



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** September 25, 2014
From: Rendall Nessel, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2014-Vol
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01 (14.24)
Re: **RCMP's Monthly Report - August Activities**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – August Activities" dated September 25, 2014, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP be received for information.

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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 community of Richmond.

This report supports Council's Term Goal #1 Community Safety:

To ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report regarding August 2014 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Man Arrested on Canada Wide Warrant

The Road Safety Unit checked a man during a traffic stop for a motor vehicle act infraction and found that he had a Canada wide warrant for Possession of Child Pornography. The 29 year old man was arrested and held in custody then transported to Calgary, Alberta to appear in court on the charges. The Road Safety Unit officers are often the first line of investigation for arrests and are always looking beyond the motor vehicle act offences.

Citizens Encouraged to Take Role in Crime Prevention

The City of Richmond and Richmond RCMP have announced publicly that a free community-focused Crime Prevention Guide is now available. This initiative is in support of community safety and continued focus on prevention services in both local residential and local business communities has led to the creation of the Crime Prevention Guide.

The 2014 Crime Prevention guide provides information and strategies on four security topics:

- Personal
- Home and Property
- Neighbourhood
- Business

The personal and property safety information and tips are provided to make it easy for citizens to taken an active role in crime prevention. Printed copies are available, free of charge, at the Richmond City Hall, the Richmond Community Safety Building and the community police stations at: City Centre, Steveston and South Arm. The guide is available online at:

www.richmond.ca/crimeprevention
(<http://www.richmond.ca/crimeprevention>)

Have You Seen Sky?

A man walked into Ackroyd Pets and Aquarium store and grabbed a male Parakeet named Sky. The man stuffed the Parakeet into a black shopping bag and then ran out of the store on August 10th. Sky is a one year old male Indian Ringneck Parakeet valued at \$700. He is about 18-20 inches long including a lengthy tail. Sky is powder blue with a red beak and a metal ring band on one of his legs. The suspect is described as Caucasian, 35-40 years old, 5'10", heavy build with dark hair and glasses. He was wearing a blue and white shirt striped dress shirt, jean shorts and black sandals.

The exotic bird is described as sweet and friendly by the pet store staff and will not survive if he is released or if he escapes. The detachment sent out a news release and pictures on August 11 asking anyone with information to email Richmond_tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or remain anonymous by calling Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Pedestrian Motor Vehicle Collision

On August 20th, constables responded to a report of a pedestrian and vehicle collision at the intersection of Van Horne Way and Great Canadian Way. The vehicle had extensive damage to the front end with the windshield smashed. Richmond Fire Rescue assisted the injured male pedestrian who was seated on the grass next to the sidewalk. The man was conscious and breathing and was transported to Vancouver General Hospital. He was not suffering from any life threatening injuries.

Are You Missing a Bike?

In mid-July a citizen contacted the police after he saw a man cut through a bike lock, steal the bike and then meet up with another man who had two more bikes. The police caught the two men and recovered the bike. The police have attempted to locate the owner; however no one has come forward to claim the bike. The detachment sent out a news release on August 26th attempting to locate the owner of the 24 speed Kona Mountain bike which was stolen from the 7100 block of Elmbridge Way on July 19th.

Double Stabbing

On August 30th at 7:30 pm the detachment responded to reports received for two males stabbed at the 6400 block of Comstock Road. One person was rushed to the hospital in serious condition and did not survive. The second victim suffered minor injuries. Police cordoned off the area and called in the Serious Crimes Unit to conduct an investigation. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in to assist in the investigation, which is ongoing.

Auxiliary Constables

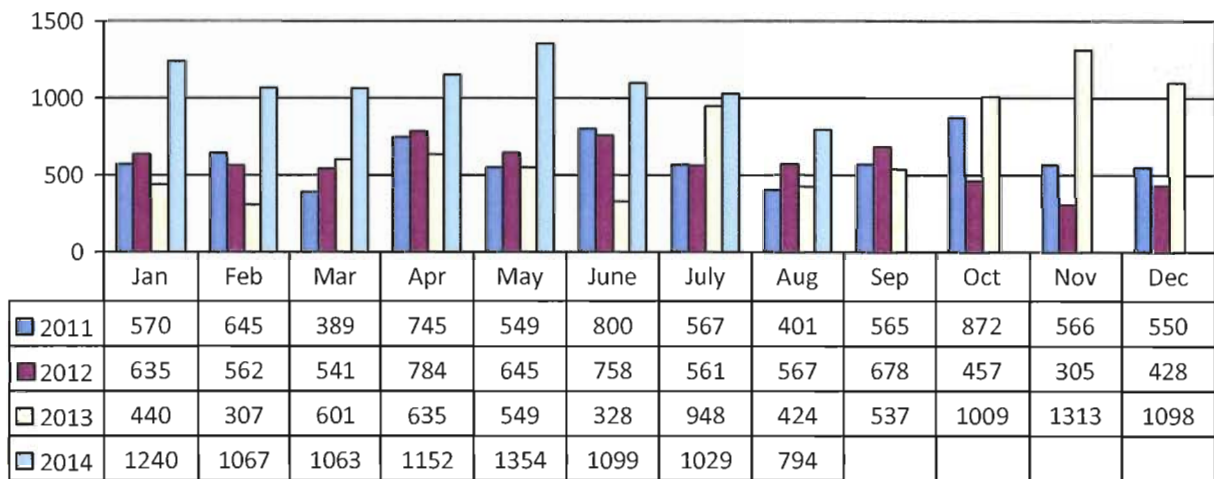
The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention. The Auxiliary Constables support community and special events, as well as participating in a variety of crime prevention program within the City.

Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer hours include community policing activities as well as hours spent in training, court, ride-along and call-outs. As of the end of August 2014, Richmond Detachment compliment of Auxiliary Constables remains at 44. The 44 individuals have volunteered 8,796 hours to date in 2014.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011.

Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours



Activities for August 2014 included:

- Block Watch – participated in Block Watch neighbourhood events such as meetings and BBQ to provide police support and crime prevention information for residents.
- Crime Watch – provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Boat Safety Checks – assisted YVR members in conducting boat safety checks of vessels being launched at MacDonal Beach for Celebration of Light Fireworks.
- Pathways Initiative – attended the Pathways Clubhouse to provide support and encouragement to Pathway clients that have mental illness and to create positive client relationships with police.
- Property Crime Reduction programs – assisted Property Crime Unit with ongoing programs to reduce theft occurrences in Richmond.
- Safety Patrols – provided a police presence in off-road areas with the Kubota, ATV’s, bikes and on foot. Areas patrolled were: Steveston Village, Night Markets, YVR, Hamilton area and various dykes, parks and trails.

- Marine Patrols – assisted the crew on the Fraser Guardian. A crew spot is reserved for Auxiliary Constables on each scheduled Marine Patrol on the Fraser Guardian.
- Ride-a-Longs - assisted constables on Traffic and General Duty shifts.

Community Events for August 2014 included:

- Maritime Festival – conducted foot patrols, providing a police presence and interacting with youth and families at the event.
- Steveston Dragon boat Festival – conducted patrols on foot and Kubota of the event site and surrounding areas. Provided a police presence interacting with participants and spectators.
- Outdoor Movie Night Events – participated in the community festivals and movie nights at City Centre, King George, Hamilton, Hugh Boyd and the Richmond Oval. Auxiliary Constables interact with community residents and provide a police presence at these events.
- Youth Outreach Camp – assisted Youth Section constables to provide a drop-in “camp” to youth in targeted areas. The event was to encourage communication with the youth.

Community Policing

- Block Watch Program – 259 letters were sent to victims of break and enters and their neighbours to inform residents of the break in that occurred and encourage residents to start a Block Watch group. The letter also provides crime prevention tips and web page information. This information is also provided by email alert to registered Richmond residents.
- Business Link Program – 28 letters were sent to businesses that experienced a break and enter. The letter also provides crime prevention tips and web page information. This information is also provided by email alert to registered businesses.
- Crime Prevention Guide – was distributed to all 9 Community Centres and the Minoru Seniors Centre for display purposes for the public.
- Police Contact Cards – English and Punjabi Police Contact Information cards were distributed to the Sikh Temples along No. 5 road in the Cambie and No. 5 Road area.

Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime Statistics

Notices supplied by ICBC are issued by a community volunteer and left on every car in a local parking lot. The notice contains the Community Police Station name, crime prevention tips, location and date of inspection, as well as a list of questions that have been checked “yes” or “no”. These notices indicate to the driver what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle safe.

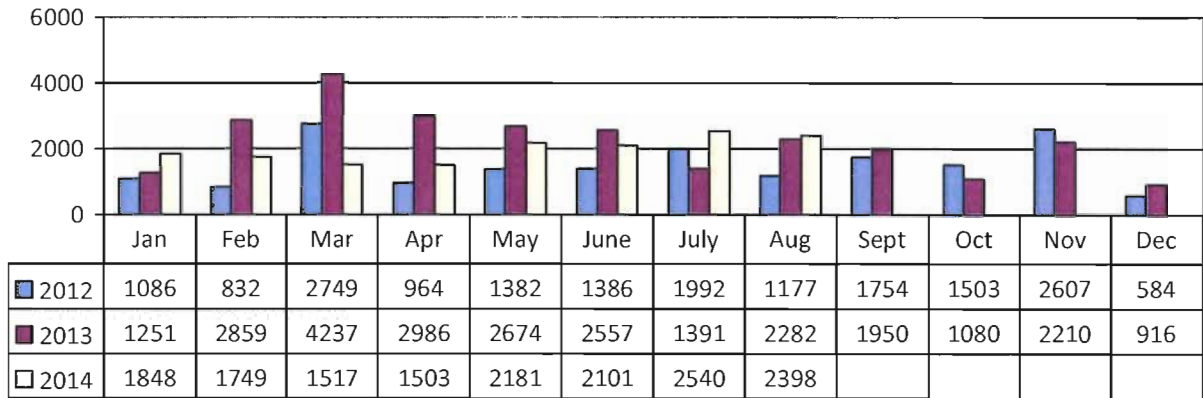
Example questions:

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device? (e.g.: alarm, immobilizer or steering wheel-lock)

- Are there any personal belongings in plain view?
- Is the vehicle locked?
- Have all suitable steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year for the number of vehicles issued a notice.

Figure 2: Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery / Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

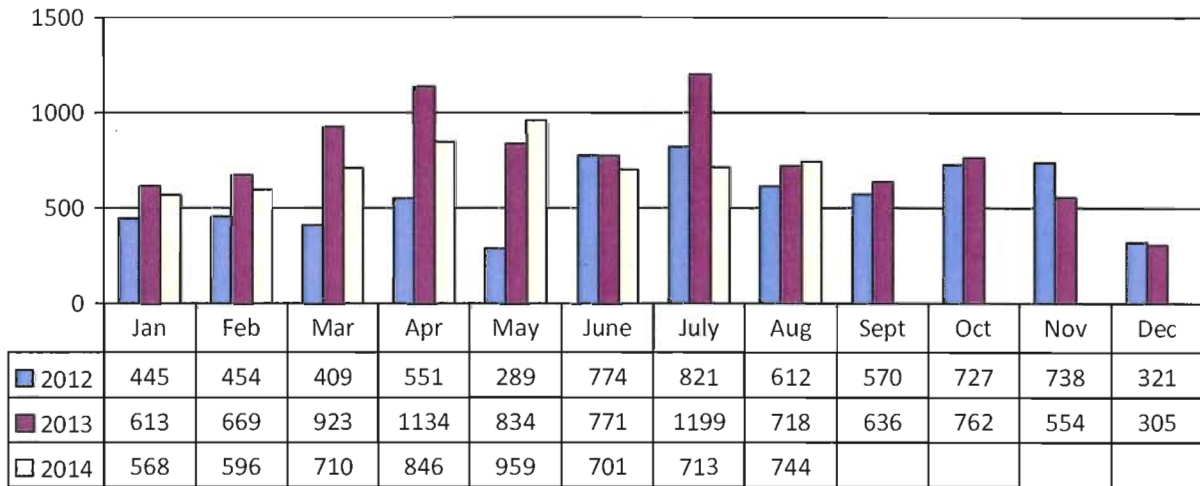


Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and on roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed. The volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the vehicle’s registered owner when there is an infraction. The letter includes the date, time, location and what the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket.

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent.

Figure 3: Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Letters Sent

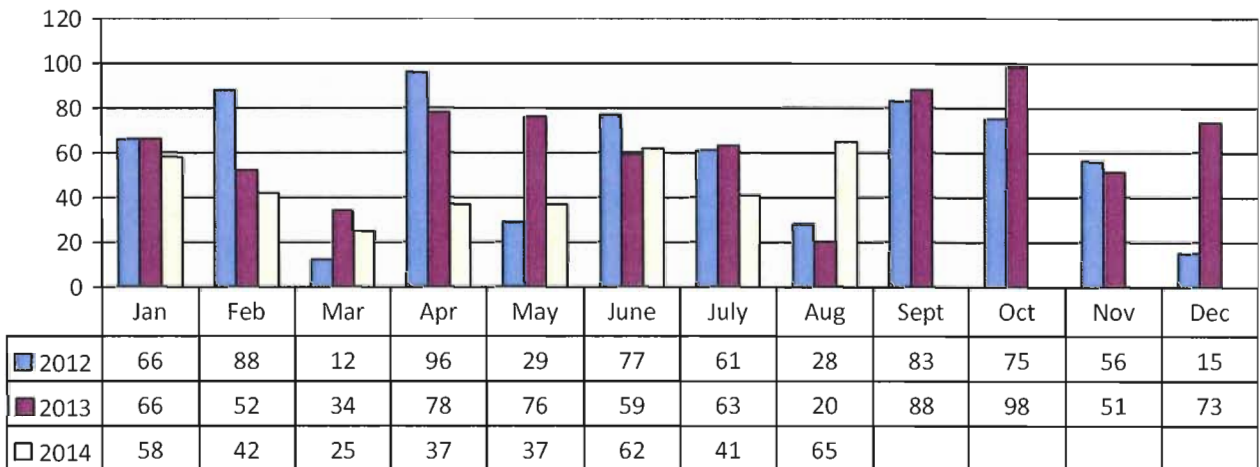


Richmond Detachment Distracted Driver Statistics

While volunteers are doing bike/foot patrols or on Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones; talking or texting, using other electronic devices, reading a newspaper, shaving or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is sent a letter with the date, time and location. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount the fine would be had the driver received a violation ticket.

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

Figure 4: Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Number of Letters Sent



Richmond Detachment Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

In August 2014, there were 21 bike patrols totaling 124 hours, as well as 23 foot/van patrols totaling 147 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions and general questions, witnessed minor vehicle collisions and offered assistance. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and used palm pilots to run license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. During the patrols, the volunteers visited local parks and schools to make sure that everything was secure and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

Highlights in August 2014 for the Volunteers included:

- Distracted Drivers Obstacle Course - Volunteers participated in the Distracted Driver's Obstacle Course training on August 12 and August 13. The purpose of the obstacle course is to promote awareness for the public and ICBC is having an awareness campaign for the province on distracted drivers. The obstacle course consists of a walk through in a 300 square foot area to simulate texting on a calculator while 3 volunteers attempt to distract the "driver" by ringing bells, asking math questions and various other activities in the 3 minute walk through.
- Crime Watch Program - Volunteers participated in the Crime Watch program on August 16 to see if they would like to join this program.
- Cambie Community Centre Family Event - 10 volunteers assisted in the Cambie Community Centre movie night at King George Park on August 19. The movie night is a family event and the volunteer activities were held from 4:30 to 8:00 pm before the movie started at 8:00 pm. During this event the volunteers held the Distracted Drivers Obstacle course and had 286 people go through the obstacle. The Fatal Vision Goggles from ICBC were also available to the public which shows how much alcohol you have while trying to put a golf ball and walk a straight line. A Crime Prevention constable was also there with the police vehicle.
- ICBC Block Party - 5 volunteers participated in ICBC Block Party BBQ on August 21. The event was held outside of ICBC's Road Safety Department office at 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in Richmond. The volunteers participated in the Distracted Drivers Obstacle course and ICBC had their brand new driving simulator on site. The simulator demonstrates texting and driving using a monitor, steering wheel and foot pedal. Approximately 245 people went through the Distracted Drivers Obstacle course.
- Crime Watch Program - 5 volunteers participated with Crime Watch on August 23.
- Richmond Oval's Family Day Event - 12 volunteers assisted in the Family Fun Day event at the Richmond Oval on August 31. The volunteers had approximately 300 people go through the Distracted Drivers Obstacle course.
- Adopt-a-Street – This program began in June, 2013 to promote the City Centre Community Police Station (CCCPS) within the community by starting a litter clean up/ "Adopt-a-Street" program. The adopted streets are Minoru, Lansdowne, Alderbridge and No. 3 road. The volunteers go out once a month to pick up litter and large items that cannot be picked up are reported to the City of Richmond's Recycling and Garbage Services who come to pick them up. Two new signs were installed on August 11: one

placement at Lansdowne Road and 3 Road near the CCCPS and the second placement at the 5600 block of Minoru Boulevard. (Attachment 3)

Quick Response Team (QRT)

Massage Parlour Check

On August 6, QRT inspected a massage parlour in Richmond where two people were committing a sex act thereby breaking two City of Richmond business bylaws. QRT liaised with the City of Richmond License department and prepared a report for the City to take action against the business.

Stolen Goods Being Sold at Local Businesses

QRT partnered with a City of Richmond Licensed Inspector to visit the owner/operators of businesses in the strip mall at 6340 No. 3 Road. There has been an ongoing problem with street level criminals committing thefts from Richmond Center, Shoppers Drug Mart and London Drugs and then selling the stolen goods at the strip mall.

On August 28 the owner/operators of the businesses were informed by the QRT Corporal and a City of Richmond License Inspector that stolen goods have been purchased in their businesses and that their fellow business associates have been victimized by these thefts. If the situation does not rectify itself by this discussion, the next step is to provide a uniform presence to the area and disrupt the transactions as they occur.

Road Safety Unit

Name	Act	Example	June	July	Aug
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	815	1,020	809
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	330	434	375
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	44	29	36
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	12	9	10
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	2	0	1

Victim Services

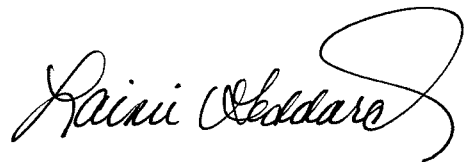
- From August 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 30 new clients and attended 13 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 156 ongoing files.
- Victim Services provided ongoing emotional support to help victims of threatening and harassment cases, child abuse cases and sudden death cases. Referrals are provided for long term help.
- Victim Services assisted in providing support to a family during a death notification of a young man who passed away in a fatal crash and provided support to witnesses of a fatal stabbing this month.
- Victim Services continues to provide assistance to young women who were victimized by a man posing as a modeling agent. This month victims continue to come forward and the matter is before the courts.

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: Crime Statistics
2: Crime Maps
3: Adopt-a-Street picture
3a: Adopt-a-Street picture



August 2014 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code incidents, 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 offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents 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).

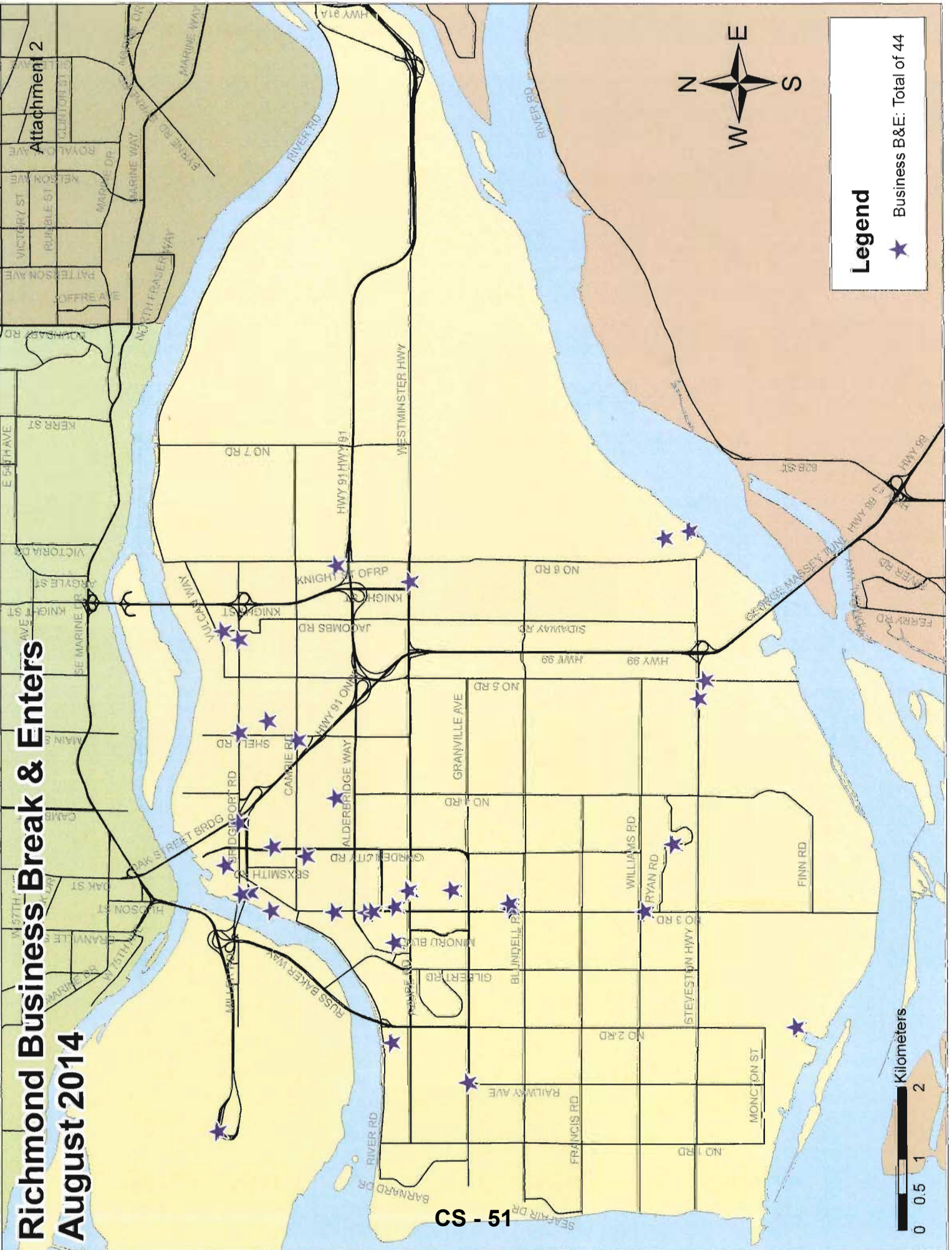
	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Aug-14	August		2013	2014	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	110	123	102-144	789	806	2.2%	17
<i>Robbery</i>	7	8	6-10	40	46	15.0%	6
<i>Assault Common</i>	38	47	36-57	316	288	-8.9%	-28
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	11	13	9-16	78	81	3.8%	3
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	13	6	3-9	32	69	115.6%	37
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	723	680	625-734	4565	5415	18.6%	850
<i>Business B&E</i>	44	38	27-50	274	248	-9.5%	-26
<i>Residential B&E</i>	71	52	45-59	472	517	9.5%	45
<i>MV Theft</i>	43	33	16-50	143	220	53.8%	77
<i>Theft From MV</i>	179	182	155-209	974	1694	73.9%	720
<i>Theft</i>	127	107	87-128	738	852	15.4%	114
<i>Shoplifting</i>	53	66	56-77	599	431	-28.0%	-168
<i>Fraud</i>	59	49	44-53	338	384	13.6%	46
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	218	232	206-258	1349	1435	6.4%	86
<i>Arson - Property</i>	6	9	4-14	25	45	80.0%	20
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1051	1035	974-1095	6703	7656	14.2%	953
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	36	80	61-99	537	406	-24.4%	-131

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Richmond Business Break & Enters August 2014

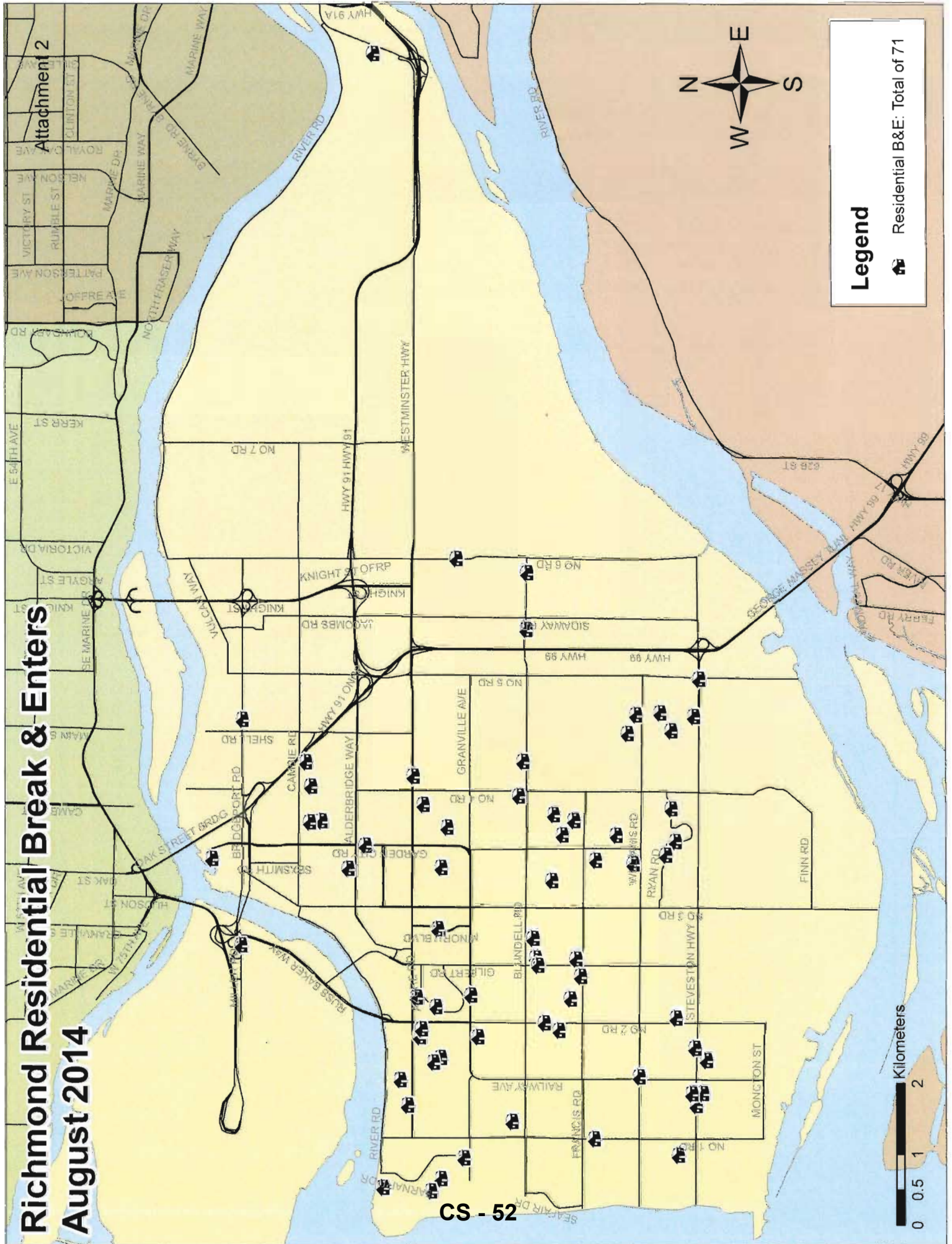


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Richmond Residential Break & Enters August 2014

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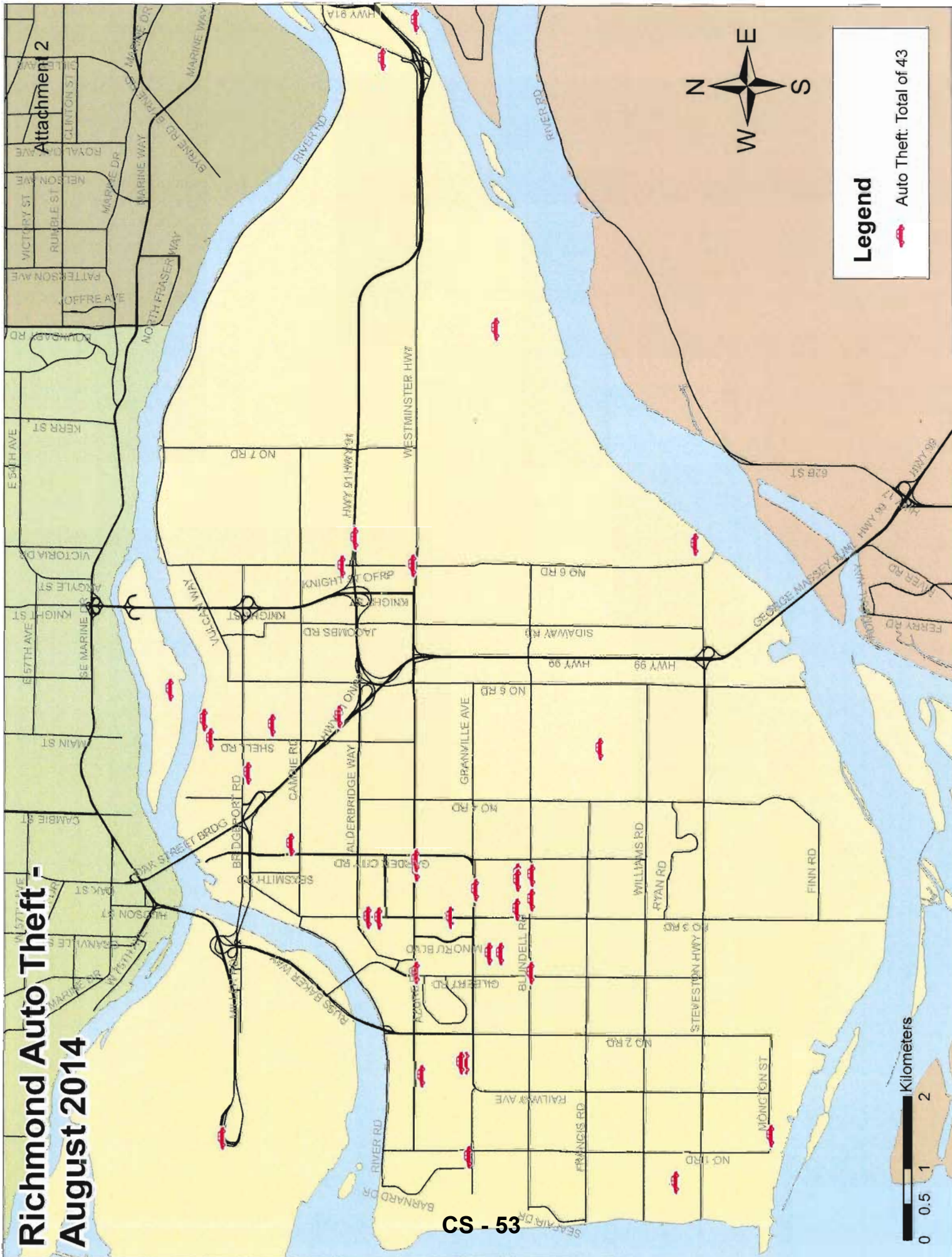
-  Residential B&E: Total of 71



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Richmond Auto Theft - August 2014

Attachment 2



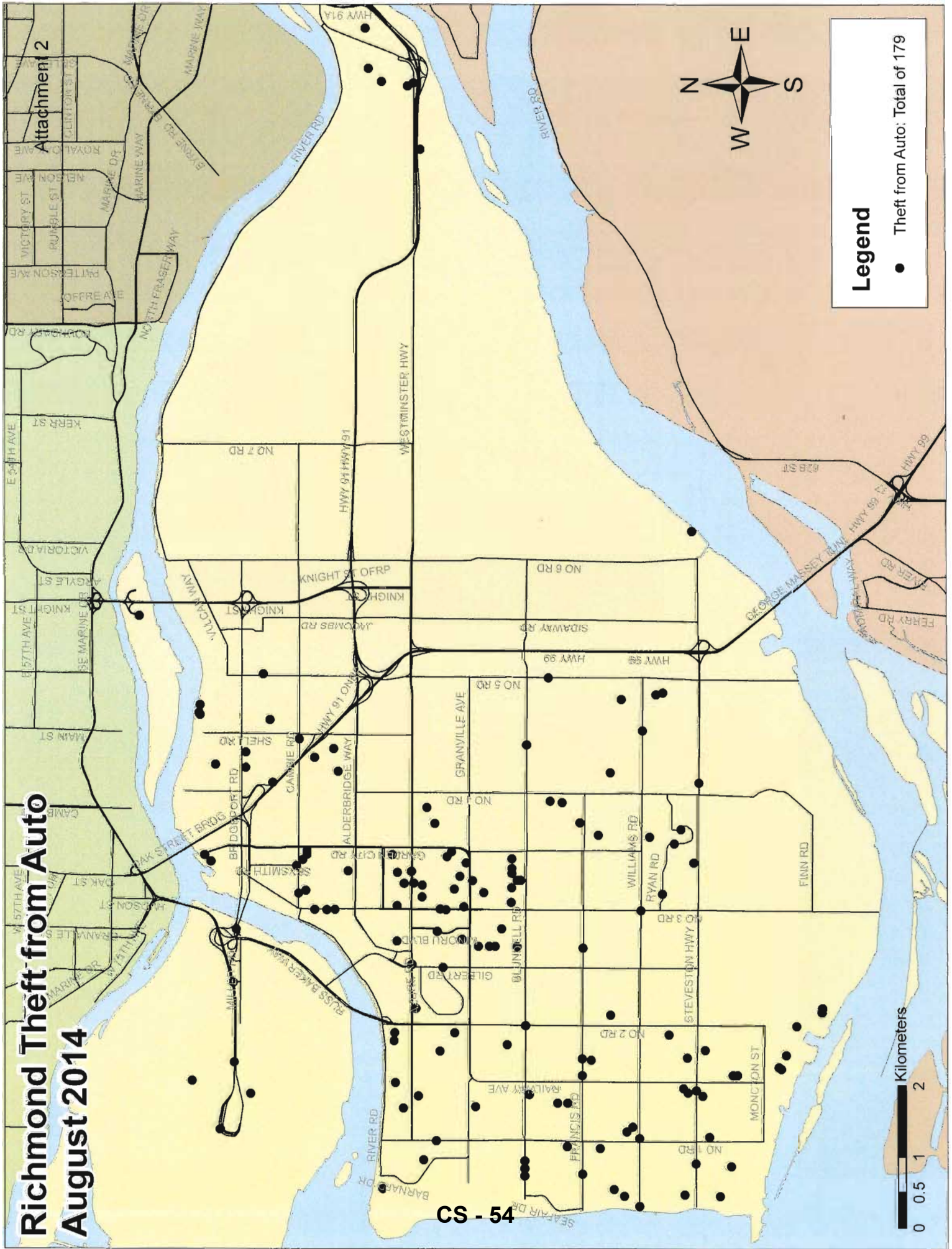
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Auto Theft: Total of 43

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Richmond Theft from Auto August 2014



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- Theft from Auto: Total of 179



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