



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: June 10, 2026

From: Dave Chauhan
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge

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Re: **RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 10, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

Executive Summary

The “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026” features notable investigations and statistics related to calls for service received by the Richmond RCMP. The report also highlights monthly activities and deployments. In May 2026, City Staff, volunteers and police officers conducted crime prevention, road safety and community engagement initiatives.

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. Communications Unit
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026, Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

High Risk Driving Month

As part of a province-wide campaign to reduce dangerous driving, the Richmond RCMP conducted enhanced enforcement targeting speeding and high-risk driving throughout May. This included a large-scale deployment on May 8, 2026, during which police officers and volunteers were stationed at five locations across the city, and issued:

- 84 speeding tickets.
- Over 30 tickets for other driving offences
- Approximately \$22,000 in total fines and penalty point premiums.
- 179 warning letters to registered vehicle owners observed speeding.



Figure 1: High-risk Driving

Bank Card Fraud

On May 7, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a public warning after investigating multiple fraud incidents in which suspects posed as bank employees and arranged for victims' bank cards to be picked up from their homes. Police noted that similar incidents have been reported in other jurisdictions, indicating this may be part of a broader, coordinated fraud scheme. The investigations are ongoing.

Mock Crash

On May 20, 2026, the Richmond RCMP participated in a large-scale mock crash exercise at McMath Secondary School. This multi-agency initiative provided students with a powerful, realistic demonstration of the consequences of high-risk driving behaviours and emphasized the importance of making responsible decisions, both as drivers and passengers.

E-bike and E-scooter Awareness

On May 21, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release urging parents and riders to verify that their e-bikes comply with B.C. laws, as many devices sold as e-bikes do not meet the required legal classification. The Richmond RCMP advised that many reports involving e-bikes have involved riders under 16 on devices that do not comply with B.C. laws.

Analysis of Police Statistics¹

Arson

There were six reported arsons in May 2026, representing a decrease of three incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up by 12 incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons this month is within the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 13 serious assaults in May 2026, representing an 18 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are down 28 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

Eighty-five per cent of serious assaults reported in May 2026 involved individuals who were known to each other.

Auto Theft

There were 20 auto thefts in May 2026, representing a 67 per cent increase over the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 32 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, no patterns or trends have been identified in this month's statistics. In January 2026, statistics were re-collected for all crime categories, dating back to 2019. This was done to account for any changes to scoring or delayed reports and to ensure data is up-to-date and accurate. For this reason, there will be variations from previously reported statistics.

Mental Health

There were 238 mental health-related incidents in May 2026, representing a six per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down 22 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the average range.

There were 61 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 123 minutes; both statistics were within the expected ranges. Nine individuals were responsible for two or more calls in May, with two callers each generating six incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 20 break and enters to residences in May 2026, representing a 20 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are up four per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In May 2026, there were 24 break and enters to businesses, representing a four per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were six robberies reported in May 2026, representing an increase of three incidents from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down by five incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Two incidents involved the use of a weapon, and two were false alarms.

Sexual Offences

There were 18 sexual offence files in May 2026, representing an 18 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are up 29 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Fifty per cent of the offences reported in May 2026 were sexual assaults, 22 per cent were indecent acts/exposing, and 22 per cent were distribution of child sex abuse materials.

Shoplifting

There were 167 reported shoplifting thefts in May 2026, representing an eight per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 44 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 82 thefts from automobiles in May 2026, representing a six percent increase over the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

Drugs

In May 2026, there were 29 drug offences, representing a 16 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up one per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents this month is below the average range.

Drug-Related "Social Disorder" Calls

Public complaints related to drug use fall under various call categories, including nuisance, cause disturbance, mischief, unwanted person, suspicious person, and check well-being. Table 1 presents the number of police calls for service related to a public complaint of suspected drug use.

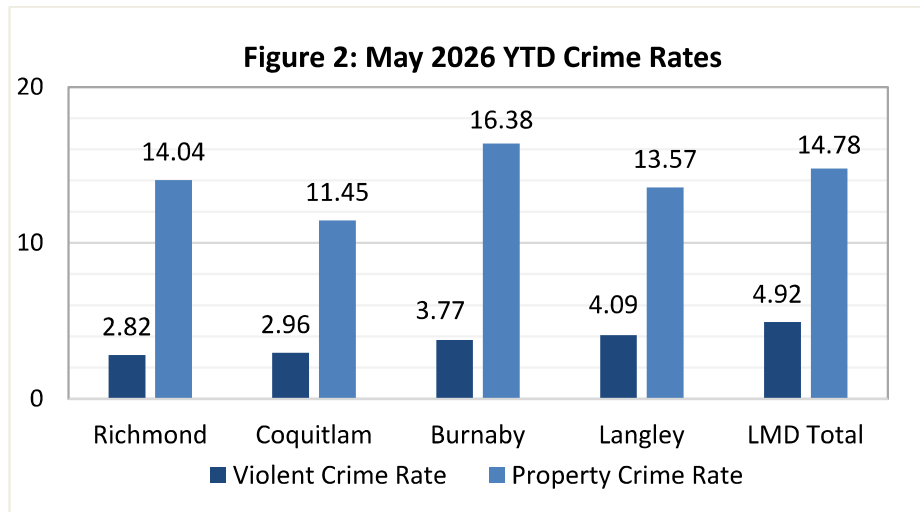
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

Month	Total Calls 2025	Total Calls 2026	2026 Suspected	2026 Confirmed
January	71	39	22	17
February	38	24	11	13
March	49	36	19	17
April	58	45	31	14
May	57	41	22	19
June	70			
July	40			
August	59			
September	57			
October	39			
November	52			
December	42			
Total	632	185	83	61

Confirmed incidents refer to files where direct observation of drug use or apparent signs of intoxication is noted. Most calls involved incidents where drug use was suspected, including reports of unwanted persons who were possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Figure 2 presents the May 2026 crime rates for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which the RCMP polices.² The property and violent crime rates in Richmond were below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of May 2026, the Block Watch program had 298 groups, totalling 6,612 participants. Currently, the program includes 445 captains and co-captains.

Communications Unit

The Communications Unit provides public safety and crime prevention messaging to enhance community awareness of policing-related issues. During May, the Communications Unit conducted the following:

- 10 media releases were issued, including one warning of Virtual Kidnapping scams, which involve a caller contacting the victim, claiming a loved one has been in an accident or witnessed a crime, and is being held against their will. Similar scams have been reported across the Lower Mainland
- 36 social media posts were made on X, including posts highlighting the RCMP participation at the Tall Ships event, and a video produced by Richmond Detachment staff promoting mental health awareness.



Figure 3: Tall Ships

² Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on June 1, 2026

Community Police Office Programs

Community police officers continue to enhance the Richmond Detachment's policing services by providing a range of crime-prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers implement safety initiatives to raise awareness of crime-prevention programs, promote community engagement, and enhance police accessibility. These initiatives help reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month, reflecting weather conditions, seasonal initiatives and the availability of volunteers.

During May, volunteer highlights included:

- A total of 16 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 806 information letters issued.
- There were 13 Speed Watch deployments, during which 394 information letters were issued.
- There were two Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 41 information letters were issued.
- May 5 – Volunteers received special events training, including roles and responsibilities, and Safety Bear handling.
- May 12 and 13 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers, ICBC, and City Bylaws with Think of Me Deployments at Henry Anderson Elementary School and William Cook Elementary School. They distributed a combined 115 Think of Me cards.
- May 16 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with setting up the community engagement and crime prevention booth at the Safe and Secure Living Fair at Aberdeen Mall.
- May 20 – Volunteers participated in a mock crash exercise at McMath Secondary School, setting up and taking down equipment, enforcing the exclusion zone and acting in role-playing scenarios.
- May 26 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Speed Watch deployment in the area of Westminster Highway and Lynas Lane.
- May 30 – Volunteers participated in the Works Yard Open House, where they provided crime prevention resources, a pin-making booth, and offered tours of a police vehicle.



Figure 4: Mock Crash Event

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and education initiatives. During May, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in various activities, including diversity and inclusion initiatives, road safety deployments and the following events:

- A total of 257 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On May 2 and 3, 2026, RCMP officers participated in the Kaiwo Maru Tall Ship event at Garry Point Park. They provided high-visibility patrols and engaged with attendees.
- On May 6, 2026, RCMP officers participated in McHappy Day at three McDonald's locations. The annual event raises money for McDonald's Children's charities.



Figure 5: McHappy Day

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond's roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigations into serious vehicle collisions, and public education programs. A total of 978 violation tickets were issued in May. Figure 6 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in May:

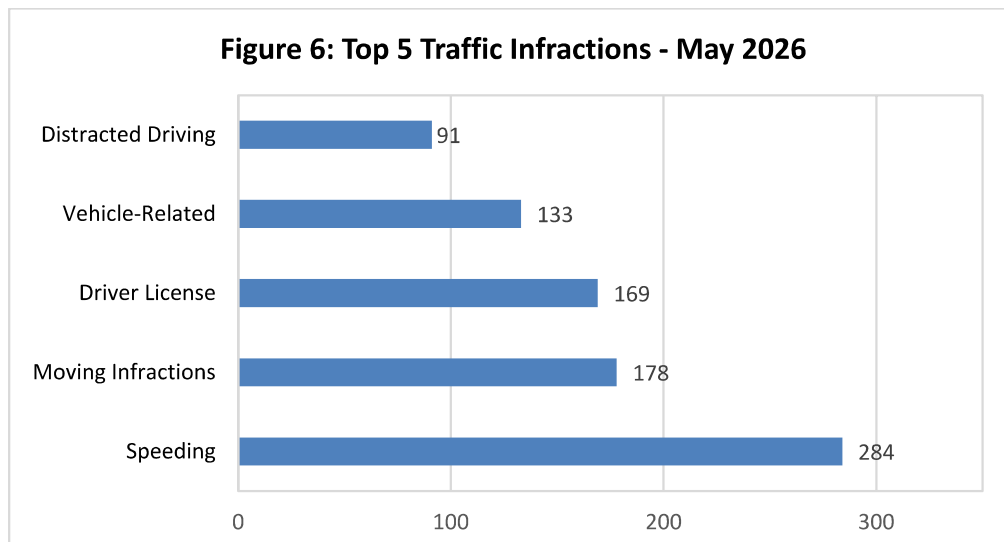


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and May 31, 2026.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025	395	2
2026 (YTD) ³	210	2

Victim Services

In May 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 52 new clients and attended three crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 58 files. In May, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, incidents of domestic violence, and suicides.

As part of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, observed this year from May 10 to 16, the Richmond RCMP released a new video that offered a behind-the-scenes look at the work of the Victim Services team and the vital role it plays in supporting people affected by crime and trauma.

Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies to promote safe and healthy behaviours essential to developing productive, civic-minded adults. During May, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 72 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 83 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes continued for the third term of the 2025-2026 school year. A total of 413 students in 15 classes participated in the program.

Budgetary Implications

There are no budgetary implications associated with the contents of this report.

Conclusion

In May 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable activities, including a large-scale mock crash exercise for high school students. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for serious assaults, auto thefts and drug offences, which were below average, and shoplifting thefts, which were elevated.

³ The last fatal collision occurred on March 14, 2026.

In May, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including a campaign targeting high-risk driving. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

Respectively submitted,

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

Community Policing Programs Information

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

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.

Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

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 2026 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

The following information is a limited list of select crime-type samples, which does not comprise the entirety or assortment of all crimes captured by the RCMP. The statistics in this chart should be considered independently of the analysis provided as the data is unrelated to the research provided earlier in this report.

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.

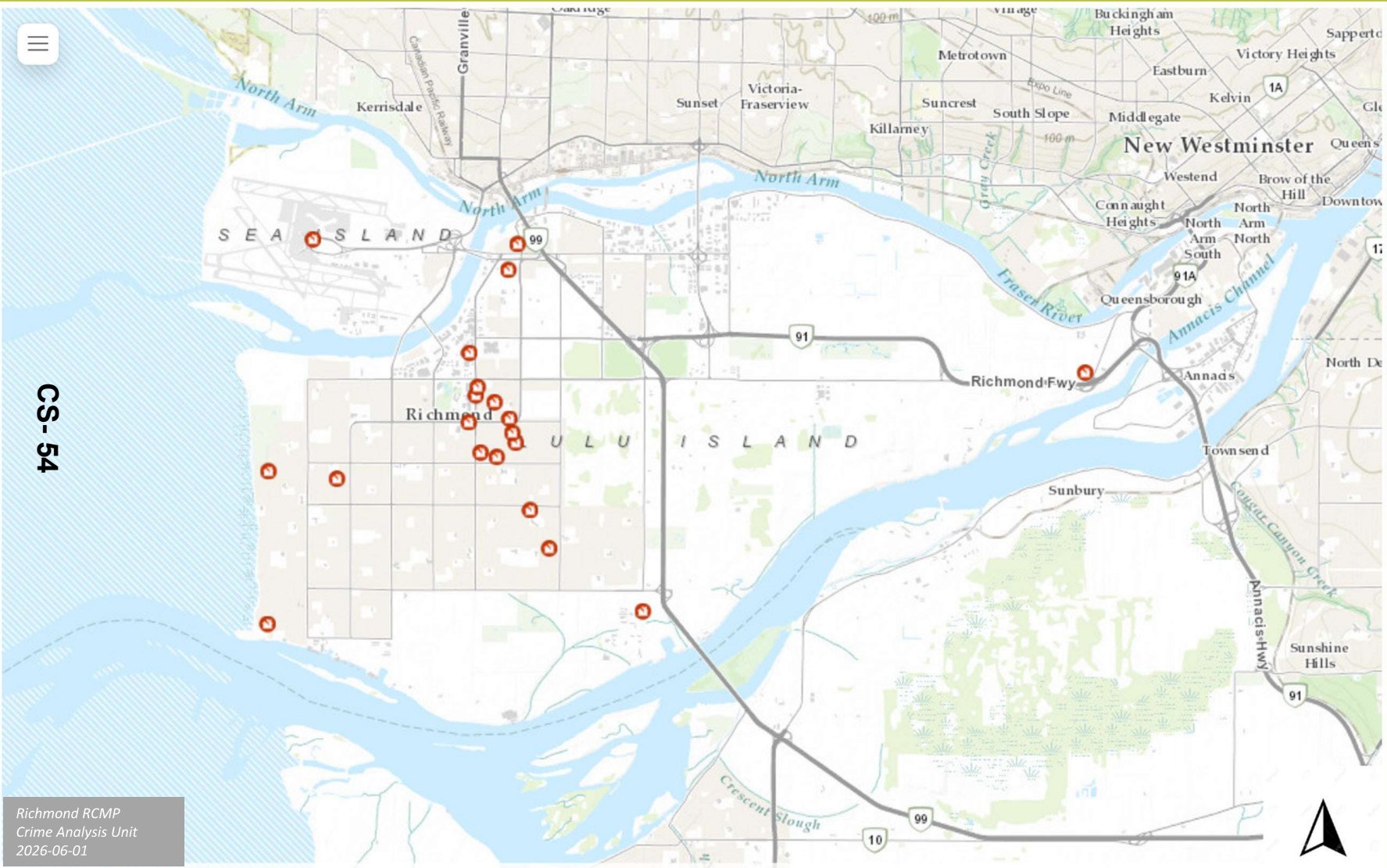
The 5 year average is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence falls outside the 5 year range due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below.

May 2026 Statistics - Richmond RCMP								
Criminal Code Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
PROPERTY CRIME	724	632.6	550	762	3153	3415	8%	262
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	161	153.7	130	201	903	678	-25%	-225
OTHER CC OFFENCES	328	302.7	212	332	1569	1607	2%	38
Total	1191	1,055.1	857	1202	5438	5575	3%	137
Violent Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ASSAULT COMMON	67	53.8	51	63	329	234	-29%	-95
ASSAULT SERIOUS	13	19.8	22	29	94	60	-36%	-34
ROBBERY	6	5.0	2	8	23	18	-22%	-5
SEX OFFENCES	18	18.1	13	22	75	97	29%	22
Property Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
AUTO THEFT	20	20.7	19	39	92	63	-32%	-29
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	20	21.8	19	22	95	99	4%	4
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	24	25.9	20	35	110	115	5%	5
THEFT FROM AUTO	82	100.2	86	141	366	348	-5%	-18
FRAUD	96	86.9	63	99	502	477	-5%	-25
SHOPLIFTING	167	117.0	71	157	633	909	44%	276
THEFT-OTHER	167	111.3	97	126	615	711	16%	96
Other Criminal Code	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ARSON	6	6.4	2	11	17	29	71%	12
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	236	208.3	136	226	1105	1076	-3%	-29
COLLISION	198	165.4	140	191	845	823	-3%	-22
All Series 4000 Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
CDSA OFFENCES	29	37.4	37	69	146	148	1%	2
MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	238	215.2	186	238	1214	1069	-22%	-145

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Residential Break & Enter n = 20

Crime Map



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Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2026-06-01

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Month

May

Year

2026

Crime Type

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☐ BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS

☒ BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE

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Zone Count

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13

R13

1

R14

Zone

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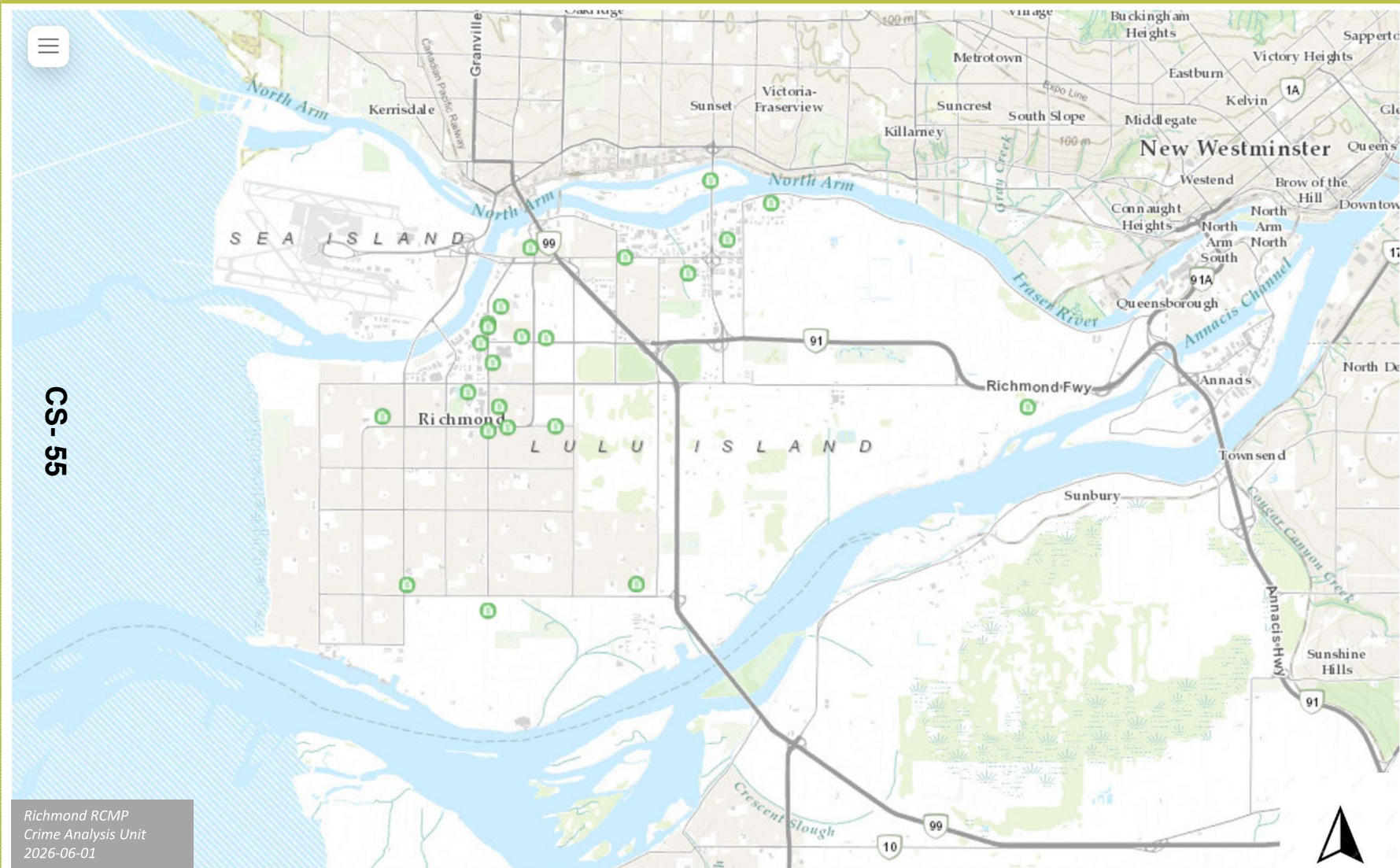
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Commercial Break & Enter n = 24

Crime Map



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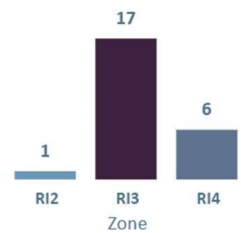
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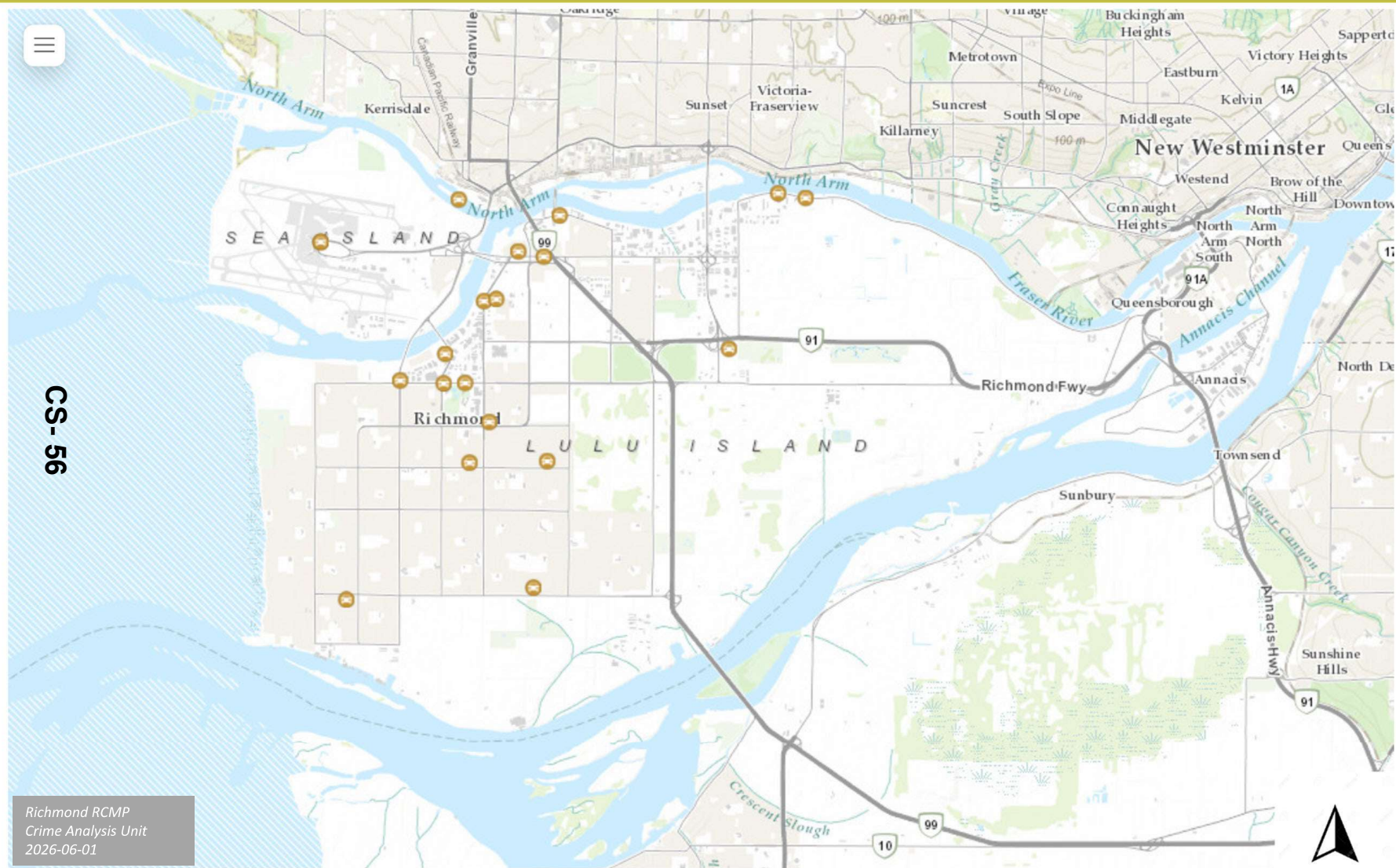
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Auto Theft n = 20

Crime Map



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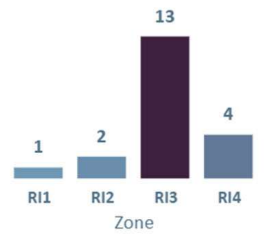
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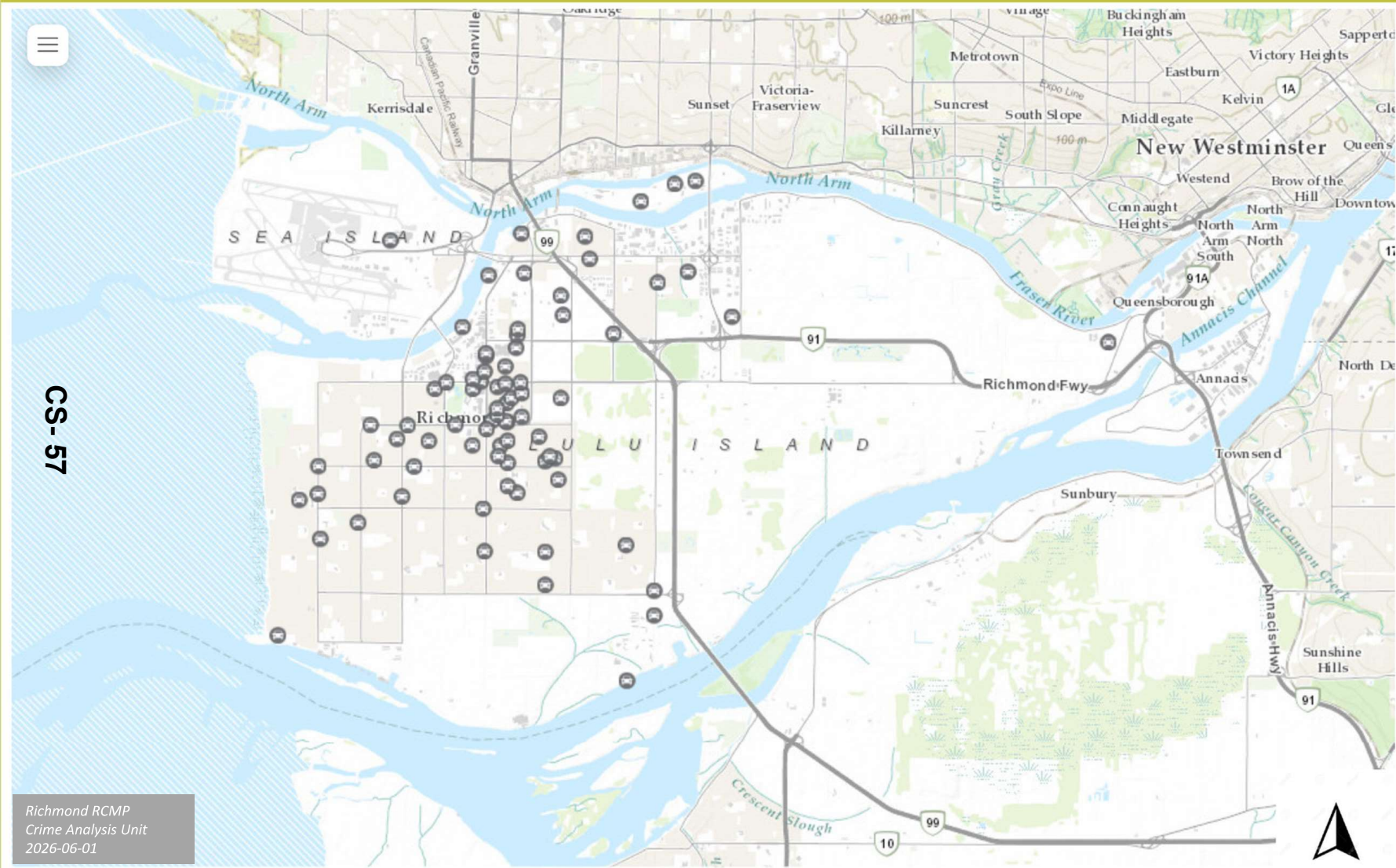
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Theft from Auto n = 82

Crime Map



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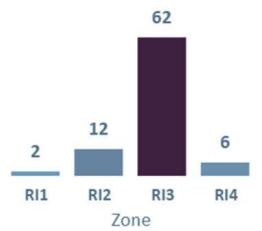
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