



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee

**Date:** June 13, 2022

**From:** Dave Chauhan  
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge

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**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2022

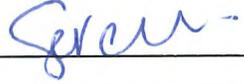
### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2022”, dated June 13, 2022, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

*for -*  
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*2002-06-14*

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<b>REPORT CONCURRENCE</b>	
<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>	
	
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 
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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 Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

*Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.*

### Analysis

#### Activities and Noteworthy Files

##### *Assault*

On May 1, 2022, the Richmond RCMP responded to a residence in the 2900 block of Steveston Highway for an assault involving racial slurs. A man had directed racist remarks to a male victim regarding his Indigenous heritage resulting in a physical altercation. The suspect left the scene prior to police arrival. The incident is under investigation.

##### *Fraud Trend*

On May 2, 2022, the Richmond RCMP issued a second public warning regarding a debit card fraud which involves a fake taxi, driver and passenger. Between April 22 and May 2, 2022, a total of eight victims had reported similar incidents to police. A media release provided a description of the suspects and the vehicle.

##### *Canada Road Safety Week*

Between May 17 and 23, 2022, in support of Canada Road Safety week, the Richmond RCMP conducted increased traffic enforcement where they targeted violations such as impaired driving, distracted driving and aggressive driving. A total of 808 violation tickets were issued this month. This year's campaign was entitled "Safer You, Safer Me" and focused on educating drivers on how their decisions impact all road users.

*Policing Priorities in Action – Safe Boating Awareness*

On May 19, 2022, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release promoting National Safe Boating Awareness Week, which included multiple water safety videos featuring Richmond RCMP officers. The Richmond RCMP Marine Unit will be patrolling local waterways throughout the summer, conducting random safety checks, and monitoring local boat launches to ensure boaters have the appropriate safety equipment before they head out on the water.

Analysis of Police Statistics

*Arson*

In May 2022, there were seven reported arsons, which is down three incidents from the previous month and down three incidents from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the expected range.

*Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were 24 assault serious events in May 2022, which is up 26 per cent from the previous month and up 33 per cent from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is above the expected range.

Of the incidents reported this month, half were domestic in nature and 58 per cent occurred in private residences.

*Auto Theft*

In May 2022, there were 25 incidents of auto theft, which is a 14 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 67 per cent increase from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range.

*Drugs*

In May 2022, there were 61 drug files, which is down two per cent from the previous month and is up 65 per cent from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

Of the incidents reported this month, 95 per cent occurred at the Vancouver International Airport.

*Mental Health*

There were 127 mental health-related incidents in May 2022, which is an eight per cent increase from the previous month and is a five per cent increase from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the expected range.

There were 89 police apprehensions this month and the average hospital wait time was 111 minutes. The longer than average hospital wait times has been attributed to a small proportion of incidents that required increased police presence in the hospital.

#### *Residential Break and Enter*

There were 26 break and enters to residences in May 2022, which is a 21 per cent decrease from the previous month and is an 18 per cent increase from May 2021. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range.

#### *Commercial Break and Enter*

In May 2022, there were 26 break and enters to businesses, which is a 16 per cent decrease from the previous month and represents no change from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the expected range.

#### *Robbery*

There were four robbery incidents in May 2022, which is up two incidents from the previous month and represents no change from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the expected range.

Two of the robberies reported this month involved the use of a weapon. The incidents remain under investigation and a suspect has been identified in one of the events.

#### *Sexual Offences*

In May 2022, there were 11 sexual offence files, which is down eight per cent from the previous month and down 59 per cent from May 2021.<sup>1</sup> No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the expected range.

#### *Shoplifting*

There were 61 reported shoplifting thefts in May 2022, which is a 29 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 56 per cent increase from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the expected range.

#### *Theft from Automobile*

There were 104 theft from automobile incidents in May 2022, which is down 30 per cent from the previous month and down 13 per cent from May 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the expected range.

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<sup>1</sup> The Sexual Offences category comprises a range of offences including: sexual assault, sexual interference, making and distributing child pornography, possessing and accessing child pornography and indecent acts/exposing.

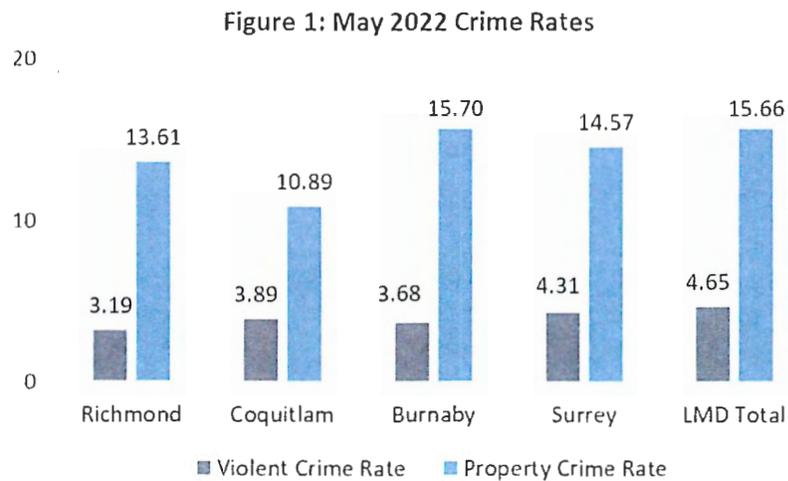
*Hate Crimes and Incidents*

Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2018 and May 31, 2022.<sup>2</sup> A “hate crime” refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime as per the *Criminal Code* carries a higher threshold and usually involves one or more criminal offences. A “hate incident” may be motivated by the same factors as a hate crime, but does not reach the threshold of being a criminal offence. One of the events reported this month involved an assault and anti-Indigenous comments and the other involved anti-Black graffiti.

Year	Hate Crime Files	Hate Incident Files	Total
2018	19	4	23
2019	11	9	20
2020	21	13	34
2021	19	29	48
2022	3	8	11

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.<sup>3</sup> In May 2022, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate and the second-lowest property crime rate.



Block Watch

At the end of May 2022, the Block Watch program had 297 groups totaling 6,946 participants. Currently, the program includes 431 captains and co-captains.

<sup>2</sup> The BC Hate Crimes Unit uses the terms hate-motivated crime and hate-motivated incident.

<sup>3</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people.

### Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations enhance the Richmond RCMP Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. Even with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations, City staff and volunteers have continued to pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility and have resumed many activities which had previously been suspended. In addition, the new City Centre Community Police Station opened to the public on April 1, 2022. The location now offers the same services that are available at the main Richmond RCMP Detachment.

During the month of May, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of four volunteer bike patrols, totalling 45 hours.
- Six Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 170 information letters.
- There were 18 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 638 information letters were distributed.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 4,945 vehicles and 206 information letters were issued.
- May 1 and 2 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Pop Up Detachment event at Lansdowne Mall. Crime prevention information and resources were provided to attendees.
- May 7 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in an Emergency Preparedness event at the No.1 Fire Hall and provided a variety of safety resources, including information on home security, Block Watch and crime prevention.
- May 18 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Coffee with a Cop Police Week event at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. Approximately 90 people were in attendance and police presented on personal and home safety, in addition to fraud prevention.
- May 19 – Volunteers and RCMP officers hosted a Police Week Safety Fair at Lansdowne Mall. Crime prevention information and resources were provided and the new Spot the Target initiative was a popular activity for participants.<sup>4</sup>
- May 21 – Volunteers and RCMP officers hosted a Family Fun Fest event in Steveston for Police Week, which was visited by approximately 2,000 attendees. The event also featured an appearance by Safety Bear and included the Project 529 bike registry, which resulted in the registration of 50 bicycles.

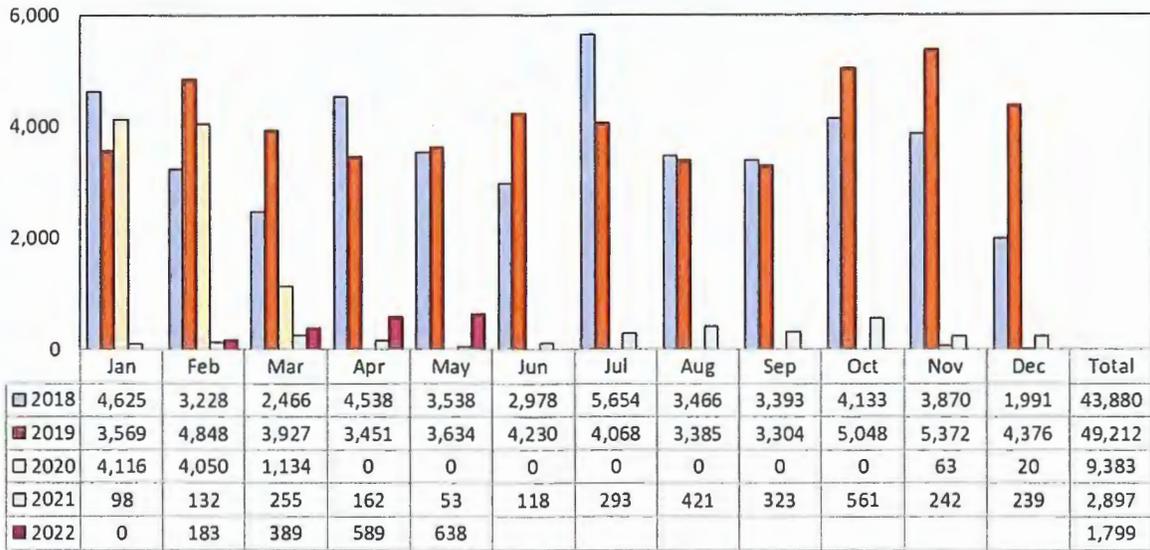
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<sup>4</sup> The Spot the Target initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify.

*Lock Out Auto Crime*

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.<sup>5</sup>

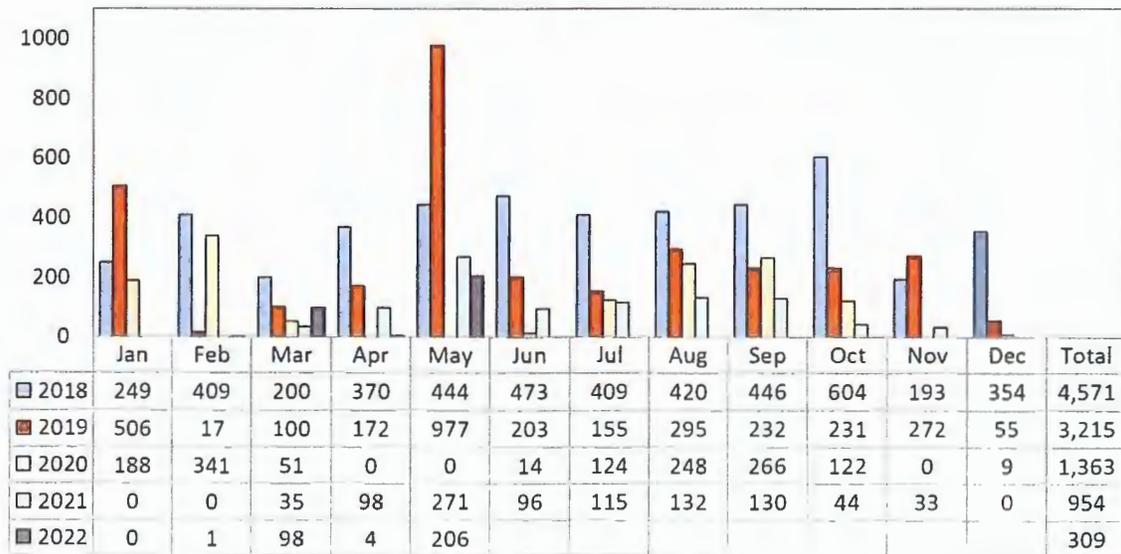
**Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



*Speed Watch*

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

**Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent**



<sup>5</sup> Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices due to COVID-19-related concerns. Letters are only issued to vehicles displaying security vulnerabilities; whereas previously, notices were issued to all vehicles. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of letters issued.

### Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Coffee with a Cop
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Emergency Preparedness Event
- Place of Worship Patrols
- Police Week
- Speed Watch

### 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. Table 2 compares statistics for May 2022 to both March 2022 and April 2022. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>March 2022</b>	<b>April 2022</b>	<b>May 2022</b>
Distracted Driving	34	19	134
Driver License	91	92	186
Impaired	41	35	38
Intersection Offences	33	36	42
Moving Infractions <sup>6</sup>	51	61	79
Speeding	106	82	223
Seatbelts	3	2	16
Vehicle Related <sup>7</sup>	40	42	69
Other <sup>8</sup>	5	8	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>808</b>

### Victim Services

In May 2022, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 95 new clients and attended 11 crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 126 files. In May, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, property crimes and mental health issues.

<sup>6</sup> Moving infractions 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 failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

### Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP 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 May, Youth Section highlights included:

- The Youth Section continued the third term of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. A total of 75 DARE classes were delivered to Grade 5 students in eight schools this month.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 35 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 61 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion**

In May 2022, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including a hate-related assault and an ongoing fraud trend. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the expected ranges, with the exception of serious assaults, which were elevated.

In May, the Richmond RCMP conducted increased road safety enforcement in support of Canada Road Safety Week. In addition, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that 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)

#### 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.

## MAY 2022 STATISTICS

## RICHMOND RCMP

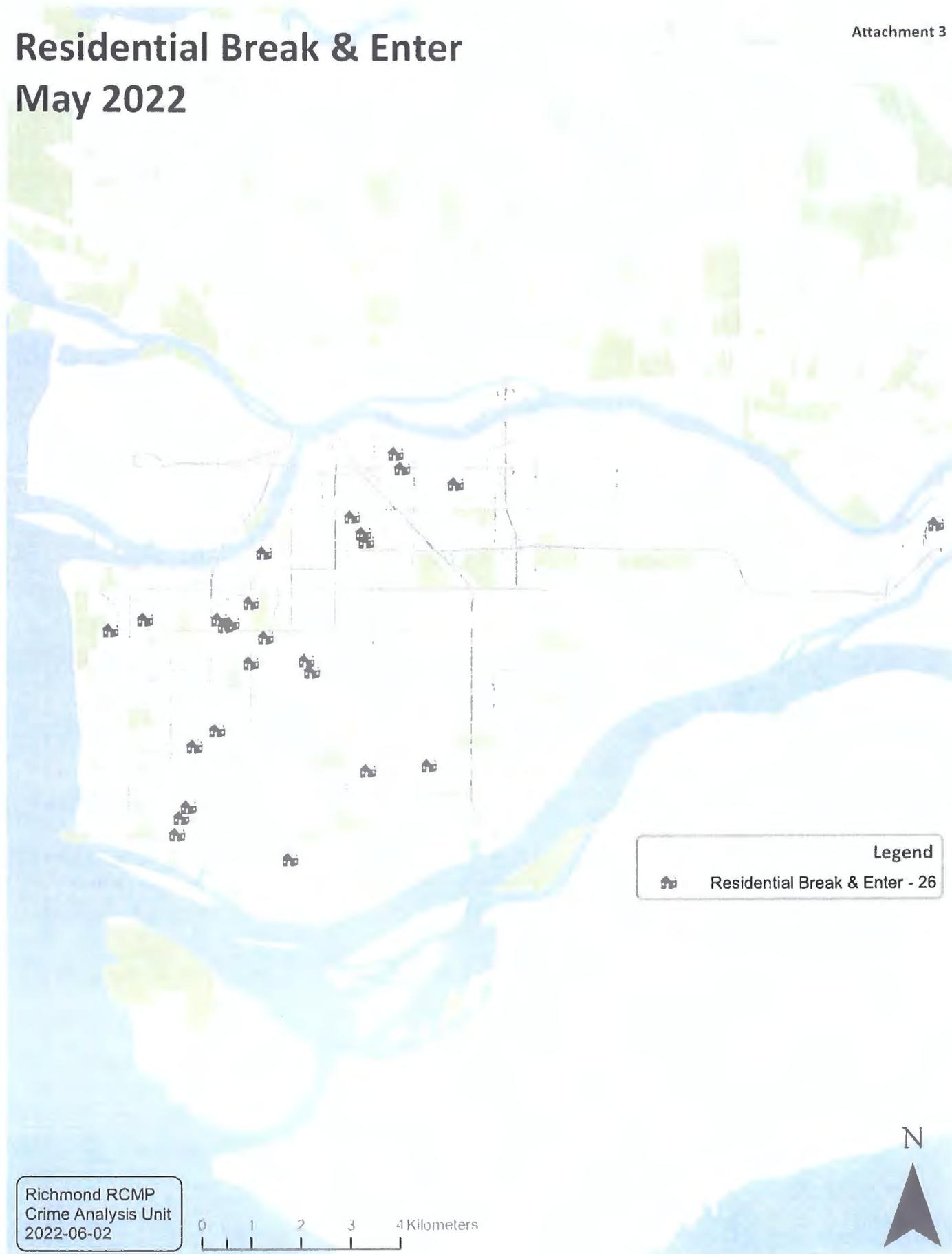
This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular 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.

The 5 year average range data is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red**. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR standards or other scoring issues, the total will be noted in **purple**. Below expected numbers will be noted in **blue**.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	May-22	May		2021	2022	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>112-164</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-69</b>
Robbery	4	3.8	3-5	23	28	22%	5
Assault Common	48	47.0	39-55	228	235	3%	7
Assault Serious	<b>24</b>	12.0	7-17	71	87	23%	16
Sexual Offences	11	17.2	9-25	102	76	-25%	-26
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>561.8</b>	<b>482-642</b>	<b>2656</b>	<b>2795</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>139</b>
Business B&E	26	25.0	23-27	128	171	34%	43
Residential B&E	26	36.6	22-51	159	157	-1%	-2
Auto Theft	25	18.8	12-26	99	111	12%	12
Theft from Auto	104	144.6	113-176	686	625	-9%	-61
Theft	<b>100</b>	69.4	54-84	277	399	44%	122
Shoplifting	61	55.8	33-78	288	330	15%	42
Fraud	60	75.4	69-81	379	338	-11%	-41
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>203.0</b>	<b>166-240</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-112</b>
Arson	7	4.6	1-8	38	28	-26%	-10
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>902.6</b>	<b>829-976</b>	<b>4562</b>	<b>4523</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-39</b>
<b>DRUGS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>24-78</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>152.8</b>	<b>123-183</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-26</b>

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# Residential Break & Enter May 2022



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 Residential Break & Enter - 26

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Crime Analysis Unit  
2022-06-02

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# Business Break & Enter April 2022

Attachment 3



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Crime Analysis Unit  
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# Theft from Auto May 2022



# Auto Theft April 2022

