



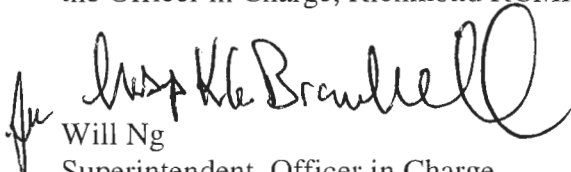
City of Richmond

Report to Committee



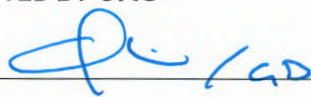
To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** July 18, 2019
From: Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2019-Vol
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01
Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June 2019

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June 2019”, dated July 18, 2019, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.


Will Ng
Superintendent, Officer in Charge
(604-278-1212)

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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. Auxiliary Program
5. Block Watch
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 2018-2022 #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

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

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Road Safety Enforcement

During the month of June, the Richmond RCMP impounded 38 vehicles due to excessive speeding; over half of these were conducted by Richmond Detachment's Road Safety Unit.

Community Involvement

On June 16, 2019, the Richmond RCMP, in partnership with ICBC, hosted a three-on-three basketball tournament for high school students in grades eight to 11. Twenty-six volunteers assisted with the tournament and approximately 80 students from across the Lower Mainland participated. Since 2004, this event was held at the India Cultural Centre and provided opportunities for youth to engage with police officers in the community.

Robbery

On June 17, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers were called to a business in the 7100 block of No. 3 Road for reports of a robbery. Two elderly women had been walking through the parking lot of a restaurant when a suspect approached them from behind and grabbed the purse of one of the women. The 90-year-old victim was not injured in the incident. The Richmond RCMP is investigating the incident and has issued a media release with a suspect description and images captured on security footage.

Theft

On June 19 and 20, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers in the Prolific Offender Suppression Team coordinated a large scale retail theft enforcement operation. This project included Richmond RCMP Property Crime Unit, Metro Vancouver Transit Police patrol units, and security personnel from a variety of retail locations. Police and Loss Prevention Officers partnered together for this two-day deployment in central Richmond, which resulted in the arrest of 32 suspects. The majority of the individuals arrested were from outside of Richmond and were known to police.

Analysis of Police Statistics

In January 2019, important changes were implemented regarding the collection of Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data.¹ As a result of significant media attention in February 2017 regarding sexual assault reporting, the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) and the Police Information and Statistics Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police worked to develop recommendations for changes to police records methodology, with particular attention on classifying founded and unfounded cases. These changes will impact police statistics across Canada with effects on various crime types, not only sexual offences. The new standards will classify a case as founded unless there is evidence that the offence did not occur. As a result, there will likely be an increase in many police/crime statistics and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when conducting comparisons with previous years' data. The information presented in this section must be evaluated within the context of this limitation. Further analysis will be provided throughout the year.

Arson

In June 2019, there were three reported incidents of arson, which is a 40 per cent decrease from the previous month. The number of arsons this month is down one incident from June 2018 and remains within the five-year average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 11 assault serious events in June 2019 and 12 assault serious incidents from the previous month. The number of serious assaults this month represents a 35 per cent decrease from June 2018, during which a statistically high number of assaults were reported. The number of serious assaults this month is below the five-year average range.

Auto Theft

There were 26 auto theft incidents this month, which is a four per cent increase from the previous month and a 37 per cent increase from June 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is within the five-year average range.

¹ Statistics Canada, <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>

Drugs

In June 2019, there were 47 drug incidents, which represents an 88 per cent increase from the previous month and a 24 per cent decrease from June 2018. The number of drug offences this month is significantly below the five-year average range, which coincides with the legalization of cannabis late last year.

Mental Health

There were 181 mental health incidents in June 2019, which is a 10 per cent increase from May 2019 and a 35 per cent increase from June 2018. For the seventh consecutive month, the number of mental health incidents is significantly above the five-year average range. Year to date, mental health-related files are up 42 per cent compared to the same period in 2018.

Analyst projections indicate these elevated numbers are expected for future months and are likely indicative of a new expected range. No patterns or trends have been identified. Further analysis indicates that the number of police apprehensions this month increased 12 per cent compared to the average from the previous four months. Additionally, there were longer than average hospital wait times, including seven incidents which resulted in a hospital wait time of over three hours.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 30 break and enters to residences in June 2019, which is a 30 per cent decrease from the previous month and represents no change from June 2018. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the five-year average. Year to date data indicates a seven per cent reduction compared to the same period last year.

Commercial Break and Enter

In June 2019, there were 14 break and enters to businesses, which represents a 36 per cent decrease from May 2019 and a 52 per cent decrease from June 2018. Commercial break and enters are below the five-year average range and year to date totals are down 21 per cent from the same period in 2018.

Robbery

There were 10 robbery incidents in June 2019 and five robbery incidents from the previous month. There were four incidents reported in June 2018. This number of robberies is above the five-year average range. No clear patterns or trends have been identified and the incidents remain under investigation.

Sexual Offences

There were 15 sexual offence files in June 2019, which represents a 42 per cent decrease from the previous month. There were six incidents reported in June 2018. This month's total remains above the five-year average range.

The offences this month include sexual assaults, voyeurism and indecent acts. The increased number of sexual offences this month is likely due to CCJS scoring changes. No patterns or trends have been identified.

Shoplifting

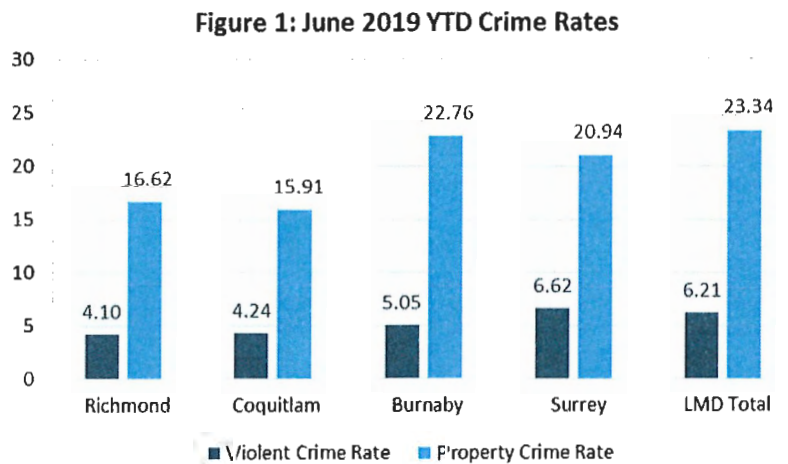
There were 109 shoplifting thefts in June 2019, which represents an 11 per cent increase from the previous month and an 85 per cent increase from June 2018. This month, reported shoplifting thefts are above the five-year expected range. The increase in cases recorded this month is likely connected to the retail theft project² conducted this month as well as overall improved detection rather than an actual increase in this crime type.

Theft from Auto

There were 139 theft from auto incidents in June 2019, which is down one incident from the previous month and represents a 16 per cent decrease from June 2018. The number of theft from auto incidents this month is significantly below five-year average range. Year to date, there has been a 21 per cent decrease in thefts from automobiles compared to the same period in 2018.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).³ Out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond has the lowest violent crime rate as well as the second lowest property crime rate. Year to date, the property crime rate has declined by four per cent compared to the same period in 2018. Data for the LMD indicates a 34 per cent increase in violent crime. These rates have significantly increased across the Lower Mainland, including a 49 per cent increase in Richmond. These increases are likely a result of the CCJS scoring changes identified at the start of the year. Continued analysis will be conducted throughout the year.



² On June 19 and 20, 2019 Richmond RCMP along with policing partners conducted a large scale retail theft enforcement operation – refer to page 3 of this report under ‘Theft’.

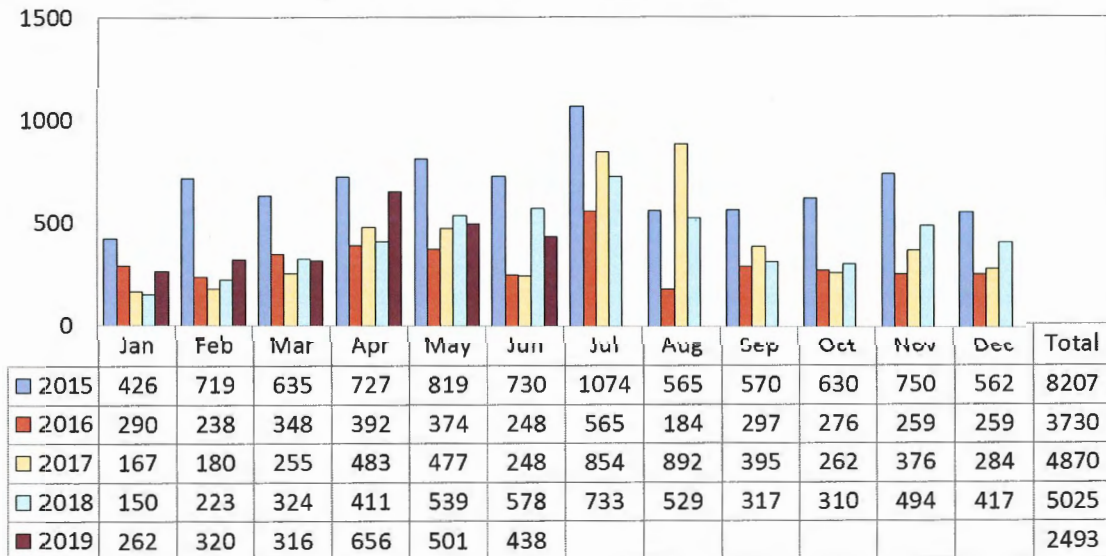
³ Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2019 population projections)

Auxiliary Program

In June 2019, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 32 Auxiliaries.⁴ Auxiliaries provided a total of 438 volunteer hours during the month of June.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided from 2015 to 2019.

Figure 2: Auxiliary Volunteer Hours



Auxiliary Program Activities

Auxiliaries attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and provide traffic and crowd control. During the month of June, Auxiliaries participated in:

- Bait Car Deployments
- Big Bike Event
- Block Watch BBQ
- Home Security Checks
- Project 529 Bike Registry
- School Sports Events

Block Watch

At the end of June 2019, the Block Watch program had 455 groups totaling 8,445 participants. Currently, the program includes 550 captains and co-captains.⁶

⁴ Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

⁶ The variance from previous months' data is due to an ongoing database upgrade. Revised numbers will continue to reflect more accurate participation data.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers.

During the month of June volunteer highlights included:

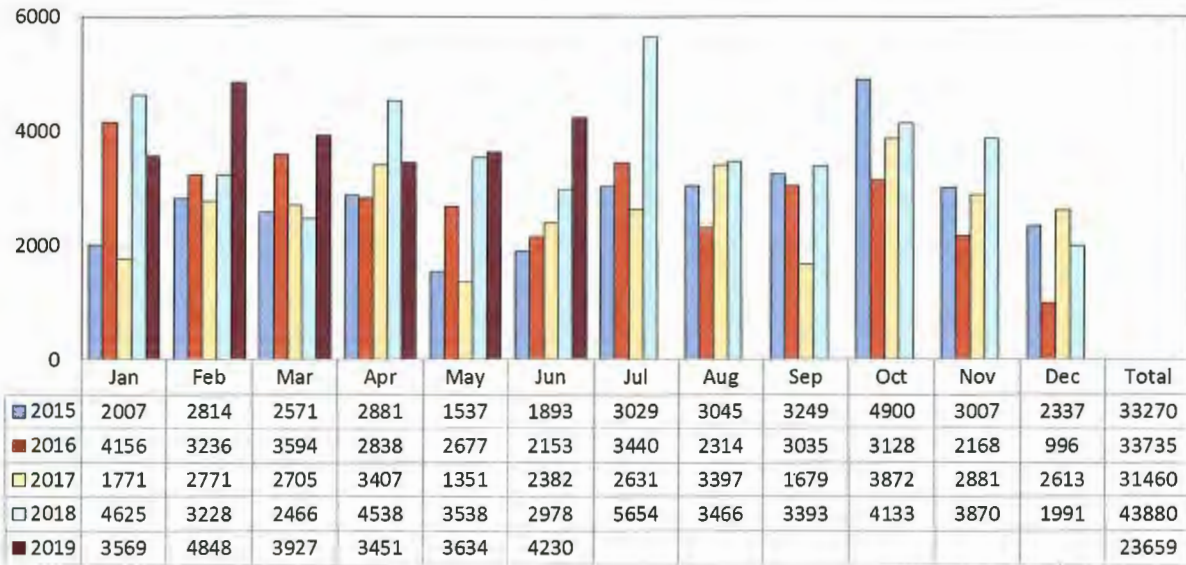
- The deployment of 28 volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 182 hours and eight bike patrols, totalling 98 hours.
- 34 Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 1,096 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 3,888 vehicles at various locations throughout the City.
- Four Commercial Break and Enter Outreach deployments occurred this month, including two on Mitchell Island. In total over 60 businesses were visited. Height strips and crime prevention information in both Chinese and English were provided to businesses at these times.
- Six school sports events were held across Richmond.
- June 1 – Three volunteers participated in the Richmond Day of Caring in support of the Sharing Farm.
- June 3 – During a volunteer van patrol deployment shift, volunteers discovered a vehicle without license plates and notified police.
- June 6 – Two volunteers participated in break and enter outreach in the Hamilton area. Accompanied by an RCMP member, volunteers visited 33 homes and distributed crime prevention information.
- June 7 – Five volunteers participated in the Richmond Torch Run in support of the Special Olympics.
- June 9 – Eight volunteers conducted bike patrols at the City of Richmond's Island Bike Tour.
- June 20 – Approximately 350 people attended the South Arm Community Centre Block Party. Four RCMP Members and 11 volunteers participated in a variety of activities including a Distracted Drivers Walking Course, Fatal Vision Goggles and Coffee with a Cop.⁷ Volunteers also provided bike and foot patrols to the location.
- June 21 – Five volunteers and an RCMP member participated in the Thompson Community Picnic. They provided information on crime prevention initiatives, including the Project 529 bike registry.
- June 21 – An RCMP member and volunteer provided crime prevention material at an information table at the Hamilton Night Out event. A police car was also on display as part of this community engagement opportunity.

⁷ Fatal Vision goggles provide a hands-on educational tool which simulates the effects of impairment, highlighting the risks associated with impaired driving.

Lock Out Auto Crime

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

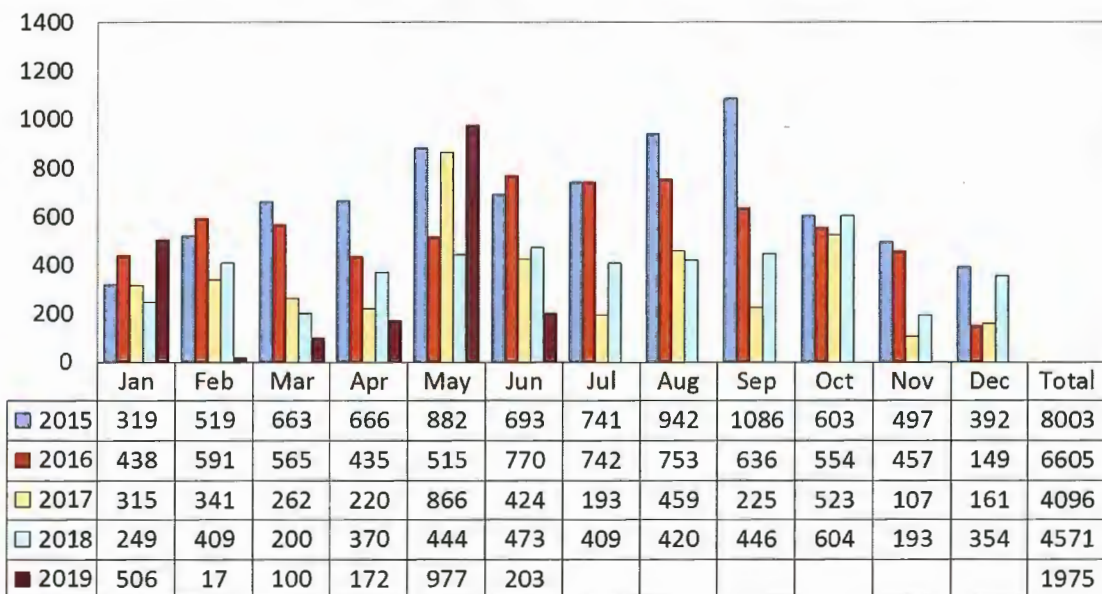
Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



Speed Watch

Figure 4 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent



Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Break and Enter Outreach
- Broadmoor Patrols
- Project 529 Bike Registry
- School Sports and Outreach
- Tim Horton's Camp Day
- Vulnerable Institution Patrols

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. The following statistics compare June 2019 data to both April 2019 and May 2019.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 1: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019
Distracted Driving	161	133	121
Driver License	267	265	252
Impaired	23	36	49
Intersection Offences	61	62	57
Moving Violations ⁸	133	108	189
Speeding	580	439	508
Seatbelts	4	8	6
Vehicle Related ⁹	83	74	84
Other ¹⁰	27	19	13
Total	1,339	1,144	1,279

Victim Services

In June 2019, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 38 new clients and attended nine crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 128 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, suicides, property crimes and family conflict.

Youth Section

The 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 June, Youth Section highlights include:

⁸ Moving violations refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁹ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

¹⁰ Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

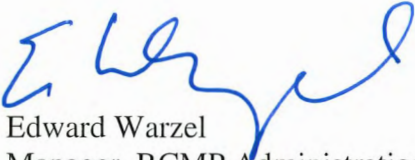
- RCMP members from the Youth Section presented to multiple school classes on the role of police officers. They discussed age appropriate topics including how police keep the public safe, when to call 9-1-1, varieties of police units and the role of the Youth Section.
- The Youth Section also marked the end of the 2018-2019 school years' DARE classes.

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: Community Policing Programs
2: Crime Statistics
3: Crime Maps
4: Crime Prevention Third Quarter Newsletter

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

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.

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.

JUNE 2019 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.

In 2019, changes were implemented regarding the collection of UCR data. The new standards provide much more stringent criteria to classify a file as unfounded. As a result, there will be an increase in many crime statistics, and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when comparing previous years' data. Full details on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey are available at Statistics Canada: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

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**.

Year-to-Date percentage change is used to numbers from the prior year, but the new CCJS/UCR standards reduce the utility of this metric. 2019 YTD numbers will be biased to increase from the 2018 totals, despite any positive police action.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	June-19	June		2018	2019	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	160	123.4	109-138	616	909	48%	293
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	10	5.2	3-7	25	37	48%	12
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	67	44.4	37-51	231	318	38%	87
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410, 1420</small>	11	14.2	12-16	65	67	3%	2
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1285, 1310, 1350, 1316, 3450, 5525</small>	15	10.4	8-13	74	116	57%	42
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	585	636.6	586-687	3840	3758	-2%	-82
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	14	25.6	18-33	199	158	-21%	-41
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	30	46.2	36-57	351	326	-7%	-25
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2173</small>	26	25.8	20-32	122	143	17%	21
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	139	179.8	148-211	1219	966	-21%	-253
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	94	98.2	86-110	526	562	7%	36
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>	109	59.6	53-66	387	510	32%	123
Fraud <small>UCR 2180 (all), 2153, 2156</small>	61	66.6	54-79	444	422	-5%	-22
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	208	193.4	173-214	1076	1079	0%	3
Arson <small>UCR 1629, 2110</small>	3	6.4	2-7	13	15	15%	2
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	953	953.4	894-1013	5532	5726	4%	194
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	47	72.6	64-81	322	232	-28%	-90
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	181	110.8	97-125	731	1040	42%	309

Business Break & Enter June 2019

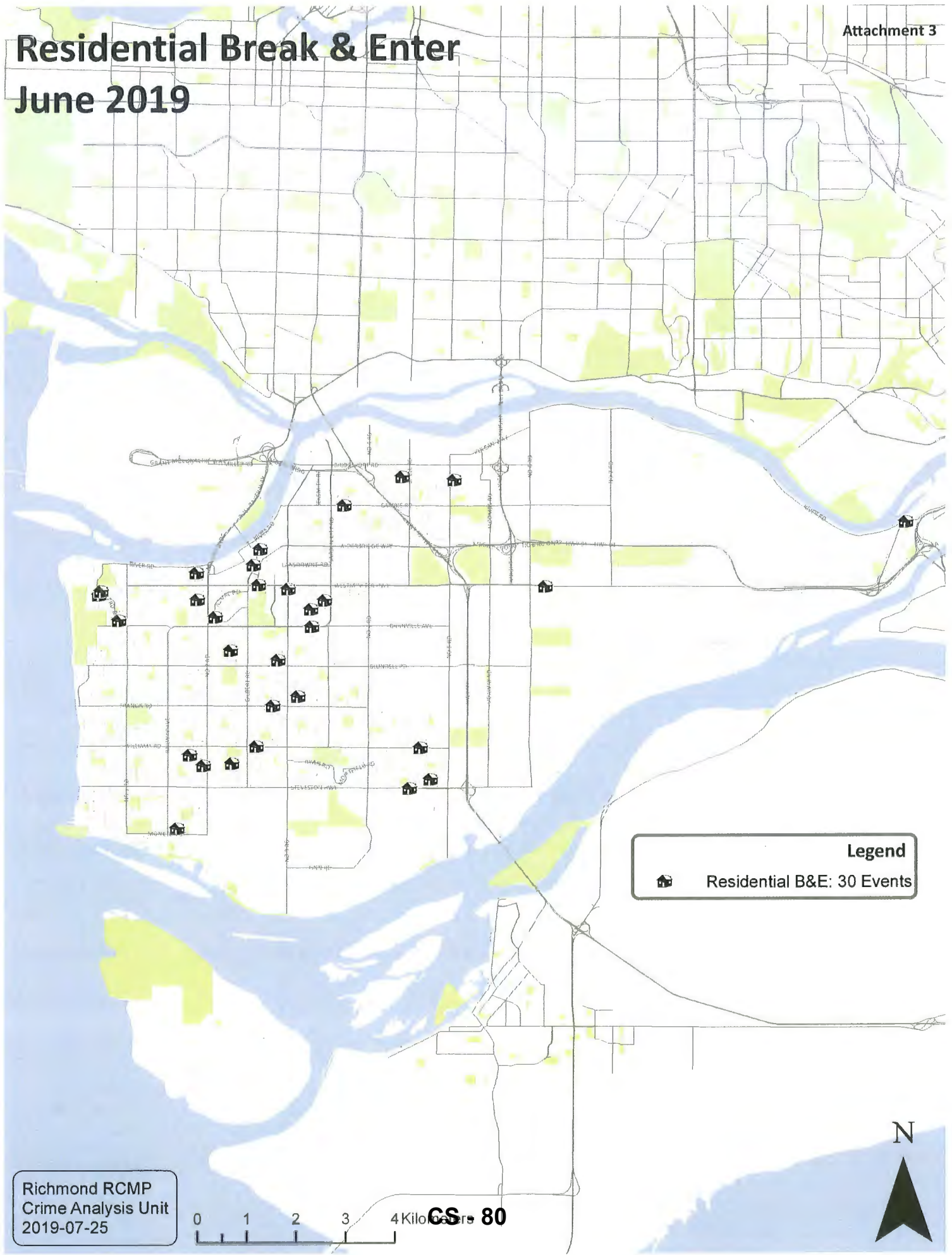


Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2019-07-25

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Residential Break & Enter June 2019



Legend
🏠 Residential B&E: 30 Events

Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
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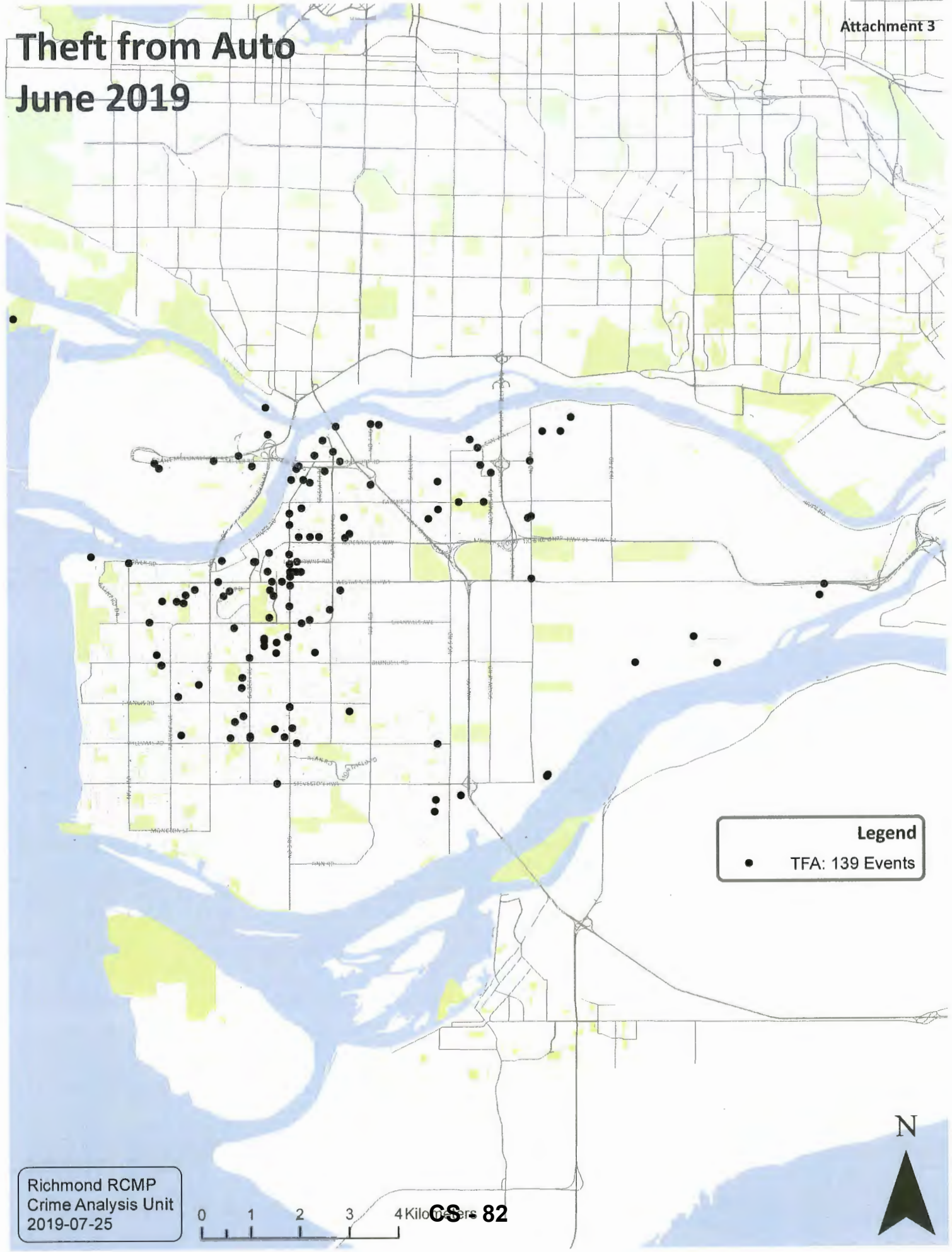
Auto Theft June 2019



Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2019-07-25

0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers **CS-81**

Theft from Auto June 2019



Legend
● TFA: 139 Events

Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2019-07-25

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CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

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10 Vacation Crime Prevention Tips

1. Enlist your neighbours and trusted friends to help while you're away. Have them pick up your mail and check on your house, reporting any suspicious people or behaviour to the police.
2. Install timers on lights, radios, or TVs inside your home and add motion sensor lighting around your property. This helps to give the appearance that people are in the home.
3. Maintain good sightlines from the road by trimming any foliage on your property.
4. Use additional protective measures to reduce the chances your home is targeted. Dowels or security bars can be used for windows. Strike plates or a door reinforcer collar can be used for doors.
5. Have a list of all your valuables in the home including pictures. These items should be tucked away in a safe place and not left in plain view around your home.
6. As excited as you are for your trip, refrain from posting on social media as criminals can use this information to know when to break in.
7. Display security measures with the use of stickers or signs to ward off any potential criminals in the area.
8. To have constant video surveillance from anywhere, install cameras, a home monitoring system, and/or a video doorbell.
9. Contact Canada Post, place a hold on your mail and any deliveries to reduce the probability of becoming a target of mail theft.
10. Double check before leaving that all windows and doors have been closed and secured before heading off!

Keep Your Bike Safe Register your bike on 529 Garage

529 Garage is a community watch for your bike. Register all the information about your bike from a computer or a smartphone. If you lose your bike, alert the 529 community and have hundreds of eyes on the look out for your bike. The community includes over 400 law enforcement agencies, universities, bike clubs and bike shops around the world. 529's Shield's unique ID makes spotting and recovering your bike a lot easier than before. Drop by any one of our Community Police Offices during the hours listed below to register your bike for free with the Richmond RCMP.

City Centre Community Police Office

140-5671 No. 3 Rd

Wed 10:00am to 12:00pm, Thurs 1:30pm to 3:30pm

South Arm Community Police Office

8880 Williams Rd

Thurs 9:00am to 12:00pm

Steveston Community Police Office

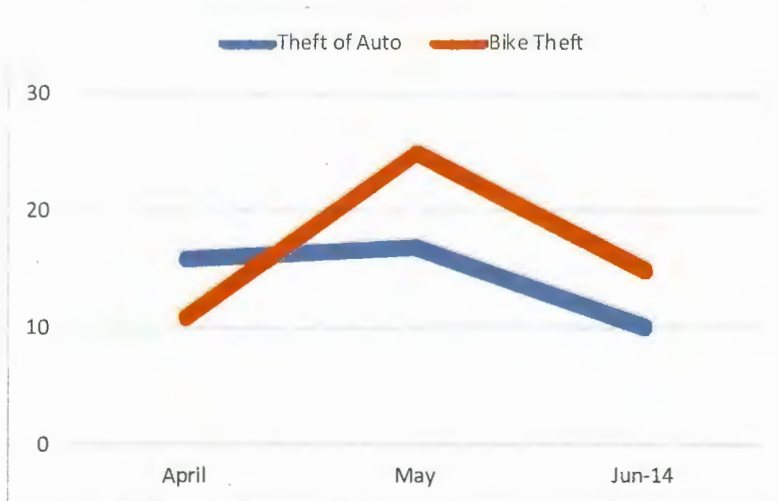
4371 Moncton St

Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm



Auto Theft Tips

- Never leave your car while it is running, even if for just a short amount of time.
- Keep your windows and sunroof closed and your doors locked before walking away.
- Try to park in well-lit and populated areas. Parking close to entrances of buildings or cameras in the parking lot will also decrease your chances of being targeted.
- Install an alarm system or use an anti-theft device.
- Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle such as your garage door remote or loose change. Place items in trunk out of sight.



Tips and Ideas for Block Watch Gatherings:

- Apply for grant funds to help with expenses. There are usually two grants available every year.
- Plan in advance, invite us and the RCMP to attend.
- Locations that are good for hosting the gathering—amenities rooms in strata complexes, neighbour's house/yard, multi-purpose room at local community centres, and nearby park in your neighbourhood.
- Activities at previous gatherings hosted by our Block Captains:



- BBQ
- Live band
- Magic show
- Yard sale
- Potluck
- Coffee, tea and muffins
- Meet and Greet with Auxiliary Constables
- Neighbourhood cleanup
- Training/information session with the RCMP
- Sports day
- Children's Performance



To start a Block Watch group:

1. Select a Block Captain and a Co-Captain

- ◇ Each Captain/Co-Captain must submit an application and be deemed a suitable candidate by passing a Criminal Record Check.

2. Recruit and build your group

- ◇ Recruit homes on your side of the street, across the street and behind you. Try and get at least 10 households to participate.

3. Captain and Co-Captain must complete a Captains training session

4. Setup 1st Block Watch group meeting/training session with participants

5. Activation of your group

- ◇ Submit a participating household list of your group then a Block Watch street sign will be provided and activation is complete.

Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility!

Stay CONNECTED!

Email your name and street address to blockwatch@richmond.ca to receive break and enter alerts that occur in your neighbourhood.

Visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/richmondblockwatch>

Contact Numbers

RCMP (emergency)**9-1-1**

RCMP (non-emergency) ..**604-278-1212**

Visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information and www.richmond.ca/homesafety for home security tips.

If your home has been broken into, **DO NOT** touch anything and call the Police non-emergency line at **604-278-1212**. If a suspect is present, call **9-1-1**.

Report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

BUSINESS LINK

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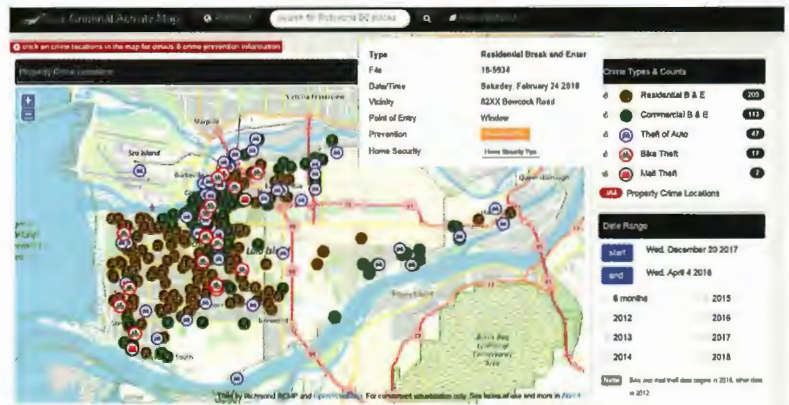
NEWSLETTER

Construction Site Security

During the months of April to June, there have been over 15 reported crimes which took place at construction sites across Richmond. In an effort to lower this number, we have compiled some crime prevention tips:

- Ensure secure fencing has been placed around the entire perimeter of the lot with only one point of entry in order to deter criminals from entering.
- During non-working hours, have a security guard patrol the job site and set up surveillance cameras. Add warning signs of security measures to protect the site as this will help with deterring criminals.
- Do not leave any equipment in plain view, it should be locked up or removed from the site each night. Larger pieces of equipment that cannot be taken off site should be immobilized with anti-theft devices. Maintain a list of inventory, including tools and material on the job site.
- Plan deliveries in accordance to when the product will be installed. High quantities of product on the site for a long period of time will attract potential criminals.
- Keep the property well-lit at night. This can be done using either motion sensor or timer-activated lighting.
- Anything left on the job site should be stored away from the perimeter fencing and not be seen from the street. Ideally, it should be stored in a central location of the job site.

Please help by reporting any suspicious behaviour:
RCMP Non-Emergency line **604-278-1212**. If you witness a crime in progress, dial **9-1-1**.



Visit the above webpage on www.richmond.ca/crime for an interactive map of Richmond that lets you know about current crime summaries and business security tips.



Email Break & Enter Alerts

To receive email alerts of neighbourhood commercial break and enters, register your business name and street address at:

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