



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** November 26, 2014
From: Rendall Nasset, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2014-Vol
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01 (14.29)
Re: **RCMP's Monthly Report - November Activities**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – November Activities", dated November 26, 2014, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP be received for information.

Rendall Nasset, Superintendent
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
(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 report supports Council's Term Goal #1 Community Safety:

To ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report regarding November 2014 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Home Break-in

The Detachment is investigating a home break-in that sent one man to hospital. On November 1 just after 3:00 am police were called to the Jack Bell Drive area after the homeowner whispered into her phone that four men were in the house. The victim's husband confronted the men and was injured in the attack. He was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The victims were not able to provide a description of the suspects or the vehicle they fled in. Victim Services assisted in providing support to the victims. A news release was sent out on November 1 asking anyone who may have been in the area at the time of the incident and witnessed something unusual in the area to contact the Detachment at Richmond_Tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Swatting Incident

The Detachment received a call on November 2 just before 2:00 am to the non-emergency line to report a serious incident. Police went to the residence and were able to make contact with the family inside who were called out to meet the heavily armed officers. It was confirmed there was no serious incident and that the family had been sleeping at the time of the call to the police. This appears to have been a prank potentially against one of the family members who had a dispute with another online gamer early in the evening. These pranks are commonly referred to as "swatting" where someone uses trickery to cause police to attend to an unsuspecting home. The Detachment sent out a news release on November 2 to let the public know that this is a criminal offence and that tying up police resources in this manner takes them away from real incidents where the community needs assistance and may have to wait for help.

Impaired Driving Event

The Richmond RCMP in partnership with E Division Community Policing/Victim Services, Integrated Road Safety, ICBC and Ford Canada held an Impaired Driving Event on November 13. The event took place at McMath Secondary School at 2:00 pm. The invitation was extended to Grade 11 and 12 students to raise awareness about impaired driving.

A constable from the Detachment's Youth Section worked with 12 Leadership Students to present to students the consequences of drinking and driving. The event was student-led and began with an impact video that was prepared by the Transport Accident Commission in Australia. The video shows real life stories about the consequences of drinking and driving. Students had the opportunity to try on the "drunk suit" and the constable conducted Standard Field Sobriety Tests¹ with the students. To make it more interactive students participated in obstacles such as picking up a ball, throwing a ball and walking over obstacles to test depth perception. The event concluded with a closing video and the message to make the right choice when faced with this decision. The students had an opportunity to walk through the Alexa Bus² which was on site. ICBC arranged to have a damaged vehicle on site to set the tone for the assembly. The students were able to see the damaged car as they walked from the school over to the gym.

The "drunk suit" was developed by Ford Canada in their effort to eliminate drinking and driving and promoting their "Driving Skills for Life" campaign. The suit has made appearances in Halifax and Calgary and this was the first presentation that students had the opportunity to try on the suit. The media that was on site had an opportunity to try on the suit which applies weights to the left hand and right foot, knee and elbow braces to restrict mobility as well as hearing impaired ear protection and impaired goggles.

The event was a success and well received by the students. There were approximately 500 students that attended.

Auxiliary Constables

The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention. The Auxiliary Constables support community and special events, as well as participating in a variety of crime prevention program within the City.

Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer hours include community policing activities as well as hours spent in training, court, ride-along and call-outs. As of the end of November 2014,

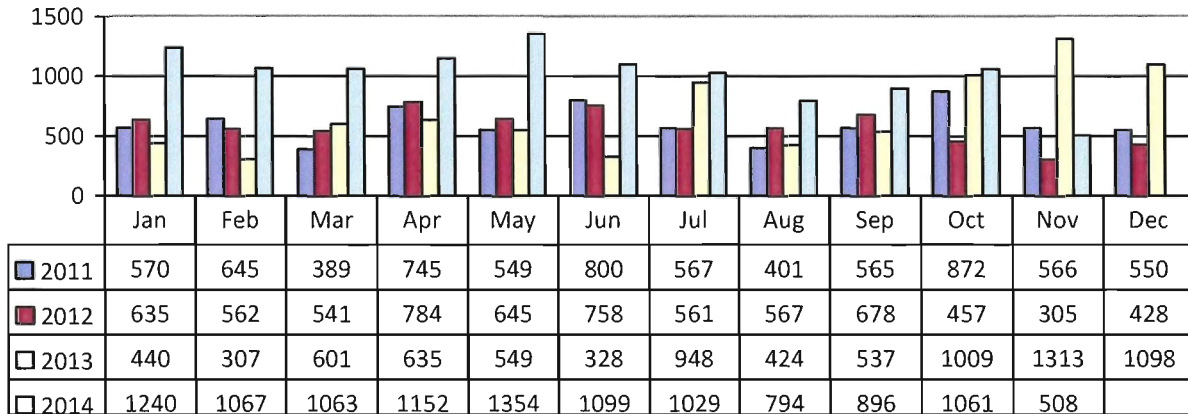
¹ Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) are sobriety tests that are conducted roadside for suspected impaired drivers. Aside from using the breathalyser these tests give police more indication if the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

² The Province and its road safety partners honoured the life and legacy of Alexa Middelaer on October 3, 2014 with the unveiling of a new mobile road safety unit – Alexa's Bus – to be used as a tool in the fight against drinking and driving.

Richmond Detachment compliment of Auxiliary Constables remains at 43. The 43 individuals have volunteered 11,261 hours to date in 2014. As a result of policy change requiring a constable to be present during Auxiliary Constable activities, many community events and the number of volunteer hours have been impacted.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011.

Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours



Activities for November 2014 included:

- Crime Watch – provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Pathways Initiative – attended the Pathways Clubhouse to provide support and encouragement to Pathway clients that have mental illness and to create positive client relationships with police.
- ICBC Safety Programs – assisted with Speed Watch, Distracted Driving and Pedestrian Safety campaigns to provide support and assistance to Community Policing volunteers. Auxiliary Constables also provided additional targeted education to the public at Canada Line Stations and other locations.
- Ride-a-Longs - Auxiliary Constables provide assistance to regular members with Traffic and General Duty shifts.

Community Events for November 2014 included:

- Crime Prevention Forum – participated in this public event and interactive forum to inform the public of various crime prevention programs available to reduce the likelihood of personal, auto and residential property crimes.
- Remembrance Day – assisted in providing traffic control, crowd control and security.

- McMath Drinking and Driving Campaign – participated in this event to provide education to senior high school students.
- Sunshine Dreams for Kids – Auxiliary Constables participated in this annual holiday party for children with life-threatening or terminal illnesses.

Community Policing

Highlights in November 2014 for Block Watch include:

- There were 99 residential and 15 business break and enter email alerts and 278 residential and 21 business letters were sent during this period to registered Richmond residents and businesses. These emails and letters were sent to inform home and business owners that a break and enter has occurred, provide crime prevention information, and direct residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.
- On November 5 the Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Section Public Forum was held at the Pacific Gateway Hotel and had approximately 80 people in attendance. Topics presented included: Home Security, Criminal Activity Maps and Block Watch.
- Safety talks presented during the month were: Pedestrian Safety at South Arm Community Centre; and Safety Talk/Workshops were held at the Minoru Activity Centre and South Arm Community Centre.
- The Police Contact Information Cards were distributed at elementary schools in Richmond, Steveston Community Centre, Richmond Centre Mall and Lansdowne Mall.
- On November 25 approximately 60 Block Watch volunteers attended the Home Security and Personal Safety presentation by one of the Community Policing constables and two auxiliary constables. 114 pedestrian safety reflectors and 200 Police Contact Information cards were distributed.

Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock-Out Auto Crime Statistics

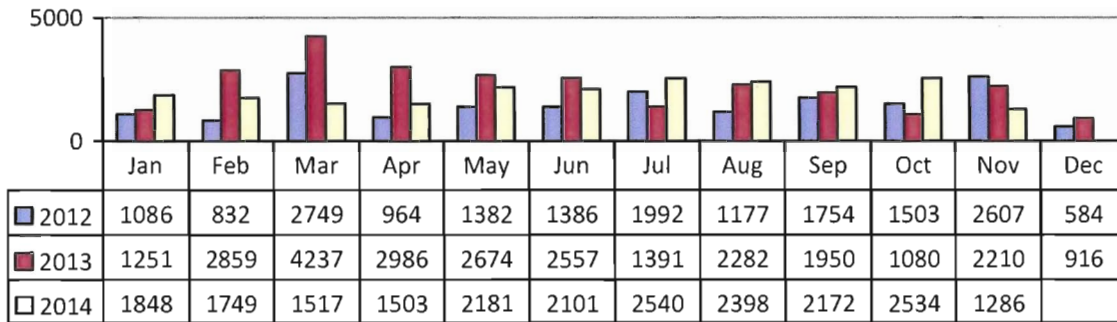
A community volunteer issues notices supplied by ICBC and left on every car in a local parking lot. The notice contains the Community Police Station name, crime prevention tips, location and date of inspection, as well as a list of questions that have been checked “yes” or “no”. These notices indicate to the driver what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle safe. As a result of the weather and students final exams the volunteer’s November statistics have been impacted.

Example questions:

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device? (e.g.: alarm, immobilizer or steering wheel-lock)
- Are there any personal belongings in plain view?
- Is the vehicle locked?
- Have all suitable steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year for the number of vehicles issued a notice.

Figure 2: Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery / Lock-Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

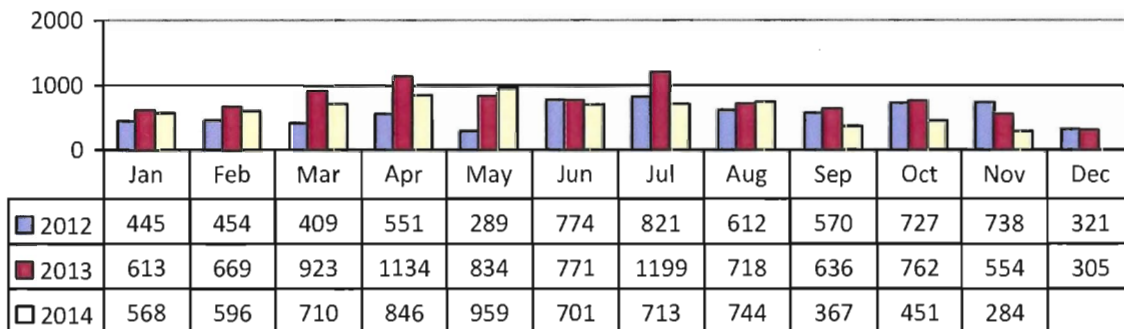


Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and on roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed. The volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the vehicle’s registered owner when there is an infraction. The letter includes the date, time, location and what the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket. As a result of the weather and students final exams the volunteer’s November statistics have been impacted.

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent.

Figure 3: Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Letters Sent



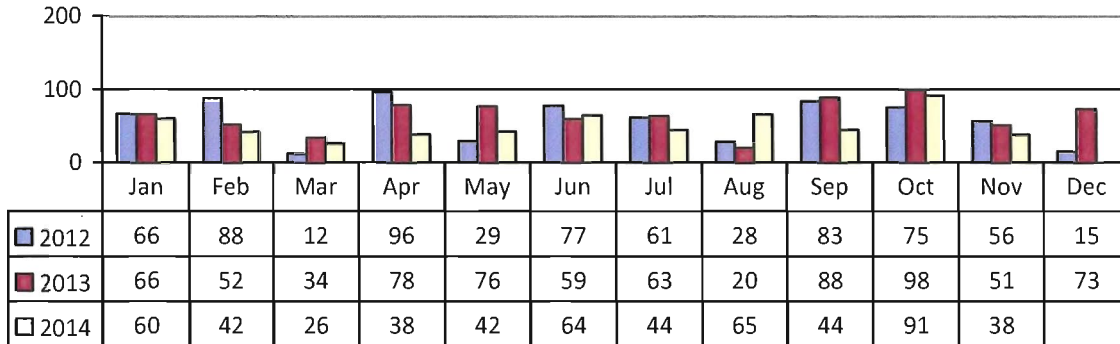
Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics

While volunteers are doing bike/foot patrols or on Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones; talking or texting, using other electronic devices, reading a newspaper, shaving or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is sent a letter with the date, time and location. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount the fine would be had the driver received a violation ticket. The continuous media messages from ICBC on the radio and television regarding distracter drivers seem to be reaching the population

as the volunteers are not getting as many drivers per volunteer shift. As a result of the weather and students final exams the volunteer’s November statistics have been impacted.

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

Figure 4: Richmond Detachment Distracted Driver Letters Sent



Community Police Foot/Van Patrol Program

In November 2014, there were 8 bike patrols totaling 46 hours, as well as 14 foot/van patrols totaling 126 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions and general questions, witnessed minor vehicle collisions and offered assistance. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and used palm pilots to run license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. During the patrols, the volunteers visited local parks and schools to make sure that everything was secure and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

Highlights in November 2014 for the Volunteers include:

- Kwantlen University open house on November 6. Five volunteers assisted at the tables and promoted pedestrian safety.
- Crime Prevention Forum on November 7. Seven volunteers assisted at the tables and conducted the Lock-Out Auto Crime Program.
- Remembrance Day service on November 11. Fourteen volunteers did bike and foot patrols during the service at City Hall and surrounding areas.
- Pedestrian Safety Blitz on November 13 at 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Thirteen volunteers along with Community Policing constables, Auxiliary Constables and Transit Police Service covered Saba Road and No. 3 Road; Minoru Boulevard and Granville Avenue; Cook Road and No. 3 Road. Approximately 1,000 reflectors were given out in under 2 hours.
- Crime Watch training. On November 22 nine station volunteers were trained in the program. Training was provided by the Auxiliary Constable and Crime Watch Program’s senior volunteers.

Road Safety Unit

Name	Act	Example	Sep	Oct	Nov
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	607	820	756
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	373	336	291
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	30	24	20
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	10	13	4
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	1	0	0

Victim Services

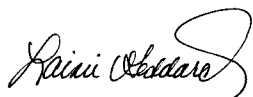
- From November 1, 2014 to November 27, 2014, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 32 new clients and attended 12 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 185 on-going files.
- Victim Services provided on-going emotional support to help victims of robberies, family dysfunction, homicide and sudden deaths. Referrals are provided for long term help.

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: Crime Statistics
 2: Crime Maps



NOVEMBER 2014 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).

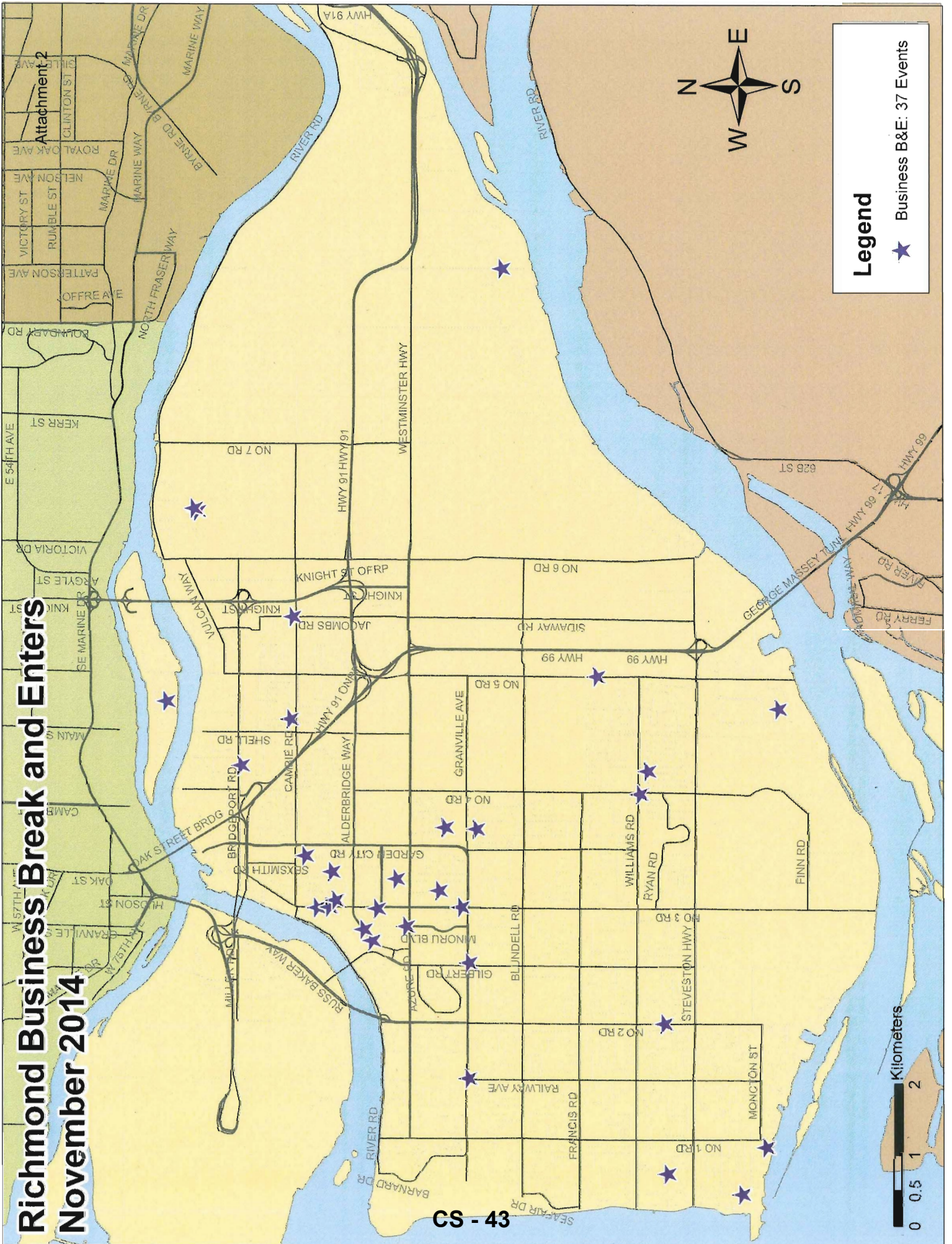
	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Nov-14	November		2013	2014	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	103	114.6	100-129	1133	1113	-1.8%	-20
<i>Robbery</i>	6	12.4	7-15	69	62	-10.1%	-7
<i>Assault Common</i>	40	46.8	38-55	428	386	-9.8%	-42
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	6	9.4	6-12	115	113	-1.7%	-2
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	8	2.2	3-7	52	88	69.2%	36
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	708	645.8	538-754	6375	7617	19.5%	1242
<i>Business B&E</i>	37	39.8	21-58	338	363	7.4%	25
<i>Residential B&E</i>	111	57.6	40-75	646	824	27.6%	178
<i>MV Theft</i>	28	27.4	18-37	203	306	50.7%	103
<i>Theft From MV</i>	179	74.6	148-297	1572	2295	46.0%	723
<i>Theft</i>	136	96.6	76-118	1149	1230	7.0%	81
<i>Shoplifting</i>	46	50.0	44-56	741	606	-18.2%	-135
<i>Fraud</i>	53	38.0	32-44	458	526	14.8%	68
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	156	150.2	122-178	1832	2059	12.4%	227
<i>Arson - Property</i>	5	5.8	4-7	45	60	33.3%	15
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	967	911	808-1013	9340	10828	15.9%	1488
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	55	24.3	53-101	729	603	-17.3%	-126

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Richmond Business Break and Enters November 2014



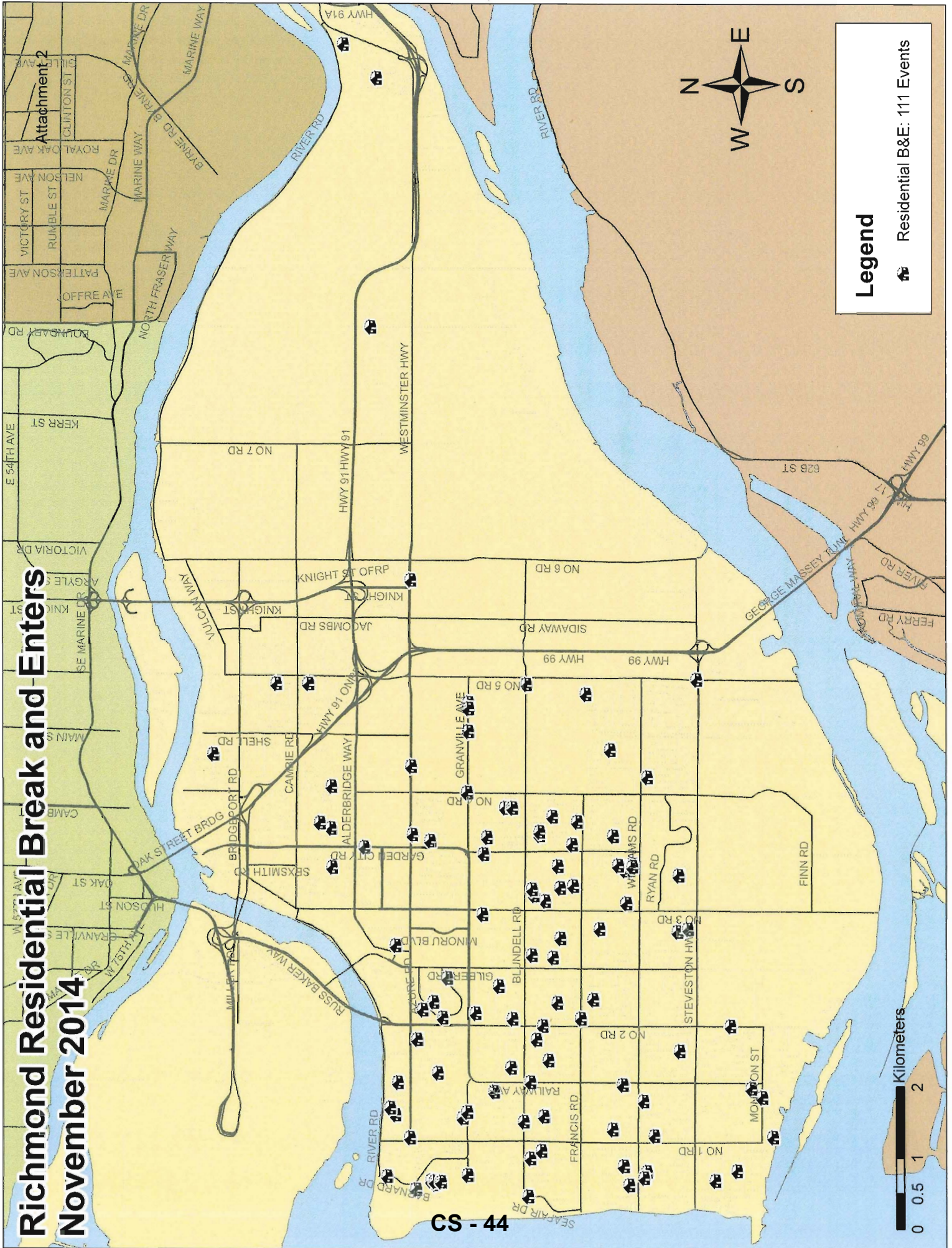
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- ★ Business B&E: 37 Events

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Richmond Residential Break and Enters November 2014



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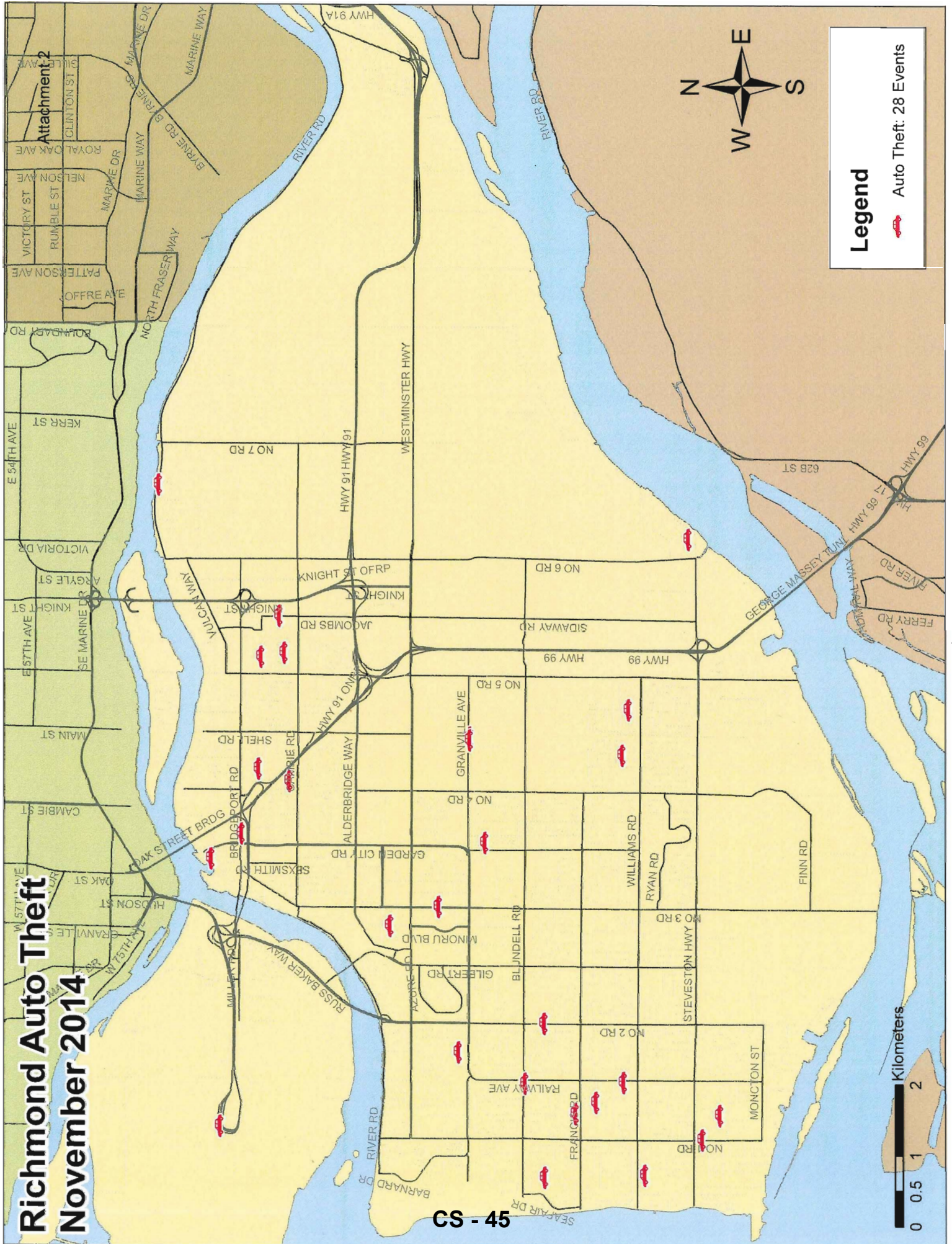
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Richmond Auto Theft November 2014

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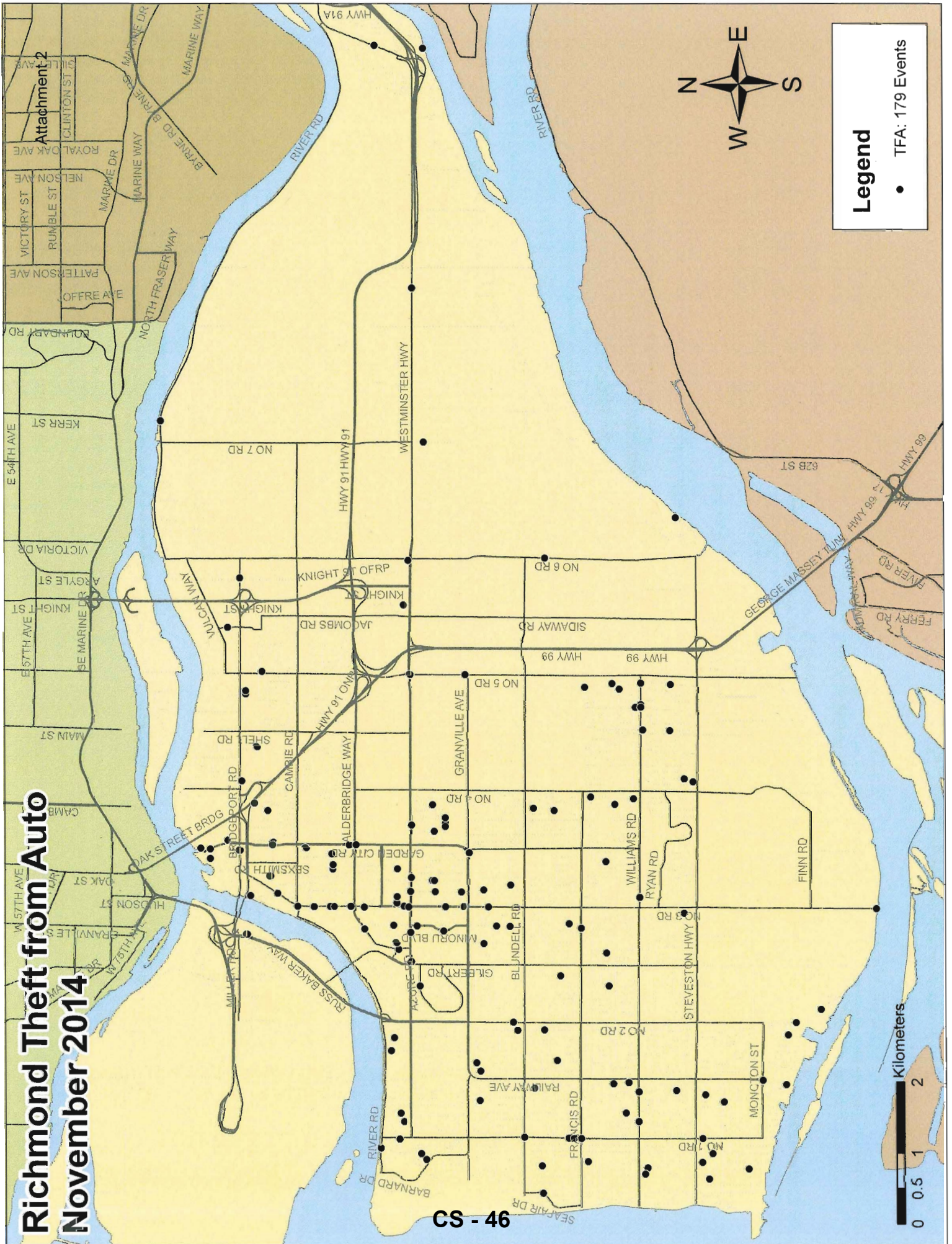
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 Auto Theft: 28 Events



Richmond Theft from Auto November 2014



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- TFA: 179 Events

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