City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:	Community Safety Committee	**Date:**	September 15, 2026
From:	Dave Chauhan Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge	**File:**	09-5350-01/2025-Vol 01
Re:	**RCMP Monthly Activity Report – August 2026**		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report– August 2026", dated September 15, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

Executive Summary

The "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – August 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 August 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

Historical Sexual Exploitation Charges

On August 4, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that charges had been laid following a sexual exploitation investigation involving a youth victim. In 2024, police received a report regarding crimes which occurred between 2004 and 2008, while the accused held a position of power or authority. The accused is facing two charges related to this case.

Fraud Awareness

On August 4, 2026, Richmond RCMP issued a public warning following an increase in reports of scammers posing as police officers to obtain bank and credit card information. Scammers often use caller ID spoofing, making the call appear to come from a real police phone number. The media release included helpful fraud prevention tips and awareness information.

E-scooter and E-bike Safety Outreach

On August 8 and 28, 2026, the Richmond RCMP hosted e-scooter and e-bike safety outreach events to provide information on operating these devices safely and legally. Police and

volunteers promoted respectful road-sharing practices for e-scooter and e-bike users, motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Break and Enter Charges

On August 15, 2026, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a break and enter at the MacArthur Glen Outlet Mall, where a stolen vehicle crashed into a retail storefront. The suspects entered the business, stole merchandise, and fled in the vehicle. Police subsequently arrested the suspects. Both men are facing multiple charges.

Analysis of Police Statistics[1]

Arson

There were four reported arsons in August 2026, representing a decrease of 11 incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up by 17 incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons this month is below the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 15 serious assaults in August 2026, representing no change from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are down 16 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

Seventy-three per cent of serious assaults reported in August 2026 involved individuals who were known to each other. Physical force was the most reported "weapon type" at 59 per cent of incidents.

Auto Theft

There were 20 auto thefts in August 2026, which is more than double the number reported the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 39 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

Mental Health

There were 221 mental health-related incidents in August 2026, representing a 15 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down eight 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 57 police apprehensions, which is within the average range. The average hospital wait time decreased by 46 per cent to 88 minutes, which is below average. Fifteen individuals were responsible for two or more calls in August, with one caller generating eight incidents.

[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.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 16 break and enters to residences in August 2026, representing a 33 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down one 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 August 2026, there were 16 break and enters to businesses, representing a 30 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up six 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 four robberies reported in August 2026, representing an increase of two incidents from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down by 39 per cent, compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is below the average range.

Sexual Offences

There were 19 sexual offence files in August 2026, representing a 19 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are up three per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Forty-two per cent of the offences reported in August 2026 were indecent acts/exposing, and 26 per cent were sexual assaults.

Shoplifting

There were 173 reported shoplifting thefts in August 2026, representing a 36 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 35 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 56 thefts from automobiles in August 2026, representing a24 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down nine per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

Drugs

In August 2026, there were 34 drug offences, representing a 48 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 17 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents this month is within 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.

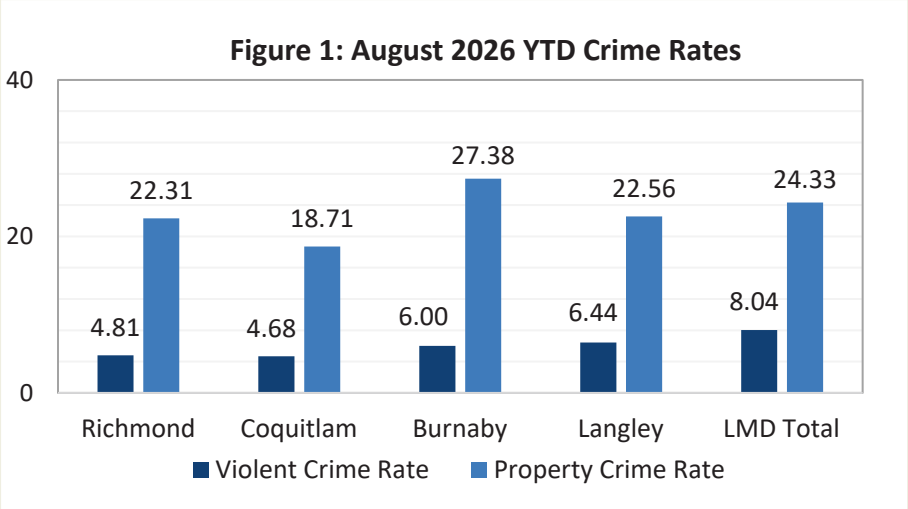
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

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	34	21	13
July	40	46	28	18
August	59	33	20	13
September	57			
October	39			
November	52			
December	42			
Total	**632**	**298**	**174**	**124**

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 1 presents August 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 August 2026, the Block Watch program had 293 groups, totalling 6,471 participants. The program currently includes 404 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 August, the Communications Unit conducted the following:

- Released a short video highlighting the important role witnesses can play in police investigations. The campaign emphasizes that witnesses can assist police by observing incidents from a safe distance and noting important details that may later become valuable evidence.
- Eleven media releases were issued, including three related to missing persons.
- Twenty-six social media posts were made on X, including multiple posts promoting e-scooter and e-bike safety outreach events.



Figure 2: E-scooter Safety

[2] Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on September 2, 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 August, volunteer highlights included:

- A total of 17 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 624 information letters issued.
- There were eight Speed Watch deployments, during which 146 information letters were issued.
- There were 12 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 285 information letters were issued.
- August 1 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with boating safety outreach at the McDonald Boat Launch, featuring "impaired" simulation goggles for attendees to try.
- August 8 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with an e-scooter and e-bike safety awareness outreach event at the Steveston Boardwalk. Police and volunteers engaged with over 320 members of the public.
- August 10 to 15 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Youth Academy, including distributing uniforms and supplies, and setting up and removing stations.
- August 19 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in the Pacific Family Autism Network Cars and Coffee event where attendees used cars and coffee as a gateway to connection, joy and self-expression.
- August 21 – Volunteers attended the Cambie Community Carnival, alongside Safety Bear, and interacted with over 400 attendees.
- August 22 and 23 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with community safety outreach at the Maritime Festival at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site.



Figure 3: E-scooter and E-bike Safety Outreach

- August 28 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with an e-scooter and e-bike safety awareness outreach event at the Lansdowne Canada Line station. Police and volunteers distributed e-scooter and e-bike safety cards, cycling maps, and safety reflectors.

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 236 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On August 19, 2026, RCMP officers participated in First Responder Day at Richmond Pentecostal Church, where police, fire and ambulance personnel engaged with approximately 150 children.
- On August 22 and 23, 2026, RCMP officers participated in the Maritime Festival at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site, including hosting a community engagement booth and providing tours of police vehicles.



Figure 4: First Responder 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 936 violation tickets were issued in August 2026. Figure 5 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in August.

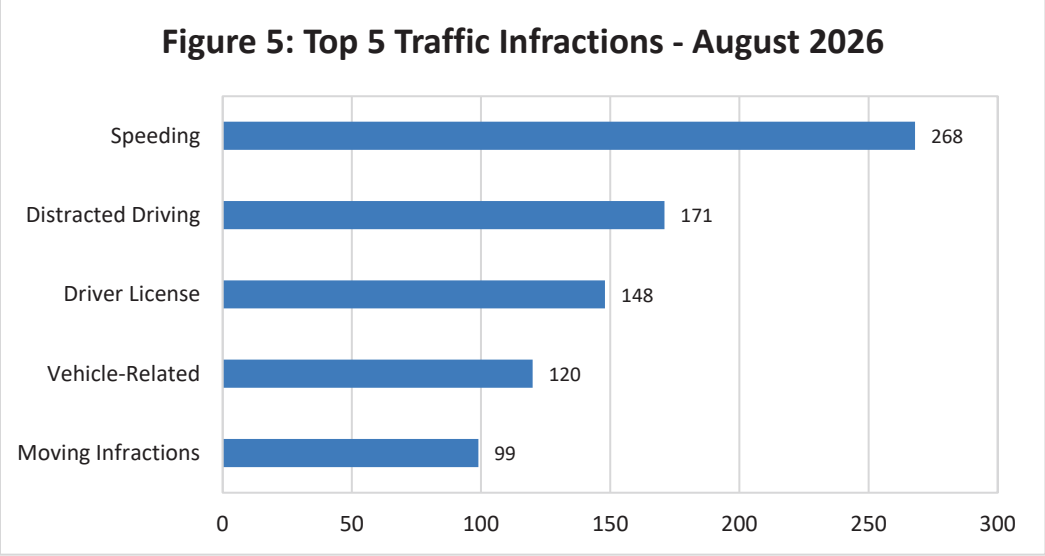


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and August 31, 2026.

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]	335	3

Victim Services

In August 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 53 new clients and currently maintains an active caseload of 62 files. Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, sexual assaults and suicides.

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 August, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 26 proactive school visits at secondary schools and six visits at elementary schools.
- The Richmond RCMP held its fifth annual Youth Academy between August 10 and 15, 2026. Jointly coordinated with the Richmond School District, the program offers students in grades 10 to 12 who have expressed interest in a career in policing the opportunity to participate in an intensive program in a controlled environment. Participants modelled police work through classroom lectures and scenario-based training.



Figure 6: Youth Academy

Budgetary Implications

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

[3] A fatal collision occurred on August 11, 2026.

Conclusion

In August 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable activities, including fraud awareness messaging and e-scooter and e-bike safety outreach. Police statistics for August indicated that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for arsons, serious assaults, thefts from automobiles, and robberies, which were below average, while shoplifting thefts were elevated.

In August, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives and hosted the fifth annual Youth Academy. The Officer-in -Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO

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.

August 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.

August 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	653	639.7	609	687	5186	5513	6%	327
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	135	153.6	149	178	1418	1148	-19%	-270
OTHER CC OFFENCES	339	307.1	335	368	2652	2689	1%	37
Total	1102	1,065.4	1074	1168	8935	9076	2%	141

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	48	53.9	44	70	513	403	-21%	-110
ASSAULT SERIOUS	15	20.2	20	28	163	137	-16%	-26
ROBBERY	4	4.7	5	11	36	22	-39%	-14
SEX OFFENCES	19	17.9	17	23	139	143	3%	4

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
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	16	25.3	14	28	171	181	6%	10
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	16	21.7	12	22	153	152	-1%	-1
AUTO THEFT	20	20.0	13	23	158	97	-39%	-61
THEFT FROM AUTO	56	96.7	59	114	623	564	-9%	-59
FRAUD	79	88.5	63	106	807	787	-2%	-20
THEFT-OTHER	131	114.7	108	144	1027	1100	7%	73
SHOPLIFTING	173	121.8	84	144	1029	1385	35%	356

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	4	6.6	6	19	37	54	46%	17
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	220	210.0	226	261	1824	1773	-3%	-51
COLLISION	159	167.6	155	176	1399	1328	-5%	-71

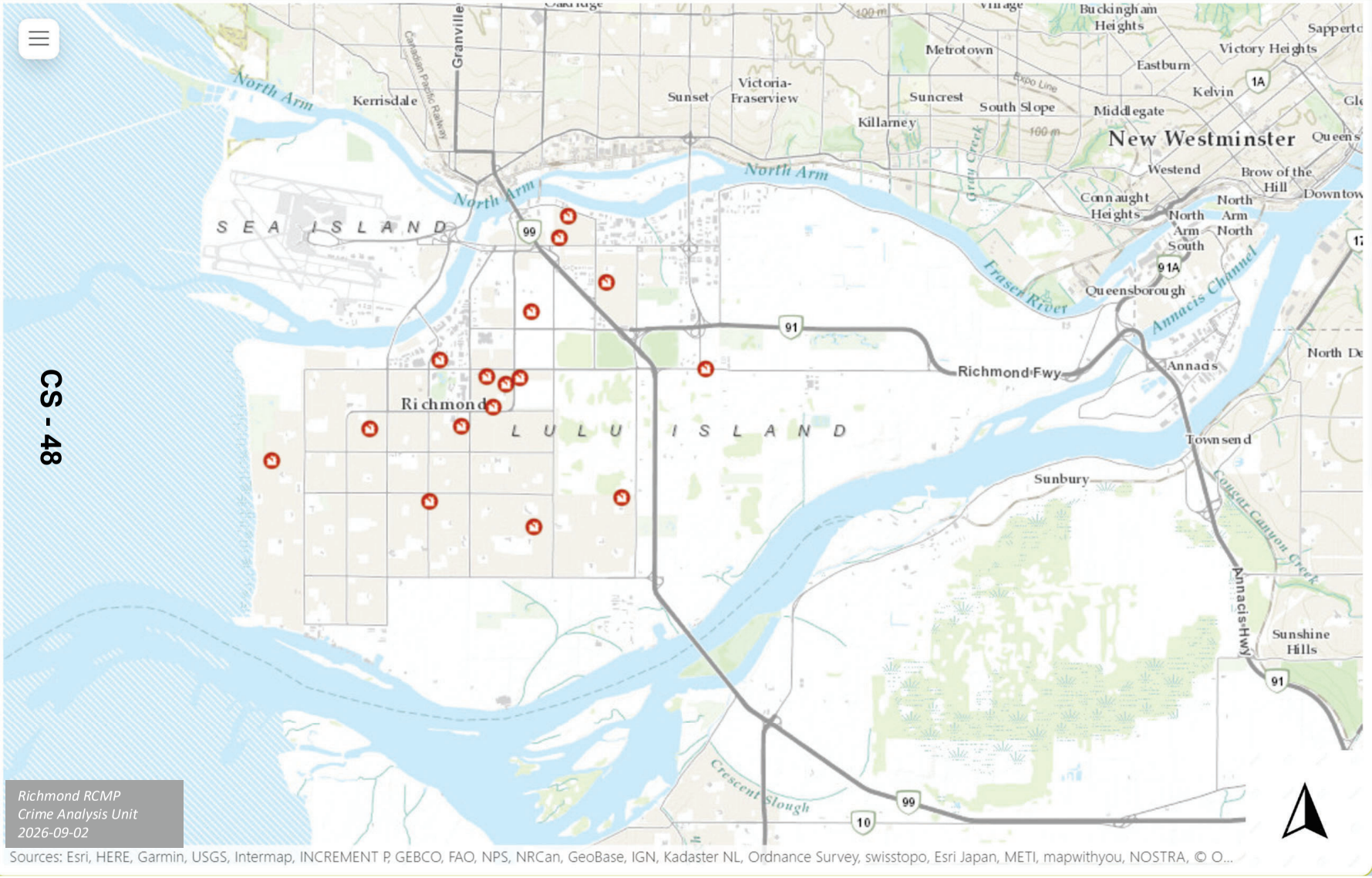
All Series 4000 Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
CDSA OFFENCES	34	37.8	30	56	238	279	17%	41

MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	221	213.5	209	250	1992	1828	-8%	-164

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Residential Break & Enter n = 16

Crime Map



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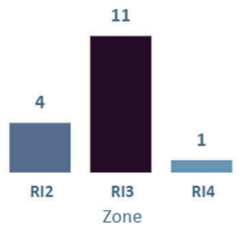
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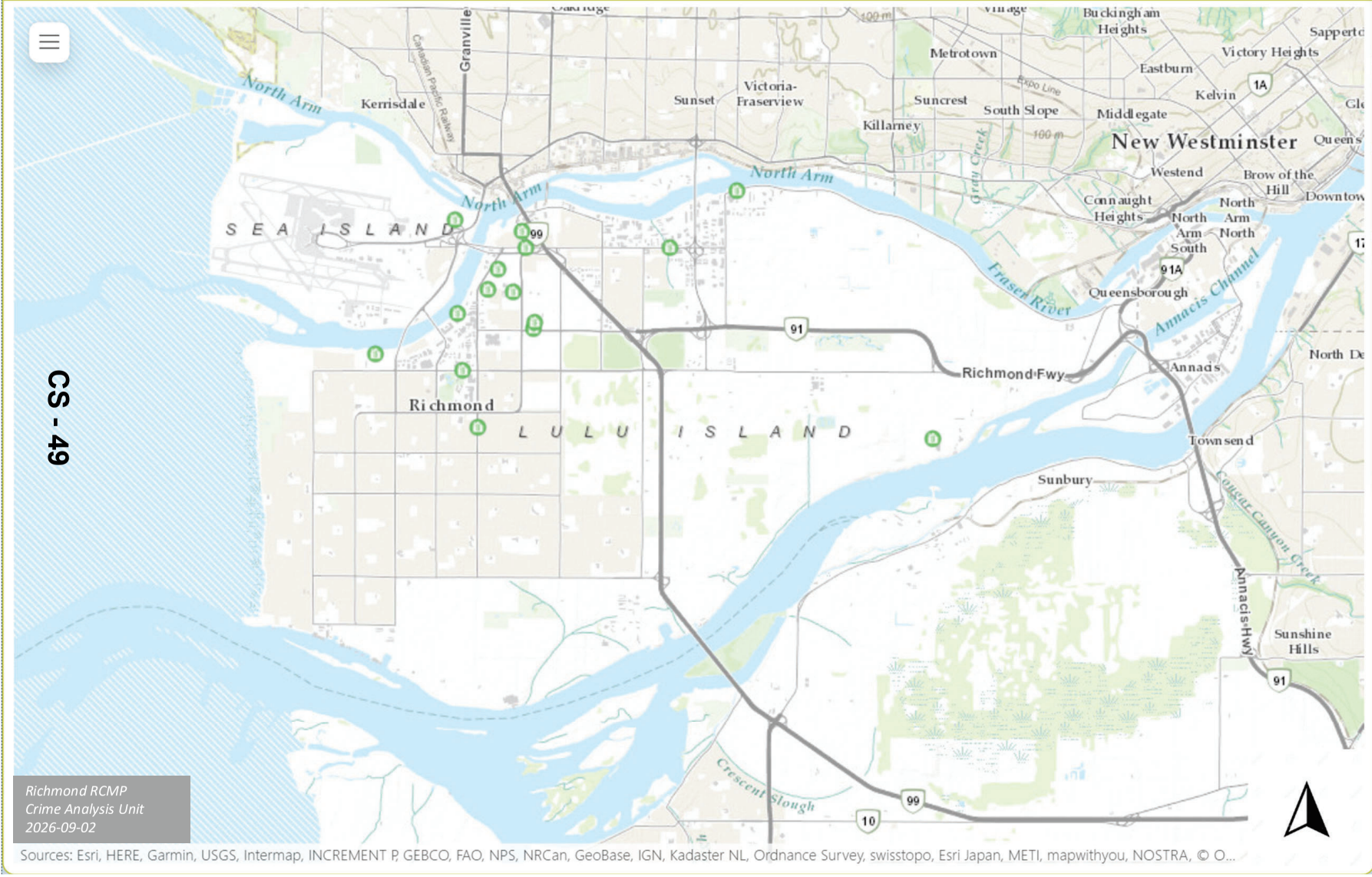


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Commercial Break & Enter n = 16

Crime Map

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Richmond RCMP
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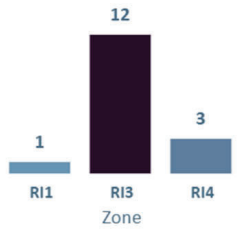
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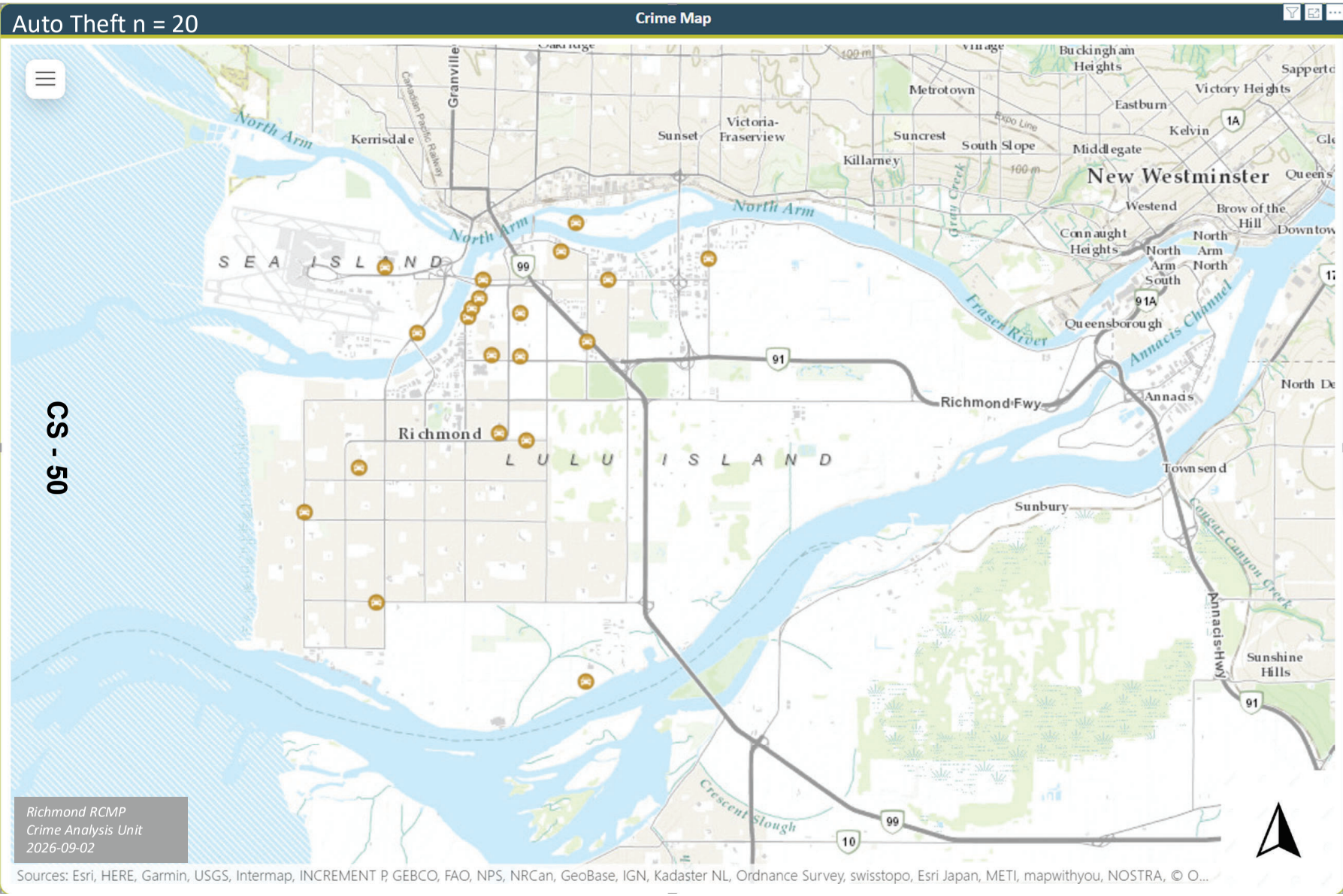
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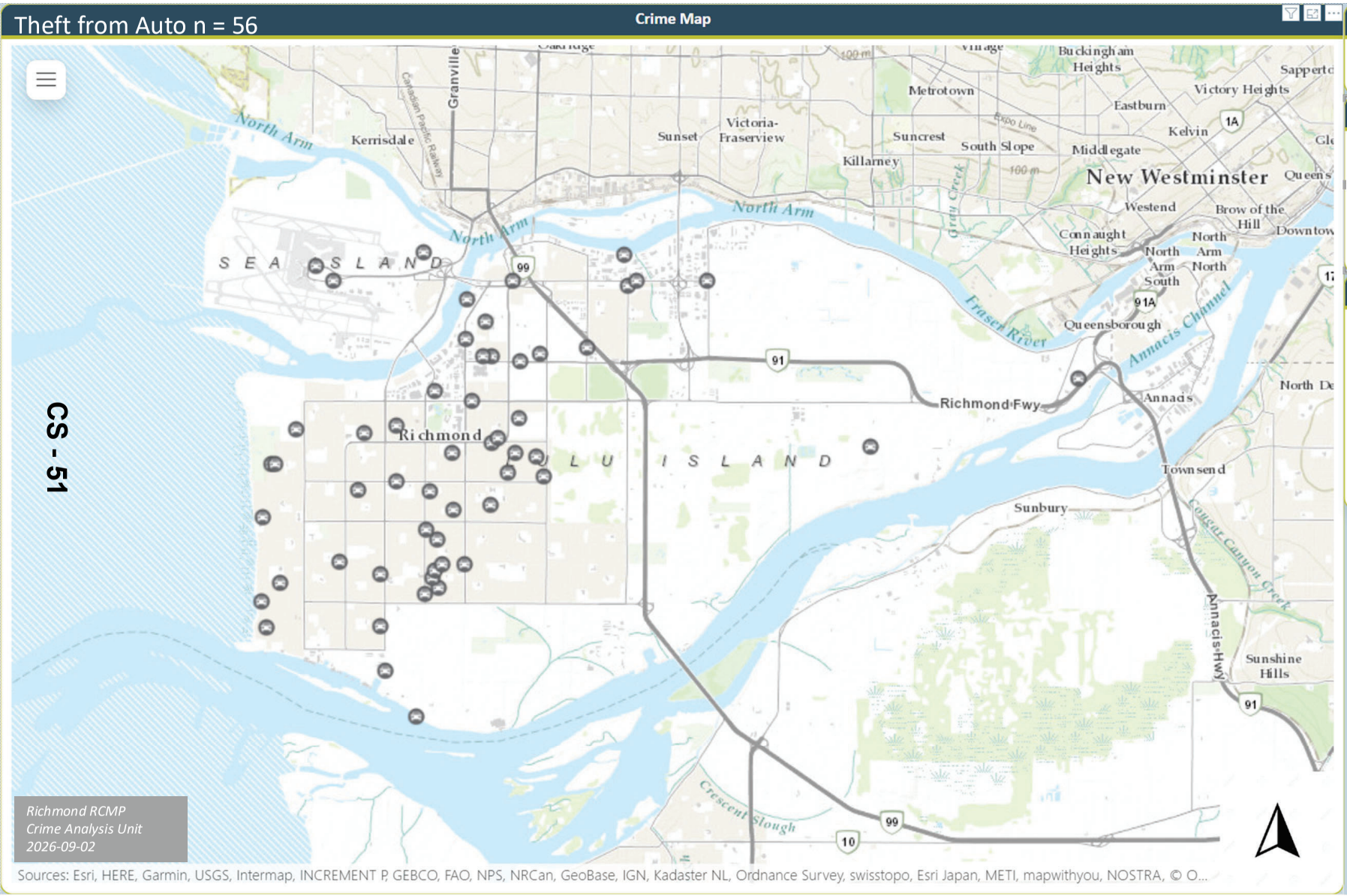


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ATTACHMENT 3



Theft from Auto n = 56



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