



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nasset, Superintendent
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report - June 2016

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Activity Report – June 2016" dated July 26, 2016 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the 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 Crime Statistics
3. Auxiliary Constables
4. Block Watch
5. Community Police Stations and Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section and Programs

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's monthly report for June 2016.

1. Activities and Noteworthy Files

Homicide

June 4, 2016– Richmond RCMP officers responded to a shooting at the 11300 block of Steveston Highway. A male victim was rushed to hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. The investigation into this matter continues.

Dog attack

June 5, 2016– Richmond RCMP officers responded to a 911 call of a woman mauled by a vicious dog at a residence in the 10000 block of Dennis Crescent. Officers arrived at the scene to find a dog in a heightened state of aggression. The dog owner was able to kennel the animal. Police discovered a 54 year old female suffering from bite injuries to the face. The woman was transported to hospital where she would receive surgery for non-life threatening injuries. The dog was seized by Community Bylaw officers and is being held pending further investigation.

Assault weapon

June 15, 2016– Richmond RCMP officers responded to multiple reports of a stabbing at a residence in the 5000 block of Williams Road. The suspect was involved in a disturbance near the victim's home resulting in a verbal confrontation between the parties. The victim, a 45 year old male, was stabbed multiple times. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle prior to police arrival. A patrolling officer spotted the suspect resulting in a stop and subsequent arrest of the accused. The suspect is being charged with aggravated assault.

Assault

June 24, 2016– Richmond RCMP officers responded to an emergency call of an injured male in the 2000 block of Smith Street. Prior to RCMP arrival, officers from the Greater Vancouver Transit Authority Police Service provided first aid. In this incident the victim, a 60 year old male, arrived at his place of work and was struck violently with an unknown object several times; the suspect then fled the area in a car. The victim was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The investigation continues.

2. Analysis of Crime Statistics*Arson*

In June 2016 there were 10 incidents of arson which is a 25% increase from June 2015. Statistics indicate that this increase in activity continues from the previous month and is related to a variety of arson types. The majority of the fires in June have no specific target and are related to minor mischief type incidents involving portable washrooms and school yards.

Assault with Weapon

In June 2016 there were 16 assaults with a weapon which is an increase of 45% from June 2015. Consistent with the previous month's statistics most of these assaults with weapon files are either related to family domestic disputes or other minor incidents. There are no trends or alarming patterns emerging at this time.

Drugs

In June 2016 there were 84 drug incidents which is an increase of 23% from June 2015. There are no trends or alarming patterns emerging in this category.

Residential Break and Enter

In June 2016 there were 46 Break and Enters which is an overall decrease of 36% from June 2015.

Sexual Assault

There were 13 sexual offences in June 2016 which is a 116% increase from June 2015. This increase is significant and above the five year average range; however five of the reported

incidents are historical incidents that were just recently reported. This category is being closely monitored.

Shoplifting

In June 2016 there were 72 shoplifting thefts which is an increase of 26% from June 2015. Although June's numbers were within the normal range they are considered high for the 5 year average. Shoplifting statistics are one of the more tangible trends in terms of year to date increases. Shoplifting remains a Richmond Detachment crime reduction priority and as such it is probable that some of the shoplifting incidents were generated through increased police focus and related proactive police work.

Theft from Auto

In June 2016 there were 199 incidents of auto theft, which is an increase of 6.4% from June 2015.

Violent Crime

Violent crime increased 25.4% from June 2015 year-to-date. This above average trend is impacting not only Richmond but other areas throughout the lower mainland. At this time it is difficult to determine if this is truly an increase in crime and assault trends or if there are perhaps other factors contributing to this issue.

3. Auxiliary Constables

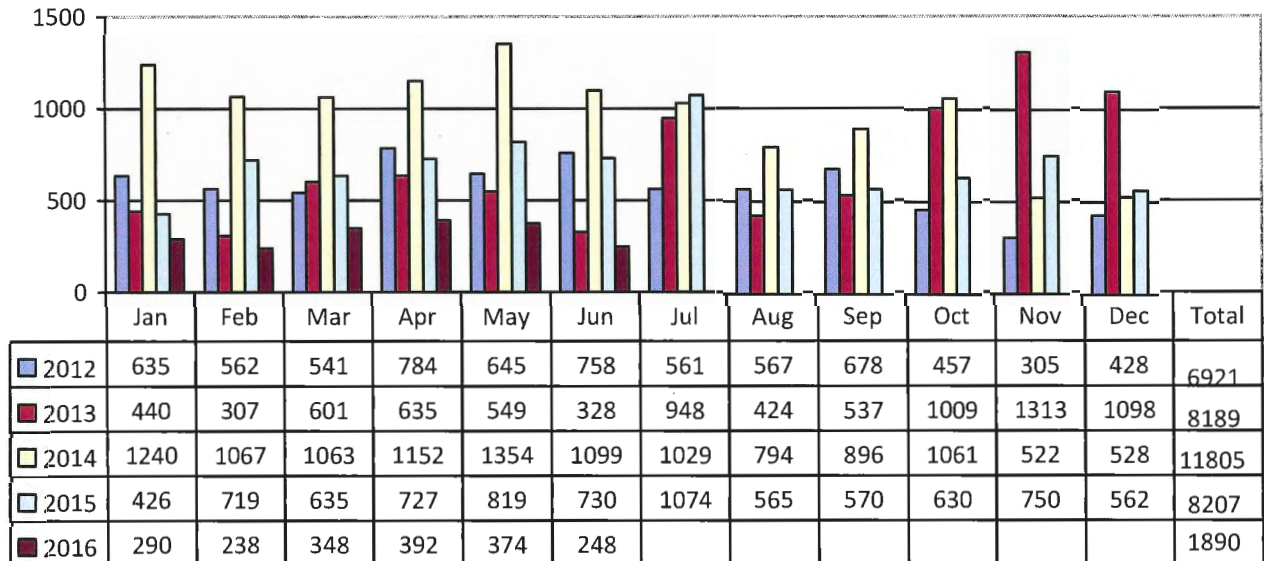
At the end of June 2016, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 38 auxiliary constables who provided 248 volunteer hours. Auxiliary Constables saw a 66% reduction of hours from June 2015.

Policy Update

No update has been received on the current national policy review of the RCMP Auxiliary Constable program.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2012 to 2016.

Figure 1: Auxiliary Constables Volunteer Hours



Auxiliary Constables Activities:

- Block Watch – Auxiliary Constables provided support at training sessions hosted at the Detachment for Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains. They also attended barbeque events hosted by the Block Watch groups.
- Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) Seniors Expo – Hosted an information stand to provide crime prevention tips and safety information for seniors.
- Crime Watch – Provided support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Night Markets – Assisted by providing a police presence at these events on weekends.
- Pathways Initiative – Provided support and positive police interactions for clients with mental health issues at Pathways Clubhouse.
- Project 529 – In partnership with the Crime Prevention Unit and volunteers, Auxiliary Constables participated in training initiatives and delivery of the bike theft program to the public.
- Ride, Don't Hide – Assisted the Road Safety Unit with traffic control at intersections.
- School Fairs – Attended elementary and secondary school spring fairs to promote positive police interaction with youth.
- Ships to Shore – Assisted regular members in providing a uniformed presence in Steveston during this event.

- Steveston Market - Assisted with traffic control and encouraged pedestrian safety in Steveston Village.

4. Block Watch

Block Watch Activities:

- Alerts – In June 2016 there were 19 residential and 10 business burglary email alerts sent to the community. These emails inform both residential and business owners that a break and enter has occurred in the area and provide appropriate crime prevention measures.
- Block Watch Groups – Four new groups started in June 2016 in the following areas:
 - Sable Ave/Sorrel Ave/Sceptre Ave
 - Lassam Road
 - Garry Road
 - Tomicki Ave
- Block Watch – At the end of June 2016, the Block Watch program had 422 groups containing 9,809 participants. Currently, the program contains 564 captains; having increased by six captains, three groups and 49 participants during the last month.
- At the end of June 2016, there were 5,570 registered email recipients receiving City Watch residential break and enter email alerts and 997 registered businesses receiving City Watch commercial break and enter email alerts.
- Block Watch Captain and Co-Captain training sessions were held at Richmond Detachment on June 6, June 14, June 16, June 23 and June 29.
- Crime Maps – Received 1,819 page views and averaged 60 page views per day.
- Currently the Crime Prevention Guide is being revised to include more information on the Crime Prevention Team; Community Police Stations; volunteering and community policing programs.
- Block Watch recently registered with Richmond Cares and Richmond Gives for a one year membership to promote the Block Watch program.

5. Community Police Station Programs

Community Police Station Activities:

Block Party – On June 23, 2016, volunteers participated in the South Arm Community Centre block party by assisting with the Distracted Walking course and the Project 529 bike registry.

Cell Watch Campaign – On June 10, 2016, volunteers participated in a Distracted Drivers Blitz and Cell Watch Campaign at various locations throughout Richmond. 3,178 vehicles were checked and 57 drivers were issued warning letters.

Fail to Stop – Volunteers participated in the Fail To Stop program at various locations throughout Richmond. Volunteers monitored drivers for full stops at stop signs and red lights. The 33 deployments resulted in 972 warning letters issued to the registered owners of the vehicles.

Feedback – ICBC received an email from a citizen positively recognizing Richmond volunteers for their efforts of checking vehicles and monitoring the local Costco parking.

Island Bike Tour – 13 bike patrol volunteers assisted in the Island Bike Tour event at Cambie Community Centre. The event had two courses which were 6.5 and 22 kilometers in length.

McNair Spring Fair – On June 21, 2016, volunteers assisted at the school fair by demonstrating the fatal vision goggles and monitoring students in the Distracted Walking course; 125 students participated in this activity.

Patrols – Volunteers participated in 22 deployments of foot, van and bike patrols for a total of 190 hours. Volunteers patrolled Richmond neighborhoods to report suspicious activities and act as a visible deterrent to crime.

School Event – On June 3, 2016, at Talmey Elementary school, volunteers demonstrated a radar reader board to students.

Speed Watch – On June 1 and June 2, 2016 volunteers deployed the Speed Watch program in front of Garden City Elementary school during Bike to School Week. A total of 1177 cars were checked for speed. Eleven vehicles went over the speed limit by 10 km/h and warning letters were sent to the registered owners of those vehicles.

Tour – On June 16, 2016, volunteers toured a new mosque at Richmond Ismaili Jamatkhana located at 4000 May Drive.

Analysis

At the end of June 2016, 65 Distracted Driver letters were sent which is an increase of 18% from June 2015.

Volunteers distributed 2,153 Lock Out Auto Crime notices in June 2016, resulting in a 16% increase over June 2015 notices.

Volunteers issued 770 Speed Watch letters in June 2016, resulting in an 11% increase from June 2015 letters.

Distracted Drivers

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent to registered owners.

Figure 2: Distracted Driver Letters Sent

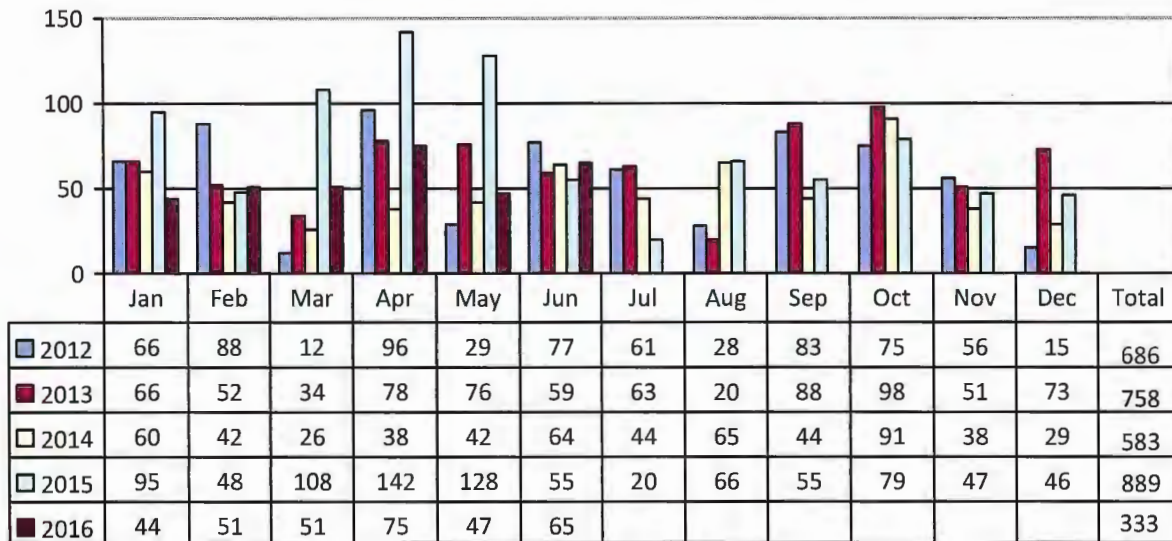
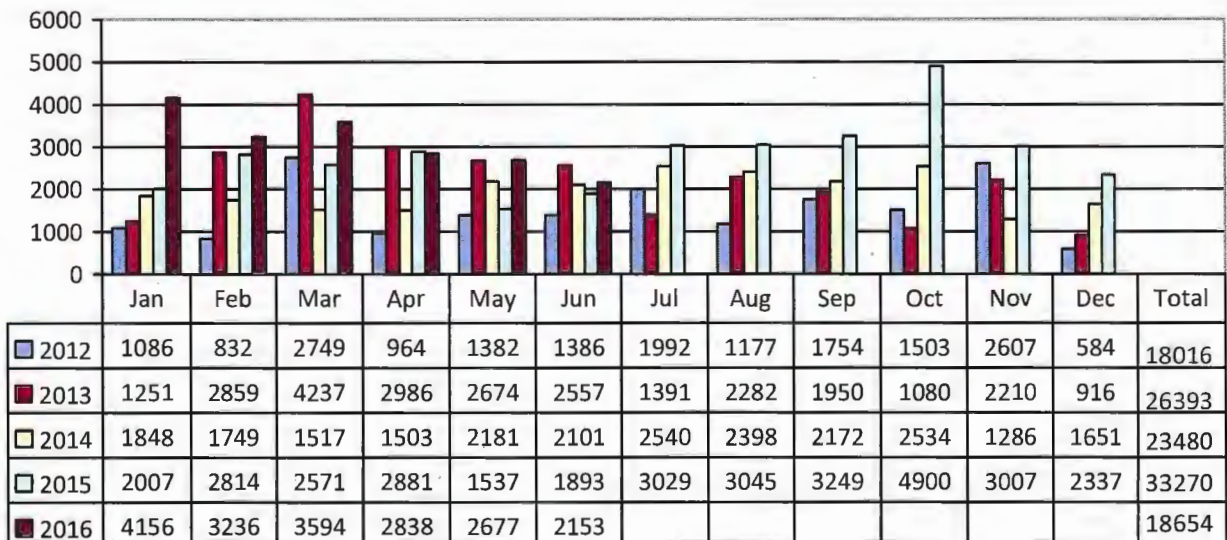
*Lock-Out Auto Crime*

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

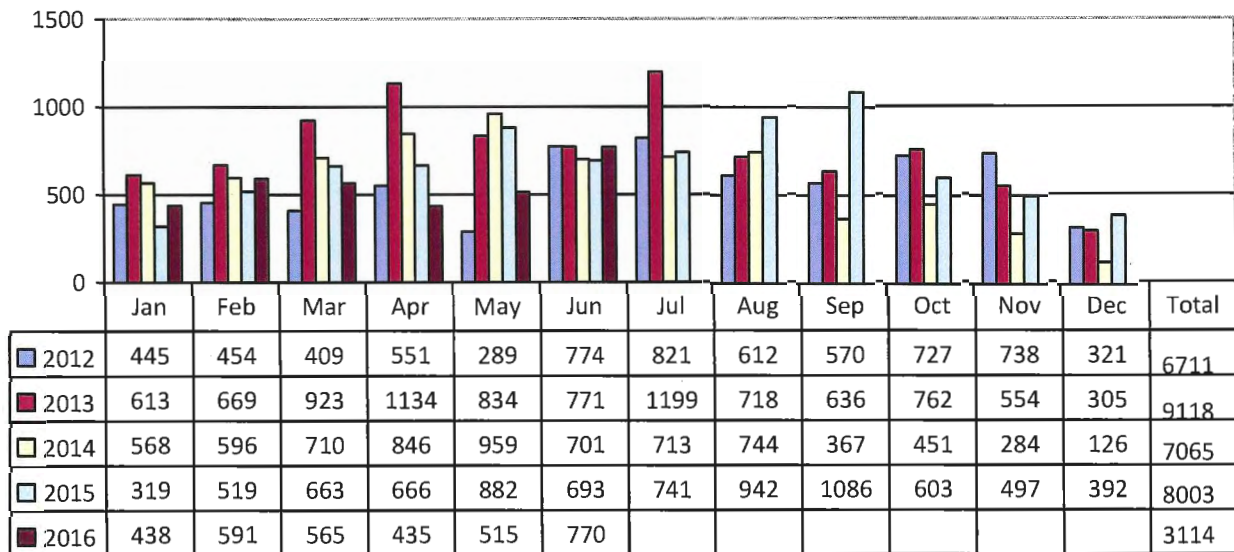
Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



Speed Watch

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent to registered owners.

Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent



6. Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit attended the following community events during the month of June.

Community Outreach Events:

- June 1 - Tim Horton's Camp Day.
- June 16 - Ismaili Mosque (Jamatkhana) tour and community meet and greet.
- June 25 - CARP 2016 seniors health and resources expo.
- June 26 - Rugby Canada Cup.

Project 529 Bike Registry/Theft Prevention Outreach:

- June 12 - Island City Bike Tour
- June 21 - McMath Secondary School
- June 22 - Iona Beach Regional Park
- June 23 - South Arm Neighbourhood block party
- June 26 - Ride Don't Hide for Canadian Mental Health Association.

Crime Prevention Initiatives

- Block Watch training was hosted by the RCMP Detachment on June 6, 14, 16, 23 and 29.

- Assisted Richmond Fire-Rescue with a joint project related to emergency responder building access. The program's goal is to facilitate better emergency responder access to multi-family buildings in Richmond in the event of an emergency.
- Richmond RCMP's Crime Prevention program is exploring an a mobile application (app) that maps crime to enhance relationships between the RCMP and the community. By creating an easy to use app the detachment would provide users access to information where crimes have been occurring. The app will be a resource for contact information, crime prevention programs and reporting crime. It is hoped that this may enhance user access and information to promote better criminal activity reporting.

7. 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 statistics below provide June 2016 data as compared to the previous two months.

The Moving Violations category refers to violations such as unsafe lane change and unsafe passing. The Vehicle category refers to motor vehicle regulation defects such as no insurance and no lights. The Other category refers to other motor vehicle infractions such as miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of accident and failing to stop for police.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016
Distracted Driving	101	64	173
Driver License	107	165	131
Impaired	29	38	38
Intersection offences	117	113	92
Moving Violations	122	143	173
Speeding	185	220	189
Seatbelts	13	19	20
Vehicle Related	58	73	79
Other	16	23	43
Total	748	858	938

Notice and Orders issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016
Distracted Driving	7	9	15
Driver License	24	24	37
Intersection	25	38	44
Moving Violations	70	52	74
Speeding	55	92	72
Seatbelts	7	5	1
Vehicle Related	87	95	127
Other	0	0	0
Total	275	315	370

Parking and Bylaw Tickets:

Name	Act	Example	Apr 2016	May 2016	June 2016
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	10	15	30
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Municipal Bylaw offence	1	0	0

8. Victim Services

- In June 2016 Richmond RCMP Victim Services provides on-going support to 70 clients and attended 11 crime/trauma scenes. The unit maintains an active caseload of 145 on-going files.
- In addition Victim Services provides on-going emotional support to victims of family crises, medical related sudden deaths and robberies. Some cases were referred for long term assistance.
- A significant incident in June 2016 involved Victim Services support at a fatal shooting incident in a highly visible retail location. At the hospital Victim Services provided support to the victim's family and continues to do so during the investigation.

9. Youth Section*Partnering / Engagement*

The Youth Section unit participated in numerous community events in June 2016:

- On June 1, 2016, Youth Section members took part in Tim Horton's Camp Day by serving coffee at the Ironwood Tim Horton's.
- On June 2, 2016, Youth Section attended a presentation by Children of the Street Society and Onyx. The presentation focused on the sexual exploitation of youth.
- On June 3, 2016, Youth Section members joined a number of Detachment personnel in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.
- On June 9, 2016, Youth Section met with the Richmond Ministry of Children and Family Development and Touchstone Family Association to orientate each organization's services and objectives. Communication best practices and opportunities for collaboration was the theme for the day.
- On June 15, 2016, Youth Section's team leader met with Richmond Fire-Rescue's Community Outreach Team to discuss opportunities for interagency cooperation.
- In addition Youth Section members attended Digital Data Collection Training that was facilitated by Safer Schools Together in partnership with the Ministry of Education.
- Youth Section members attended a multitude of year-end events at Richmond elementary and secondary schools, including sports days, spirit days and convocations.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Youth Section Members delivered the ten week Drug Abuse Resistance Education course to approximately 1700 Richmond fifth graders during this school year. Officers expect that the program will continue in the new school year.

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 Definition
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

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

Difference Maker Project

- The Difference Maker Project is an off-shoot of the School Sports Programs. Elementary school students are mentored by teachers, police officers and community ambassadors. This activity aims to encourage social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth through community projects.

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 2016 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents are included.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above average, it will be noted in **red**, while below-average numbers will be noted in **blue**.

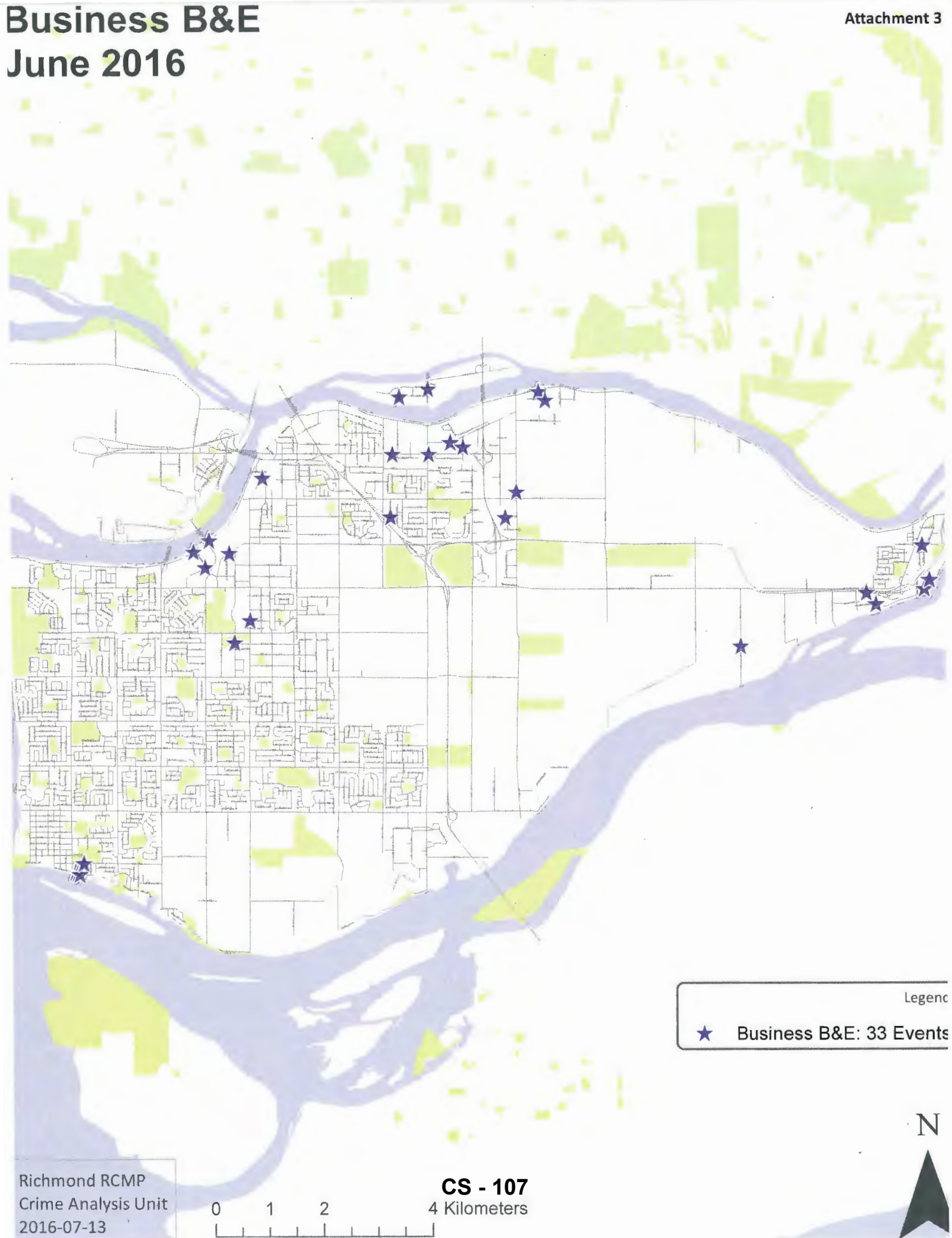
Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in **red**, while decreases of more than 10% are **blue**. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Offences).

	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Jun-16	June		2015	2016	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	143	114.0	105-123	590	740	25.4%	150
<i>Robbery</i>	8	7.2	3-11	35	51	45.7%	16
<i>Assault Common</i>	36	43.0	38-48	224	249	11.2%	25
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	16	13.2	12-15	59	70	18.6%	11
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	13	4.4	3-6	24	44	83.3%	20
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	687	618.8	575-663	4022	4264	6.0%	242
<i>Business B&E</i>	33	26.8	19-34	173	163	-5.8%	-10
<i>Residential B&E</i>	46	43.8	32-55	405	319	-21.2%	-86
<i>MV Theft</i>	32	23.2	17-29	170	181	6.5%	11
<i>Theft From MV</i>	199	173.6	142-205	1123	1351	20.3%	228
<i>Theft</i>	103	114.0	107-121	778	616	-20.8%	-162
<i>Shoplifting</i>	72	63.6	55-72	280	437	56.1%	157
<i>Fraud</i>	31	52.0	31-73	365	277	-24.1%	-88
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	184	198.8	181-216	1174	1144	-2.6%	-30
<i>Arson - Property</i>	10	5.4	3-8	29	35	20.7%	6
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1014	931.6	874-989	5786	6148	6.3%	362
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	84	72.6	58-87	349	421	20.6%	72

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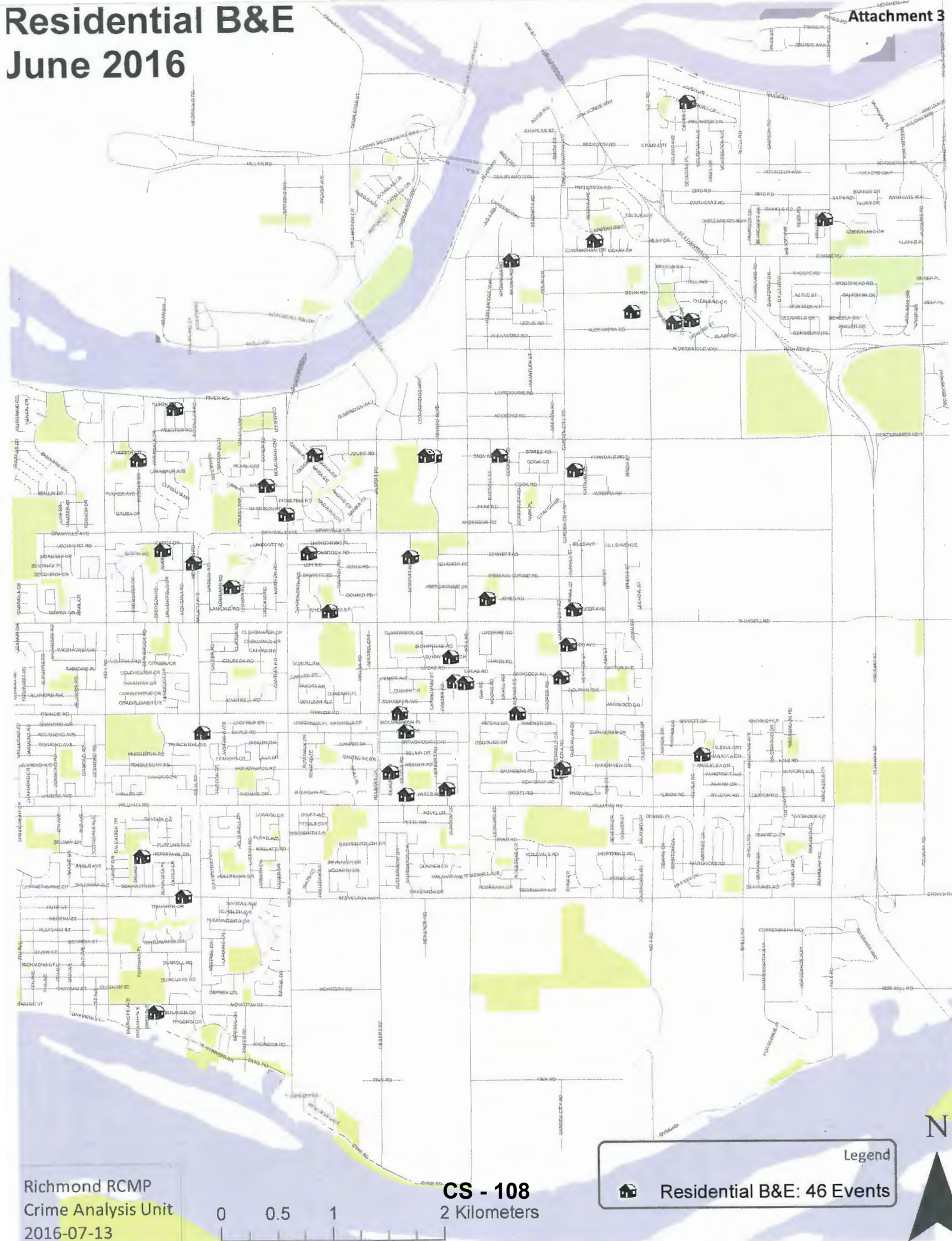
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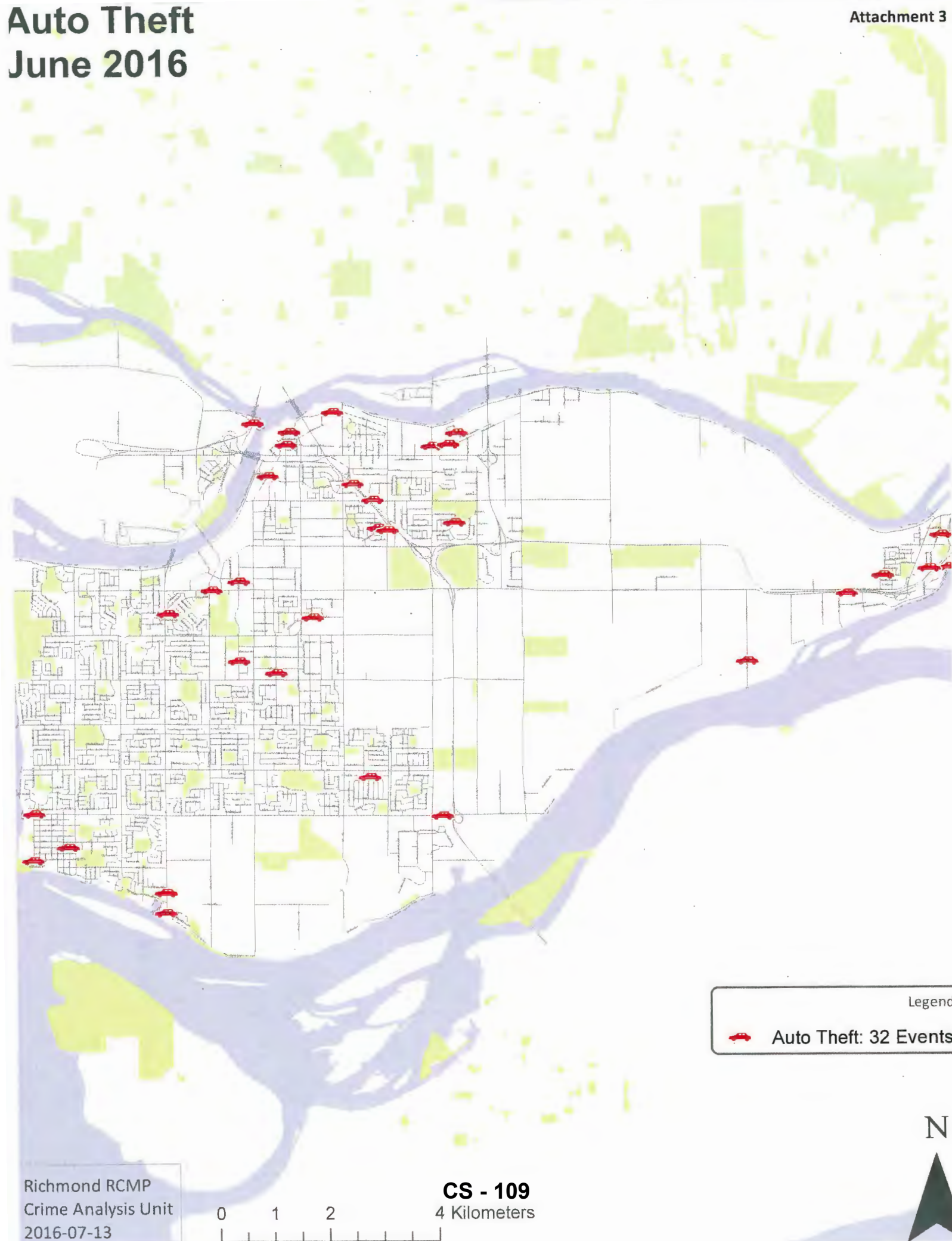
Residential B&E

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Auto Theft June 2016



Theft from Auto June 2016

