



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

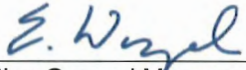


To:	Community Safety Committee	Date:	December 11, 2025
From:	Dave Chauhan Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge	File:	09-5030-01/2025-Vol 01
Re:	RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2025		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2025”, dated December 11, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

Dave Chauhan
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge
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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER	
	
Ed Warzel, Acting General Manager	
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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. 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

Theft Prevention

On November 3, 2025, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release outlining helpful theft-prevention strategies ahead of the holiday season. Tips include keeping valuables out of sight, using a home alarm, and ensuring doors and windows are locked. The campaign featured a new 42-second video highlighting quick and effective ways to reduce the risk of break-ins this winter.

Break and Enter

On November 5, 2025, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a report of a break and enter in the 5300 block of No. 3 Road. The suspects drove an SUV through the mall's entrance and attempted to enter a jewelry store. They were unsuccessful in their attempts and fled from the scene. No one was injured in the incident, which remains under investigation.

Boost and Bust Operation

On November 12, 2025, Richmond RCMP officers conducted a Boost and Bust operation targeting retail theft at local businesses.¹ A total of 10 suspects were arrested, all of whom were offered referrals to social services. Over \$3,000 in merchandise was recovered, with clothing and food being the most targeted items.

Toy Drive

On November 22, 2025, the Richmond RCMP hosted its 11th Annual Christmas Toy Drive in partnership with Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives. The fundraising event, sponsored by Coca-Cola, was held outside of Lansdowne Centre and featured mini donuts for supporters who made donations. Over \$33,000 in cash and 1,500 pounds in toys were collected in support of the Richmond Christmas Fund.



Figure 1: Toy Drive

Grandparent Scam

On November 27, 2025, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release warning the public following an increase in reports of grandparent scams. Fraudsters in these schemes often target seniors and use high-pressure tactics to convince the victim to send money to “help” a family member in distress. In a recent case, the victim lost more than \$37,000.

Analysis of Police Statistics²

Arson

There were six reported arsons in November 2025, an increase of two from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are down 31 per cent compared to the same period in 2024.³

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were nine serious assaults in November 2025, representing a 36 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of serious assaults is down four per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

¹ Boost and Bust projects involve police partnering with local businesses and loss prevention officers to target retail theft.

² Unless otherwise noted, no patterns or trends have been identified in this month’s statistics.

³ In January 2024, a new Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) code was introduced for intentionally set fires that do not meet the *Criminal Code* definition of Arson. This new UCR code prevents comparison to multi-year arson counts and averages.

Thirty-three per cent of serious assaults reported in November 2025 involved family members. There were no unprovoked incidents involving strangers.

Auto Theft

There were 23 auto thefts in November 2025, representing a 77 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 17 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

Mental Health

There were 236 mental health-related incidents in November 2025, representing a 12 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, mental health-related incidents are up five per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the average range.

There were 56 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 119 minutes; both statistics are within the average ranges. Twenty individuals were responsible for two or more calls in November, with one caller generating five incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 20 break and enters to residences in November 2025, which is a five per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down 11 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In November 2025, there were 24 break and enters to businesses, a 33 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up 23 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were five robberies reported in November 2025, an increase of one incident from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are up two per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Two of the incidents reported in November 2025 involved weapons. All incidents remain under investigation.

Sexual Offences

There were 20 sexual offence files in November 2025, representing a 54 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are up nine per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Fifty-five per cent of the offences reported in November 2025 were sexual assaults, and 15 per cent were indecent acts/exposing.

Shoplifting

There were 148 reported shoplifting thefts in November 2025, a two per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are down eight per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 59 thefts from automobiles in November 2025, representing an eight per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of thefts from automobiles is down two per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

Drugs

In November 2025, there were 26 drug offences, representing an 18 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 26 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. 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 Number of Drug-Related Calls	Suspected	Confirmed
January	71	42	29
February	38	23	15
March	49	31	18
April	58	41	17
May	57	36	21
June	70	44	26
July	40	20	20
August	59	44	15
September	57	35	22
October	39	26	13
November	52	40	12

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

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Figure 2 presents crime rates in November 2025 for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which the RCMP polices.⁴ The property and violent crime rates in Richmond were below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of November 2025, the Block Watch program had 301 groups, totalling 6,723 participants. Currently, the program includes 421 captains and co-captains. On November 4, 2025, Block Wach staff delivered a safety talk to a S.U.C.C.E.S.S. newcomer group, covering how to identify suspicious activity and when to report incidents to the police.

⁴ Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on December 4, 2025

Communications Unit

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

- A campaign promoting the 2025 Toy Drive.
- 13 media releases were issued, including five related to property crimes.
- 31 social media posts were made on X, including pedestrian safety messaging.



Figure 3: Toy Drive Promotion

Community Police Office Programs

Community police offices 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 November, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of two van patrols, totalling eight hours.
- A total of 24 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 1,168 information letters issued.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,437 vehicles, resulting in 33 information letters.
- November 5 – Volunteers participated in pedestrian safety outreach, alongside RCMP officers, ICBC, and Metro Vancouver Transit Police. Volunteers distributed safety reflectors to promote visibility in the fall and winter months.



Figure 4: Pedestrian Safety Outreach

- November 11 – Volunteers assisted with foot patrols, pedestrian control and observing for suspicious activities at Richmond City Hall for Remembrance Day.

- November 13 – Volunteers assisted Block Watch staff with conducting Business Link outreach at Aberdeen Centre, promoting enrollment in the Business Link program and helping raise awareness of seasonal theft trends
- November 16 – Volunteers assisted Block Watch staff and the Economic Crime Unit with Fraud Prevention outreach at the T&T Supermarket at Lansdowne Centre. Two engagement tables were set up, featuring information on recent fraud trends.
- November 19 – RCMP officers and volunteers engaged with seniors at the Minoru Centre for Active Living during the Seniors Wellness Clinic. There were 450 face-to-face contacts, and 571 safety reflectors were distributed.
- November 22 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the annual Richmond RCMP Toy Drive by helping set up equipment and staffing the community engagement booth.
- November 26 – Volunteers assisted Block Watch Staff with a Block Watch Pop-Up event at a new apartment complex, recruiting new participants to the program.

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 225 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On November 5, 2025, RCMP officers, in collaboration with Metro Vancouver Transit Police, City Bylaws, and ICBC, conducted a large-scale pedestrian safety outreach event at the Brighthouse Canada Line Station. Over 3,300 safety reflectors were distributed.
- On November 11, 2025, RCMP officers participated in Remembrance Day commemorations, including marching in Red Serge.



Figure 5: Remembrance 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 791 violation tickets were issued in November. Figure 6 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in November:

Figure 6: Top 5 Traffic Infractions - November 2025

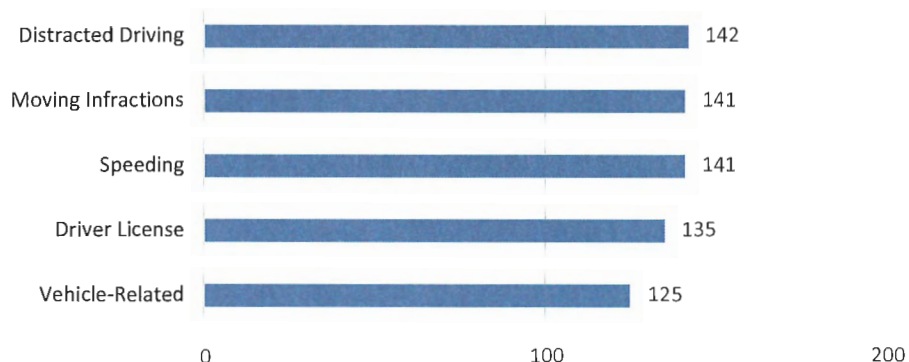


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2021, and November 30, 2025.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2021 ⁵	355	4
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025 (YTD) ⁶	363	1

Victim Services

In November 2025, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 56 new clients and attended five crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 87 files. In November, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, intimate partner violence, and property crimes.

⁵ Motor Vehicle collisions decreased during the pandemic due to changes in behaviour patterns and fewer vehicles on the roads.

⁶ A fatal collision occurred on July 7, 2025.

Youth Section

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

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 130 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 222 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes continued for the first term of the 2025-2026 school year. A total of 473 students in 16 classes are participating in the program.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In November 2025, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable investigations, including a break and enter at a jewelry store and a fraud trend targeting seniors. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average range, except for serious assaults, which were below average, and shoplifting, which was elevated.

In November, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives. The 11th Annual Toy Drive was successful in raising money and toys for the Richmond Christmas Fund. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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

Community Policing Programs Information

Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: blockwatch@richmond.ca
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm

Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm

Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm

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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.

NOVEMBER 2025 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. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type.

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 (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the 5 year range due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR standards or other scoring issues, the total will be noted in **purple**.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Nov - 25	November		2024	2025	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	133	148.2	135-161	1750	1934	11%	184
Robbery	5	3.4	2-5	47	48	2%	1
Assault Common	46	57.4	50-65	527	675	28%	148
Assault Serious	9	17.0	14-20	207	199	-4%	-8
Sexual Offences	20	17.0	13-21	224	244	9%	20
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	619	573.6	511-636	6912	6811	-1%	-101
Business B&E	24	21.6	16-28	215	264	23%	49
Residential B&E	20	25.8	14-37	235	209	-11%	-26
Auto Theft	23	22.0	18-26	260	216	-17%	-44
Theft from Auto	59	105.6	83-128	797	780	-2%	-17
Theft	130	93.4	70-117	1237	1386	12%	149
Shoplifting	148	83.6	58-109	1485	1359	-8%	-126
Fraud	82	77.8	62-94	1060	1061	0%	1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	310	241.6	208-275	3229	3130	-3%	-99
Arson	6	7.8	6-9	71	49	-31%	-22
Cause Disturbance	218	182.0	146-218	2470	2140	-13%	-330
Collisions - all	185	165.8	140-192	1811	1881	4%	70
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1062	963.6	880-1047	11951	11865	-1%	-86
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	26	34.4	22-47	222	280	26%	58
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	236	240.8	221-261	2741	2891	5%	150

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November 2025



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Auto Theft
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Auto Theft
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**Theft From Auto
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