City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:	Community Safety Committee	**Date:**	October 15, 2026
From:	Dave Chauhan Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge	**File:**	09-5030-01/2025-Vol 01
Re:	**RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2026**		

Staff Recommendation

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

Executive Summary

The "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2026" features notable investigations and statistics related to calls for service received by the Richmond RCMP. The report also highlights monthly activities and deployments. In September 2026, City Staff, volunteers and police officers conducted crime prevention, road safety and community engagement initiatives.

Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Activities and Noteworthy Files
2. Analysis of Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Block Watch
5. Communications Unit
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026, Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

> *Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.*

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Fatal Collision

On September 1, 2026, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a collision between a motorcycle and a vehicle at the intersection of No. 1 Road and Lockhart Road. The motorcycle rider was transported to hospital, where they later succumbed to their injuries. Investigators issued a public appeal for witnesses and dashcam footage of the incident.

E-scooter and E-bike Safety Outreach

On September 9, 2026, the Richmond RCMP hosted an e-scooter and e-bike safety outreach event at the Railway Greenway at Granville Avenue. Police and volunteers provided information on how to operate these devices safely and legally and promoted respectful road-sharing practices for all road users.



Figure 1: E-scooter/e-bike Safety Outreach

Fraud Awareness

On September 22, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release warning of recent currency exchange schemes. Fraudsters target individuals seeking currency exchange services by offering attractive exchange rates through social media, online marketplaces, messaging apps, and unofficial money exchange services. Victims are often persuaded to send money overseas and never receive the promised funds in exchange.

Boost and Bust Operations

In September, Richmond RCMP officers conducted four Boost & Bust operations as part of the Retail Council of Canada's National Retail Crime Task Force Fall 2026 National Blitz. These operations resulted in:

- 21 arrests;
- The recovery of more than $5,675 worth of stolen merchandise;
- Charges recommended against 13 adults for theft under $5,000;
- One charge of assault recommended in an incident involving a loss prevention officer;
- Extra-judicial measures recommended for two youths; and
- Restorative Justice recommended for two adults.

Distracted Driving Enforcement

September is Distracted Driving Month, and the Richmond RCMP conducted various education and enforcement initiatives in support of this road safety priority. On September 29, 2026, the Richmond RCMP partnered with ICBC, Metro Vancouver Transit Police, and volunteers for a joint operation to combat distracted driving. Police issued 177 violation tickets, including 106 for distracted driving, resulting in over $66,000 in fines.

Analysis of Police Statistics[1]

Arson

There were five reported arsons in September 2026, representing an increase of one incident from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up by 55 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons this month is within the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were eight serious assaults in September 2026, representing a 47 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are down 25 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

[1] Unless otherwise noted, no patterns or trends have been identified in this month's statistics. In January 2026, statistics were re-collected for all crime categories, dating back to 2019. This was done to account for any changes to scoring or delayed reports and to ensure data is up to date and accurate. For this reason, there will be variations from previously reported statistics.

Seventy-five per cent of serious assaults reported in September 2026 involved individuals who were known to each other. Of these, 50 per cent involved intimate partners or family members. Physical force was the most reported “weapon type” at 47 per cent of incidents.

Auto Theft

There were 15 auto thefts in September 2026, representing a 25 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 36 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is below the average range.

Mental Health

There were 217 mental health-related incidents in September 2026, representing a five per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down 10 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the average range.

There were 42 police apprehensions, which is below average. The average hospital wait time, at 109 minutes, was within the expected range. Seventeen individuals were responsible for two or more calls in September, with one caller generating eight incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 19 break and enters to residences in September 2026, representing a 19 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down one per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In September 2026, there were 25 break and enters to businesses, representing a 56 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up 10 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were six robberies reported in September 2026, representing an increase of four incidents from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down 40 per cent, compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Sexual Offences

There were 18 sexual offence files in September 2026, representing no change from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are down five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Fifty-six per cent of the offences reported in September 2026 were sexual assaults, seventeen per cent were indecent acts/exposing, and seventeen per cent were production of child sex abuse materials.

Shoplifting

There were 176 reported shoplifting thefts in September 2026, representing a one per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 34 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 45 thefts from automobiles in September 2026, representing a 22 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down 12 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

Drugs

In September 2026, there were 28 drug offences, representing an 18 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 16 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

Drug-Related "Social Disorder" Calls

Public complaints related to drug use fall under various call categories, including nuisance, cause disturbance, mischief, unwanted person, suspicious person, and check well-being. Table 1 presents the number of police calls for service related to a public complaint of suspected drug use.

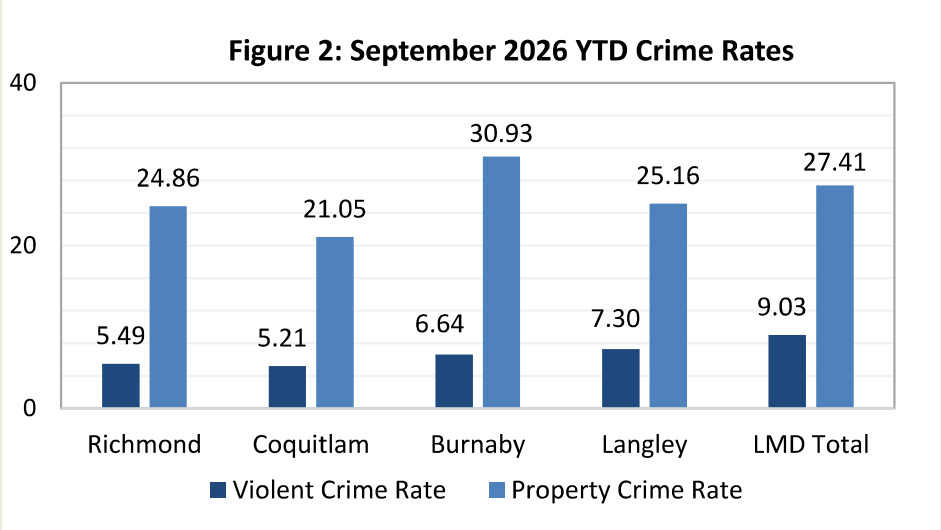
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

Month	Total Calls 2025	Total Calls 2026	2026 Suspected	2026 Confirmed
January	71	39	22	17
February	38	24	11	13
March	49	36	19	17
April	58	45	31	14
May	57	41	22	19
June	70	34	21	13
July	40	46	28	18
August	59	33	20	13
September	57	41	16	25
October	39			
November	52			
December	42			
Total	**632**	**339**	**190**	**149**

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 September 2026 crime rates for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which the RCMP polices.[2] The property and violent crime rates in Richmond were below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of September 2026, the Block Watch program had 289 groups, totalling 6,391 participants. The program currently includes 400 captains and co-captains.

[2] Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on October 5, 2026

Communications Unit

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

- Distracted driving month coincides with the resumption of school following the summer break, and the Richmond RCMP launched an enforcement and education campaign promoting safe driving practices, particularly near schools. This year's campaign also featured a short safety video.
- 14 media releases were issued, including three related to missing persons.
- 26 social media posts were made on X, including multiple posts sharing fraud prevention information.



Figure 3: School Zone Safety

Community Police Office Programs

Community police officers continue to enhance the Richmond Detachment's policing services by providing a range of crime-prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers implement safety initiatives to raise awareness of crime-prevention programs, promote community engagement, and enhance police accessibility. These initiatives help reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month, reflecting weather conditions, seasonal initiatives and the availability of volunteers.

During September, volunteer highlights included:

- A total of 23 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 1,211 information letters issued.
- There were four Speed Watch deployments, during which 83 information letters were issued.
- There were 25 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 435 information letters were issued.
- There were eight Distracted Driving deployments, during which 148 information letters were issued.
- September 1 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a community engagement table at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University's new student orientation. Volunteers distributed resources, including e-scooter and e-bike education handouts.
- September 9 – Volunteers participated in an e-scooter and e-bike safety awareness outreach event at the Railway Greenway. Police, partners, and volunteers engaged with over 200 members of the public.
- September 11 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Crime Stoppers Jail & Bail event held at Richmond Centre Mall. Volunteers distributed crime prevention and road safety resources.

- September 13 – Volunteers and RCMP officers attended the Carnival of Giving Event at the Lansdowne Mall, featuring Safety Bear and photo opportunities.
- September 15 – Volunteers participated in a large-scale training activity at the Vancouver International Airport, including assisting scene command and conducting searches for survivors.
- September 16 and 21 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with "Think of Me" deployments at two elementary schools. A total of 47 "Think of Me" cards were handed out.



Figure 4: Distracted Driving Campaign

- September 21 and 24 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with Distracted Driving deployments and issued 37 information letters.
- September 29 – Volunteers participated in a large-scale Distracted Driving Joint Forces Operation and issued over 100 information letters.

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 254 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On September 3, 2026, RCMP officers hosted a fraud awareness workshop at the Richmond Public Market.
- On September 4, 2026, RCMP officers participated in the Hamilton Night Out event at the Hamilton Community Centre. Police and volunteers set up the community engagement booth and provided tours of police vehicles.



Figure 5: Hamilton Night Out

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 928 violation tickets were issued in September 2026. Figure 6 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in September.

Figure 6: Top 5 Traffic Infractions - September 2026

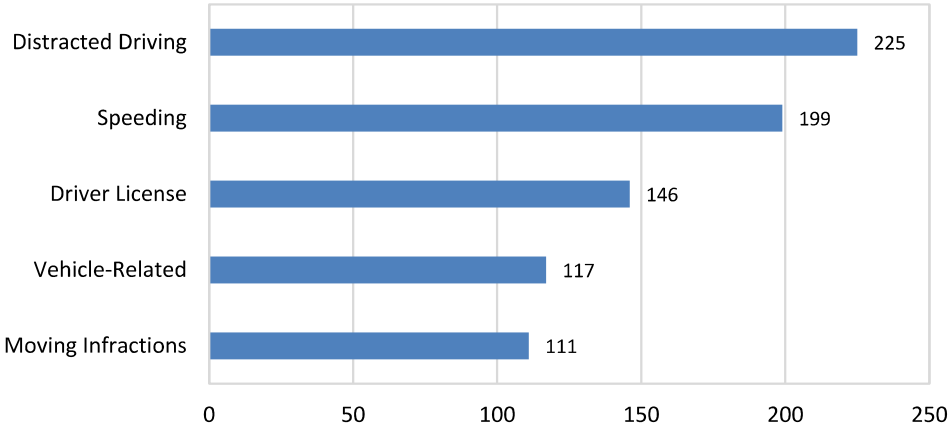


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and September 30, 2026.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025	395	2
2026 (YTD)[3]	368	4

Victim Services

In September 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 55 new clients and currently maintains an active caseload of 58 files. In September, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, sexual offences and intimate partner violence.

[3] A fatal collision occurred on September 1, 2026.

Youth Section

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

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 58 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 108 visits at elementary schools.
- The Richmond RCMP conducted school zone patrols and compliance checks at various elementary and secondary schools and issued positive tickets to students wearing bike helmets.

Budgetary Implications

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

Conclusion

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

In September, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including distracted driving enforcement. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO

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

Community Policing Programs Information

Block Watch

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

Distracted Driving Program

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

Fail to Stop

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

Lock Out Auto Crime

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

Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

September 2026 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

The following information is a limited list of select crime-type samples, which does not comprise the entirety or assortment of all crimes captured by the RCMP. The statistics in this chart should be considered independently of the analysis provided as the data is unrelated to the research provided earlier in this report.

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

The 5 year average is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence falls outside the 5 year range due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below.

September 2026 Statistics - Richmond RCMP

Criminal Code Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
PROPERTY CRIME	620	641.2	593	669	5855	6144	5%	289
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	141	153.7	129	177	1595	1287	-19%	-308
OTHER CC OFFENCES	294	307.1	302	334	2959	2988	1%	29
Total	1042	1,067.7	1041	1118	10053	10132	1%	79

Violent Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ASSAULT COMMON	53	53.9	46	65	578	456	-21%	-122
ASSAULT SERIOUS	8	20.1	13	31	194	145	-25%	-49
ROBBERY	6	4.7	2	7	43	26	-40%	-17
SEX OFFENCES	18	17.8	10	29	168	160	-5%	-8

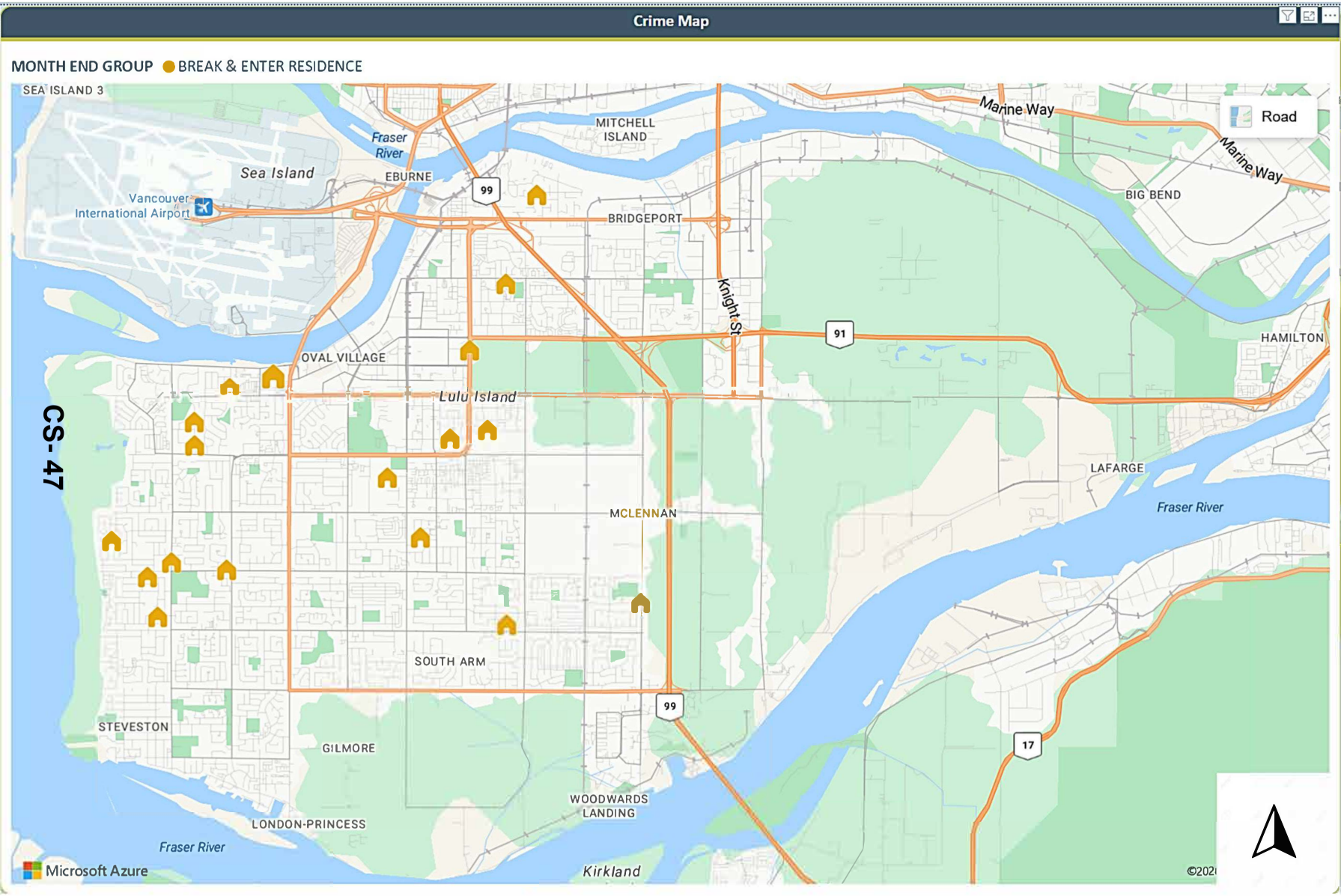
Property Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
AUTO THEFT	15	19.8	16	24	174	112	-36%	-62
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	19	21.6	17	24	171	170	-1%	-1
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	25	25.1	13	28	189	207	10%	18
THEFT FROM AUTO	45	95.2	53	134	698	612	-12%	-86
FRAUD	95	89.1	72	111	918	884	-4%	-34
THEFT-OTHER	110	115.4	101	138	1165	1213	4%	48
SHOPLIFTING	176	123.7	87	138	1167	1563	34%	396

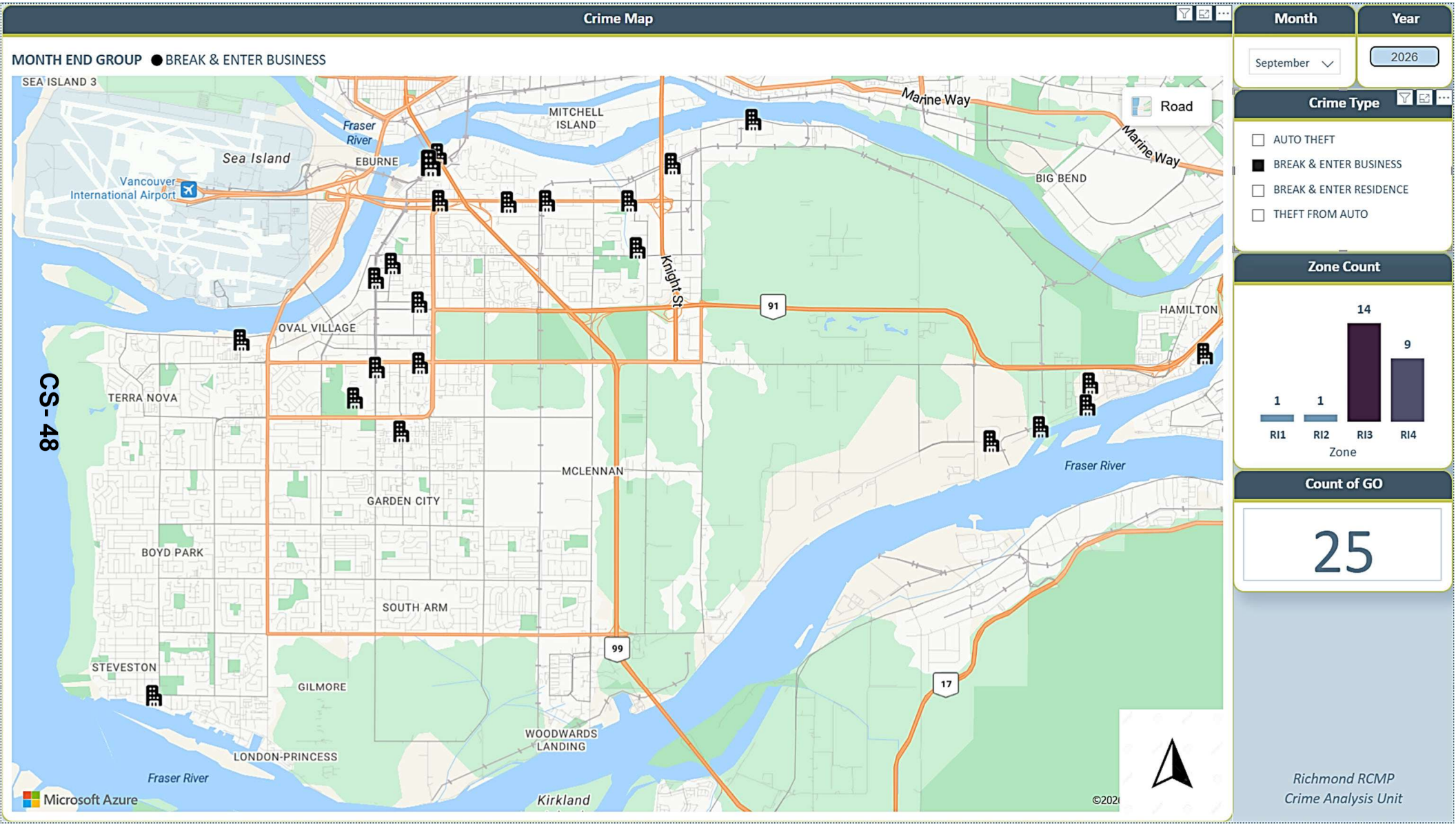
Other Criminal Code	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ARSON	5	6.7	1	9	38	59	55%	21
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	205	210.3	197	237	2021	1981	-2%	-40
COLLISION	167	167.8	162	168	1561	1495	-4%	-66

All Series 4000 Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
CDSA OFFENCES	28	37.7	21	48	265	307	16%	42

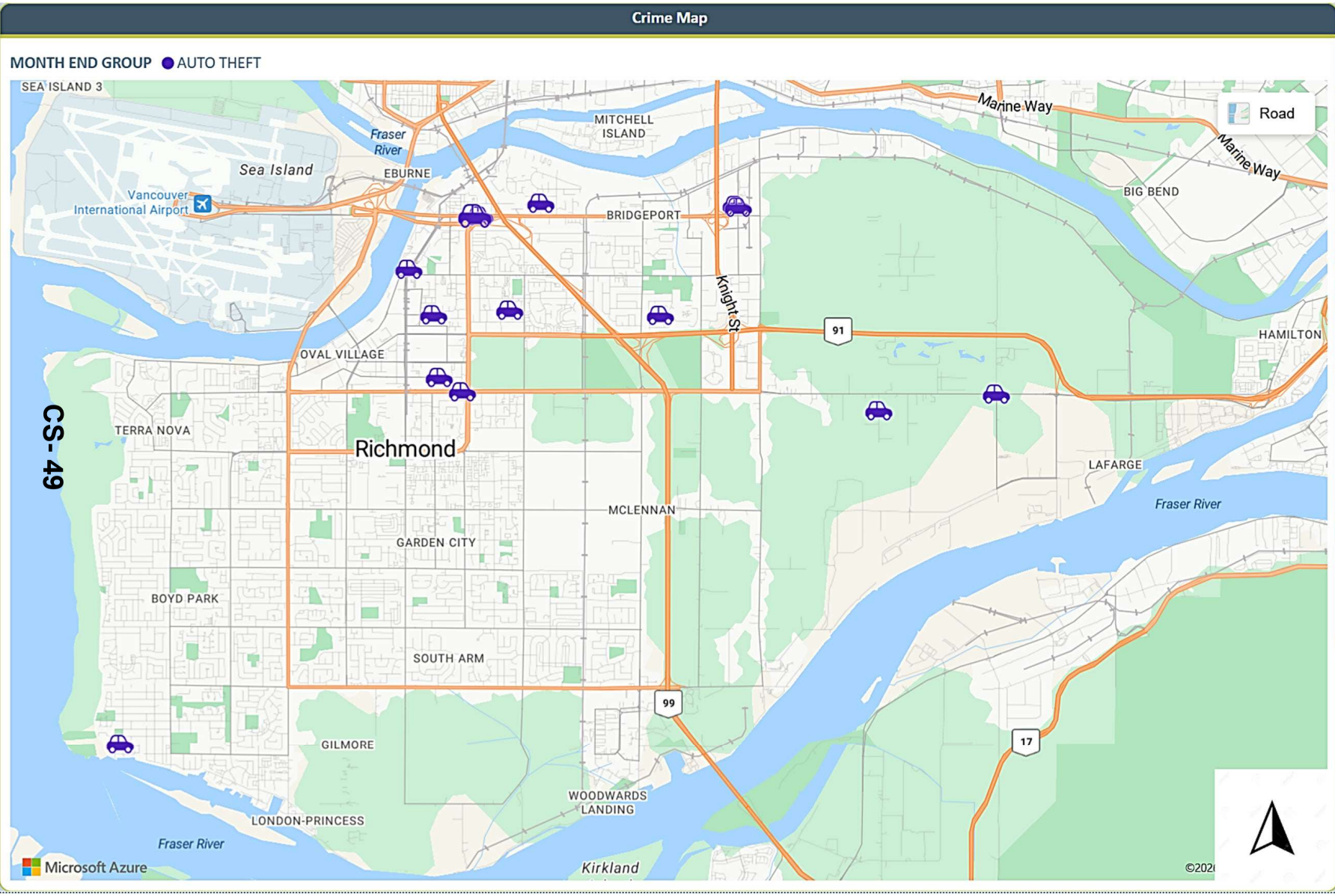
MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	217	213.3	203	244	2264	2045	-10%	-219

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SEA ISLAND 3
Fraser River
Sea Island
EBURNE
Vancouver International Airport
MITCHELL ISLAND
BRIDGEPORT
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Marine Way
Marine Way
BIG BEND
Road
Knight St
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ATTACHMENT 3

