also Present: Councillor Chak Au
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. **TOUCHSTONE FAMILY SERVICES 2012 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PERFORMANCE OUTCOME AND EVALUATION REPORT**
(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3801897 v. 9)

In reply to queries from Committee, Anne Stevens, Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy & Programs, advised that (i) the total number of referrals is lower than past years as youth crime is decreasing; and (ii) the City's contract with the Touchstone Family Association will expire in December 2013, at which point staff would bring forward a report with options for Council's consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the Restorative Justice Program and Judy Valsonis, Director of Operations, Touchstone Family Association, advised that four regular full-time staff and ten volunteers administer the Program. Also, Ms. Valsonis stated that the volunteer turnover rate is very low as volunteers are very committed to the Program.

It was moved and seconded

That the Touchstone Family Association Restorative Justice Performance Outcome Evaluation Report, as attached to the staff report titled Touchstone Family Services 2012 Restorative Justice Performance Outcome and Evaluation Report dated March 14, 2013 from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE – FEBRUARY 2013 ACTIVITY REPORT**
(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 3818964)

In reply to query from Committee, Fire Chief John McGowan, Richmond Fire-Rescue, commented on the number of medical calls responded to in February 2013 related to allergic reactions.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled Richmond Fire-Rescue – February 2013 Activity Report, dated March 20, 2013, from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **RCMP'S MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2013 ACTIVITIES**
(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 3812902 v.2)

Renny Nasset, Officer in Charge (OIC), Richmond RCMP, commented on the number of referrals to the Restorative Justice Program, noting that the total number of referrals is lower than past years as youth crime is decreasing.

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In response to a query from Committee, Phyllis Carlyle, General Manager, Law, commented on Criminal Activity Maps, stating that a user can select a date range and that data is updated daily.

OIC Nessel distributed copies of February 2013 statistic and criminal activity maps (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1).

OIC Nessel commented on February 2013 statistics, noting that often extreme variations appear early in the calendar year; however, these statistics average out over the course of the year.

In response to a query regarding the Auxiliary Constable Program, OIC Nessel spoke of the Program's security clearance requirements and training schedule.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled RCMP's Monthly Report – February 2013 Activities (dated March 4, 2013, from the OIC RCMP) be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS – FEBRUARY 2013 ACTIVITY REPORT**
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 3814574 v. 6)

In reply to a query regarding civic addresses, Kim Howell, Deputy Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, advised that the Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw 8306 manages civic addresses. Staff was requested to provide a copy of Bylaw 8306 to Council members for information.

Cllr. Johnston entered the meeting (4:23 p.m.).

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled Community Bylaws – February 2013 Activity Report (dated March 11, 2013, from the General Manager, Law & Community Safety) be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **NEW PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION – BILL 12-2013 COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT**
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 3820615 v.4)

Edward Warzel, Manager, Community Bylaws, provided background information and stated that the proposed legislation would act as another tool to address problematic properties.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled New Provincial Legislation – Bill 12-2013 Community Safety Act (dated March 21, 2013 from the General Manager, Law & Community Safety) be received for information.

CARRIED

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6. **WHITE PAPER – JUSTICE REFORM AND THE BC POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3819733 v.9)

Ms. Stevens provided background information and commented on the impending Provincial election, noting that staff will continue to monitor progress on the Plan.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled White Paper: Justice Reform and the BC Policing and Community Safety Plan from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, dated March 26, 2013, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

(i) Azure Fire – Post Incident Safety Messaging

Fire Chief McGowan spoke of a recent fire on Azure Road, noting that RFR canvassed the surrounding neighbourhood and distributed over 500 leaflets regarding fire prevention measures.

(ii) Doors Open Richmond – May 4 to May 5, 2013

Fire Chief McGowan advised that the Sea Island Fire Hall No. 4 would be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 4th and May 5th.

(iii) 911 Awards Update

Fire Chief McGowan spoke of the upcoming 911 Awards scheduled for May 7, 2013.

(iv) “Firefighters Hope to Create a Buzz in Haiti” – Richmond Review

Fire Chief McGowan spoke of fundraising efforts to build a school room for an orphanage in Haiti, and highlighted that a member of RFR, who also happens to be a beekeeper, has offered to train local residents in proper beekeeping in an effort to maintain sustainable and replenishing sources of honey.

Discussion ensued regarding proper fire safety equipment in care facilities. Deputy Fire Chief Howell commented on the Fire Chiefs’ Association of BC smoke alarm campaign, whereby 5,000 smoke alarms have been donated for distribution and installation to vulnerable buildings, including care facilities. She stated that RFR has requested 100 free smoke alarms for installation in Richmond buildings.

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8. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Item for discussion:

OIC Nasset spoke of a recent curb side robbery, highlighting that the young offenders have been apprehended.

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Deborah Procter, Manager, Emergency Programs, spoke of Emergency Preparedness Week – May 5 to May 11, 2013. Also, Ms. Procter commented on Get Ready Richmond, whereby a series of personal preparedness workshops will be held to teach individuals how to make an emergency plan and what do in an emergency or disaster.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:40 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Councillor Derek Dang
Chair

Hanieh Berg
Committee Clerk



FEBRUARY 2013 STATISTICS

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code offences, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. 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 offences are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) offences are included.

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 average, it will be noted in red, while below-average 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. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Offences).

	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Feb-13	February	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change	Change in # of Offences
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	100	109-145	231	223	-3.5%	-8
<i>Robbery</i>	6	5-11	37	18	-51.4%	-19
<i>Assault</i>	40	36-53	75	71	-5.3%	-4
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	3	12-16	26	17	-34.6%	-9
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	7	3-6	7	13	85.7%	6
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	578	580-672	1266	1276	0.8%	10
<i>Business B&E</i>	48	23-44	49	94	91.8%	45
<i>Residential B&E</i>	74	44-59	125	174	39.2%	49
<i>MV Theft</i>	18	23-41	39	53	35.9%	14
<i>Theft From MV</i>	128	135-207	374	281	-24.9%	-93
<i>Theft</i>	92	97-123	255	212	-16.9%	-43
<i>Shoplifting</i>	81	43-77	114	159	39.5%	45
<i>Fraud</i>	44	31-52	75	97	29.3%	22
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	129	142-200	377	298	-21.0%	-79
<i>Arson - Property</i>	1	2-10	5	1	-80.0%	-4
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	807	854-995	1874	1797	-4.1%	-77
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	66	67-95	178	115	-35.4%	-63

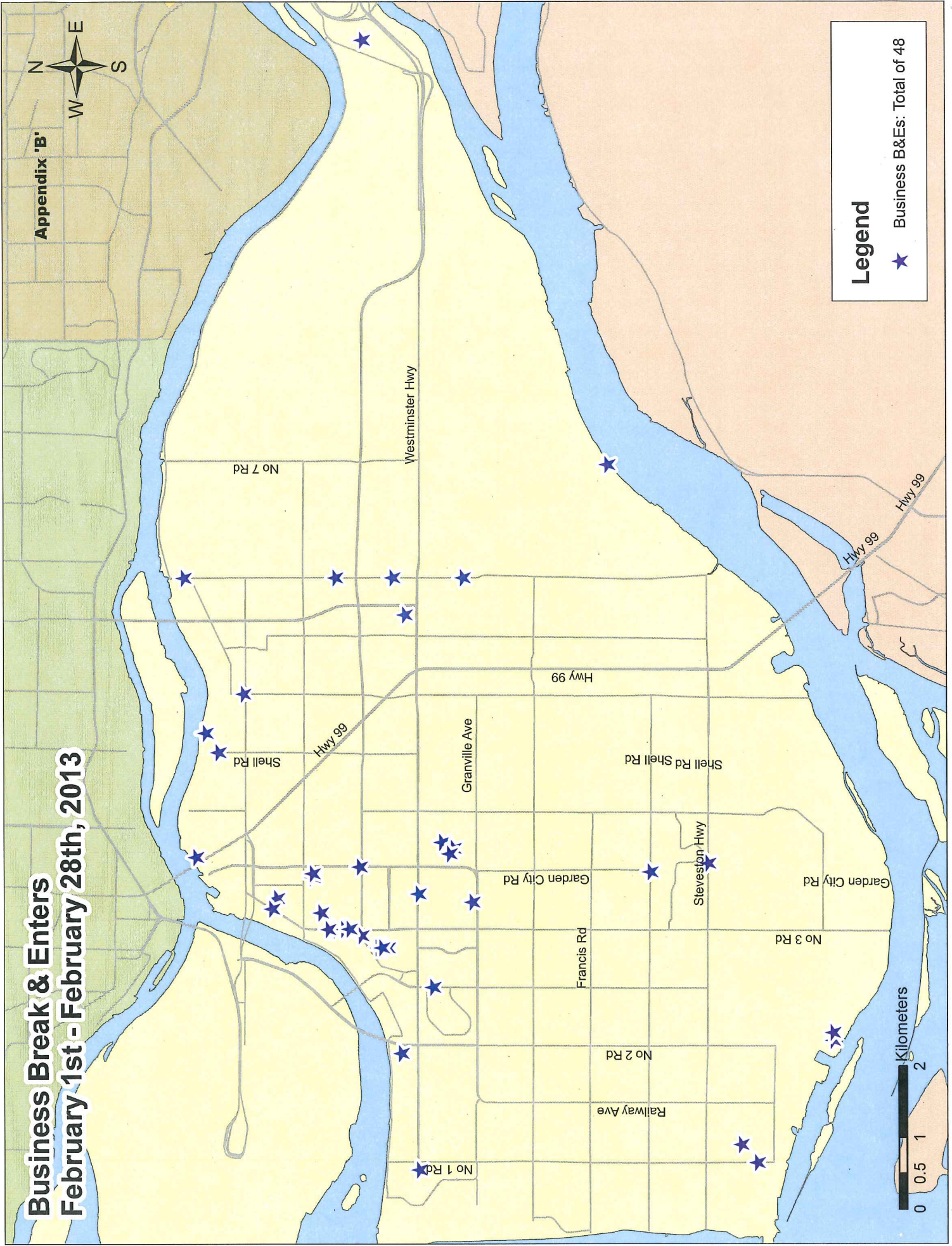
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Business Break & Enters February 1st - February 28th, 2013

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- ★ Business B&Es: Total of 48

Residential Break & Enters February 1st - February 28th, 2013

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Westminster Hwy

No 1 Rd

Railway Ave

No 2 Rd

Frank Rd

No 3 Rd

Garden City Rd

Steveston Hwy

Garden City Rd

Granville Ave

Shell Rd

Shell Rd

Hwy 96


Hwy 99

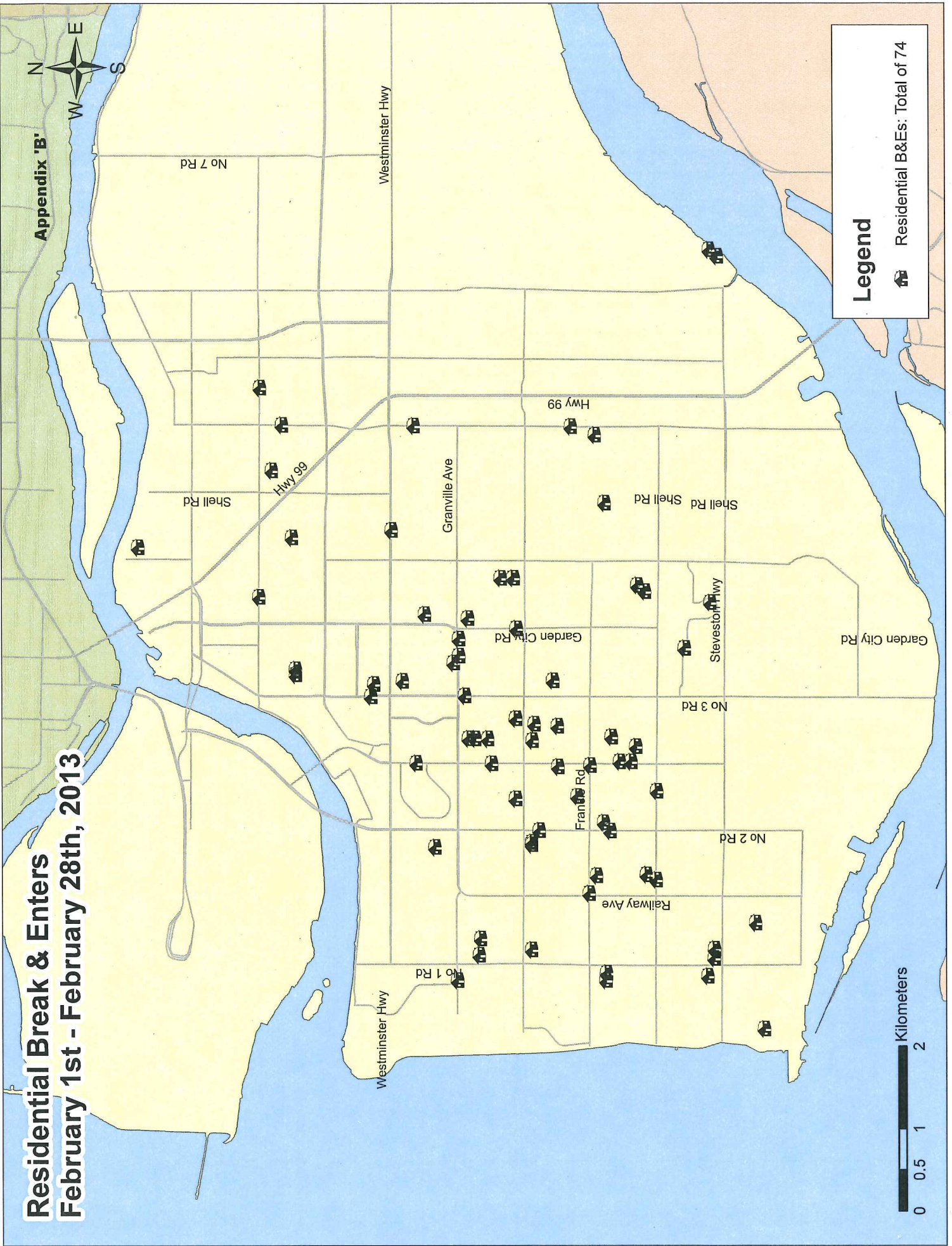
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No 7 Rd



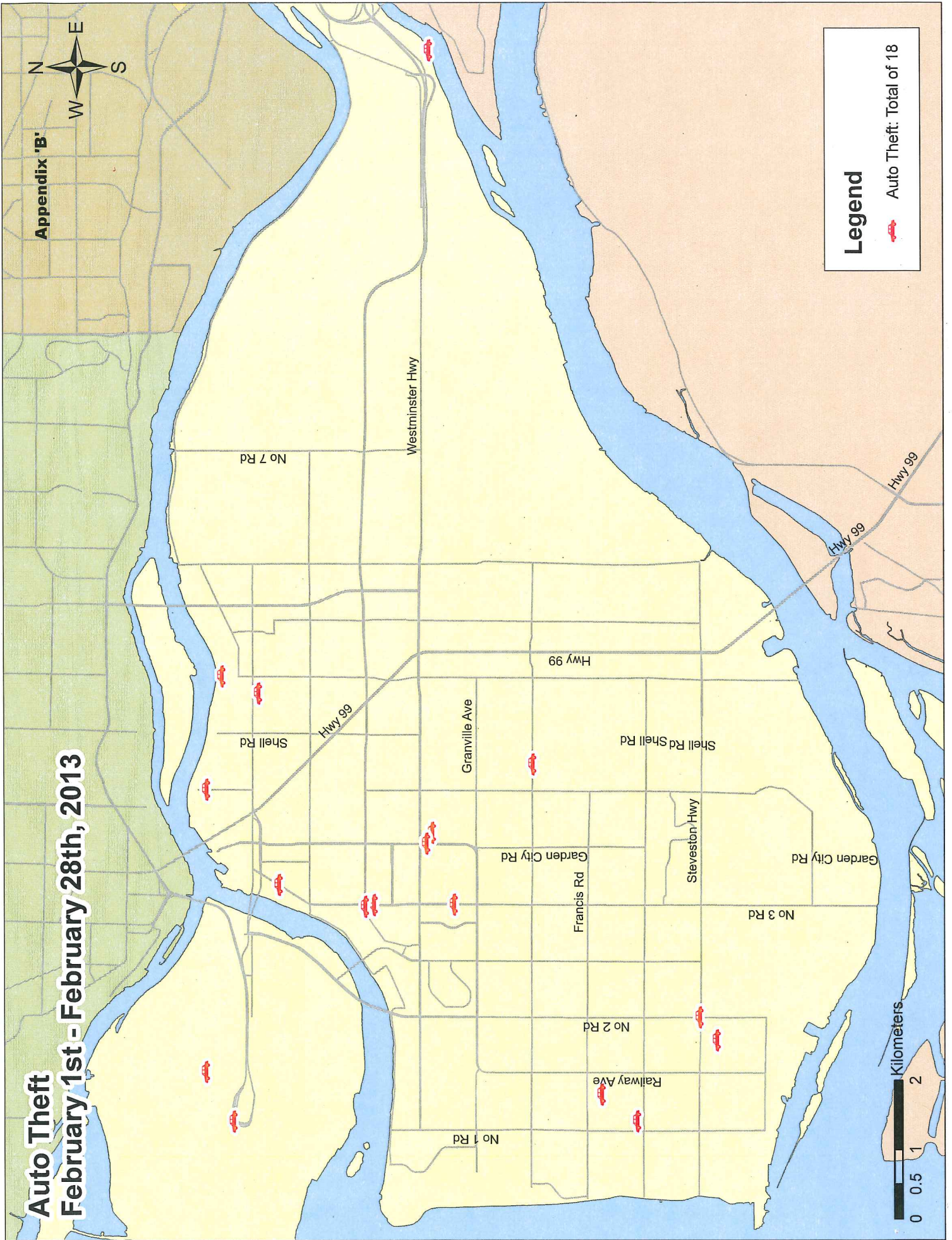
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 Residential B&Es: Total of 74



Auto Theft February 1st - February 28th, 2013

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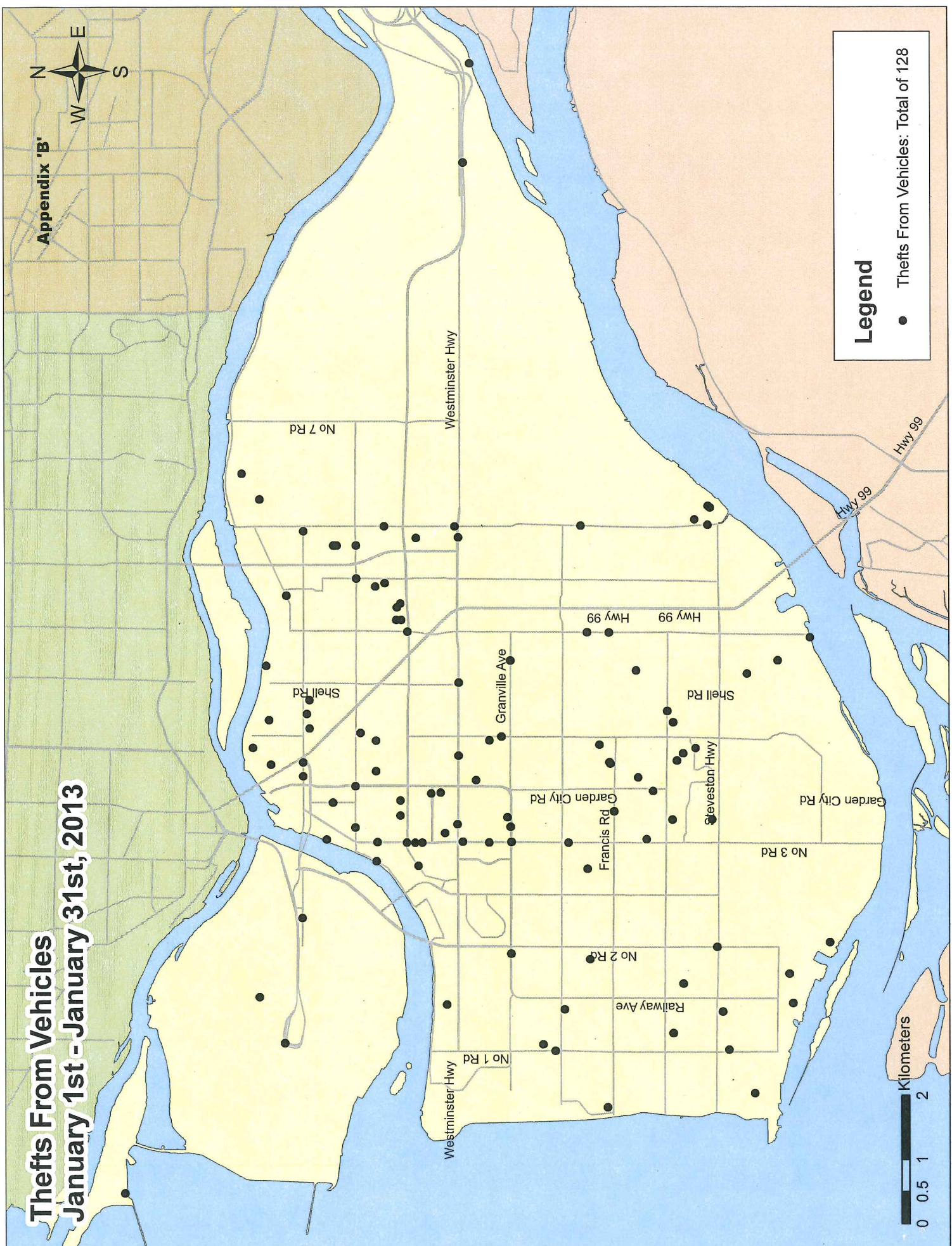
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 Auto Theft: Total of 18



Thefts From Vehicles January 1st - January 31st, 2013

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- Thefts From Vehicles: Total of 128

