



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nessel, Superintendent
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report - August Activities 2015

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – August Activities 2015," dated September 8, 2015 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

Rendall Nessel, Superintendent
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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 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 August 2015 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Suspected Burglar from Manitoba Arrested

On August 3, security personnel reported a male attempting to break into a commercial mail room at Lansdowne Mall. Shortly before 10:00 am, Detachment patrol officers responded to the break and enter and engaged in a foot pursuit when the male fled. Quick-reacting patrol officers were able to apprehend him. Break-in tools, a hammer and a stolen purse were recovered from a 35 year old man from Manitoba. Dexter Manimtim, has been charged with one count of break and enter, one count of theft under \$5,000, and one count of possession of break-in tools.

Traffic Stop Uncovers Drugs

Two Detachment patrol officers were conducting a traffic stop in the area of Buswell Street and Park Road on August 12 just after 1:00 am when they discovered drugs in a hidden compartment of a vehicle. A 23 year old man from Surrey was arrested and over 1,000 pills were seized. The pills are green in colour with the markings "CDN" and "80" and resemble the pain medication OxyContin, and a sample of the tablets was sent to the forensic laboratory for testing. The investigation is ongoing.

Burglar Re-arrested

The Detachment's Property Crime Unit has been investigating a series of residential burglaries spanning from May 2014 to January 2015. In every instance, the victims were present while their homes were burglarized. The Property Crime Unit arrested Ryan James Mercer, 23, of Richmond, on August 14. He is facing charges for six counts of break and enter and one count of possession of stolen property. He was remanded in custody until his court appearance on August 18. Mercer is well known to the police and was previously arrested in January 2015 by Richmond's Property Crime Unit.

Road Rage Incident Results in Shots Fired

Detachment patrol officers responded to reports of shots fired in the area of Westminster Highway and Garden City Road shortly after 8:30 pm on August 17. Patrol officers located a 22 year old Richmond man in a white Toyota Corolla uninjured, however at least one bullet hole was found in the car. A male suspect was seen fleeing in a dark coloured sedan travelling northbound at a high rate of speed on Garden City Road. Police are following up on a number of leads as well as going through surveillance footage. The investigation is ongoing.

Shots Fired No. 2 Road and Westminster Highway

In the late evening hours of August 21, the Detachment was called to a report of a man shot near Dover Park. Upon arrival, police confirmed that one man had been shot and secured the crime scene, which spanned from Dover Park to a nearby gas station. The victim, who is well-known to police and has gang affiliations, was taken to hospital with multiple gunshot wounds. He is currently in stable condition and expected to survive, but is not cooperating with investigators.

The crime scene was processed overnight and into Saturday, with Dover Park and the surrounding area cordoned off for the collection of evidence. Investigators believe that this is a targeted shooting given the gang association of the victim. The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC (CFSEU-BC) is now supporting the Richmond RCMP in their investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

Ironwood Incident

On August 25 at 7:30 am, while at the Ironwood mall, the Detachment's Quick Response Team (QRT) responded to a frantic call for help when a delivery driver had a 1,700 pound pallet of food supplies fall on his foot. The officers ran to the semi truck parked near the produce market and saw the delivery driver pinned, unable to remove his foot. The 5 officers managed to remove the pallet from his foot and called 911. BC Ambulance Service transported the victim to Richmond General Hospital.

Marine Fatality

On August 27 just after 9:00 pm, Detachment officers responded to a report of a jet-ski adrift with two unconscious persons floating in the Fraser River. A commercial vessel had spotted them and contacted the Richmond RCMP. A Canadian Coast Guard hovercraft was deployed and both persons were recovered and brought to shore near No. 4 Road and the dyke. The BC Ambulance Service and Richmond Fire-Rescue attended. Despite their best efforts, both persons were deceased at the scene. Lighting conditions and speed are being considered as contributing factors at this point, and foul play is not suspected.

Road Safety Unit

Name	Act	Example	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	964	813	862
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	326	221	221
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	33	48	0
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	11	5	10
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	0	0

Community Police Stations

The Community Police Stations enhance the Detachment's community policing service by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue community safety initiatives which have led to a greater awareness of crime prevention programs, enhanced community engagement, accessibility, and reduced fears of crime. The demographics of the programs vary month to month based on weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers. Programs and activities for the month of August include:

Fail to Stop

Volunteers monitor areas where drivers are not making a full stop at prominent intersections with stop signs and red lights. In August, 821 information letters were sent to the registered owners of vehicles advising them of the fine if they were pulled over by a police officer. In August, the areas of focus were:

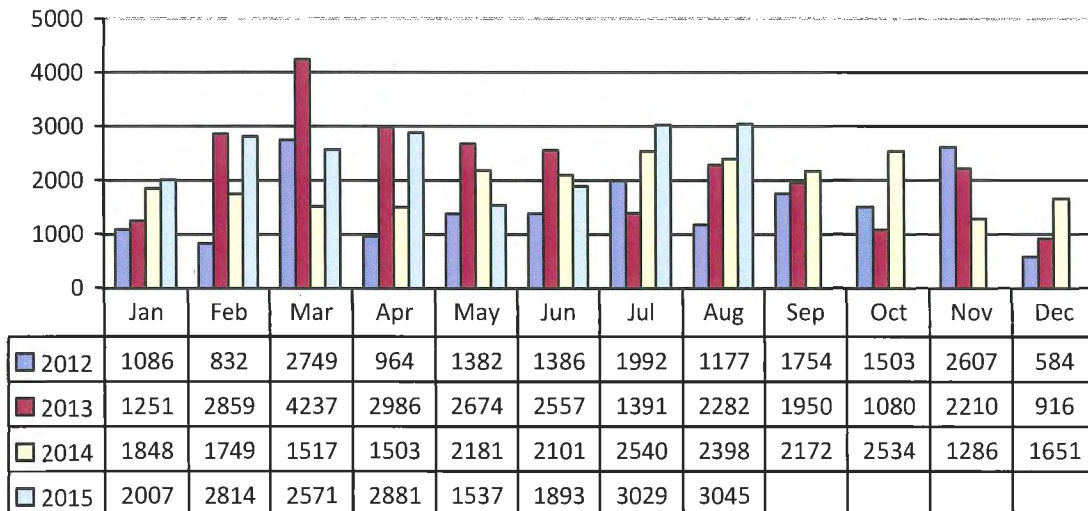
- Kwantlen Street and Alexandra Road
- Cambie Road and River Road
- Shell Road and Westminster Highway
- Alderbridge Way and Shell Road

Lock-Out Auto Crime Statistics

Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), this program involves volunteers patrolling city streets and parking lots for automobile security vulnerabilities. Lock-Out Auto Crime Program notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues, if any, need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and its contents secure.

Figure 1 provides a comparison by year for the number of vehicles issued a notice.

Figure 1: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

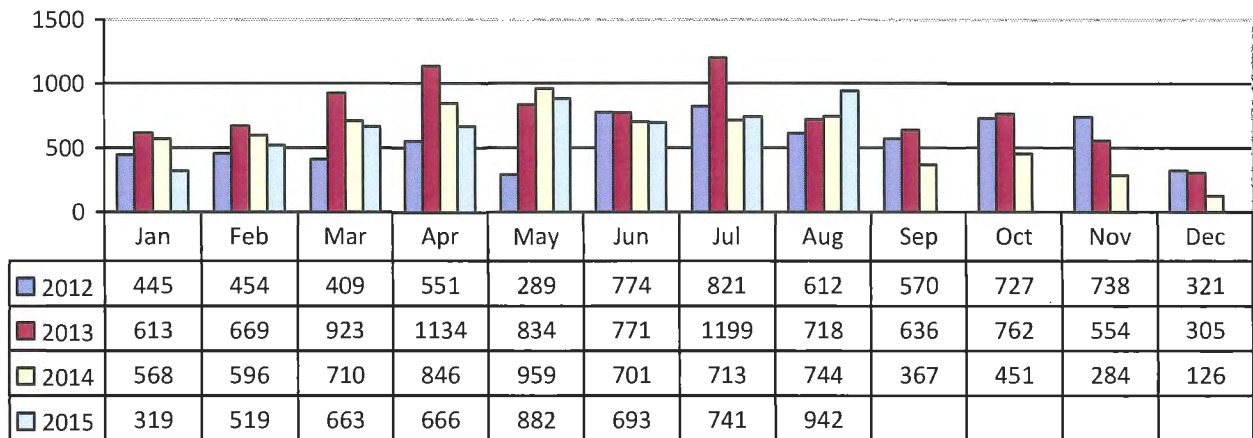


Speed Watch Statistics

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 penalty would have been issued if the driver had received a violation ticket.

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

Figure 2: Speed Watch Letters

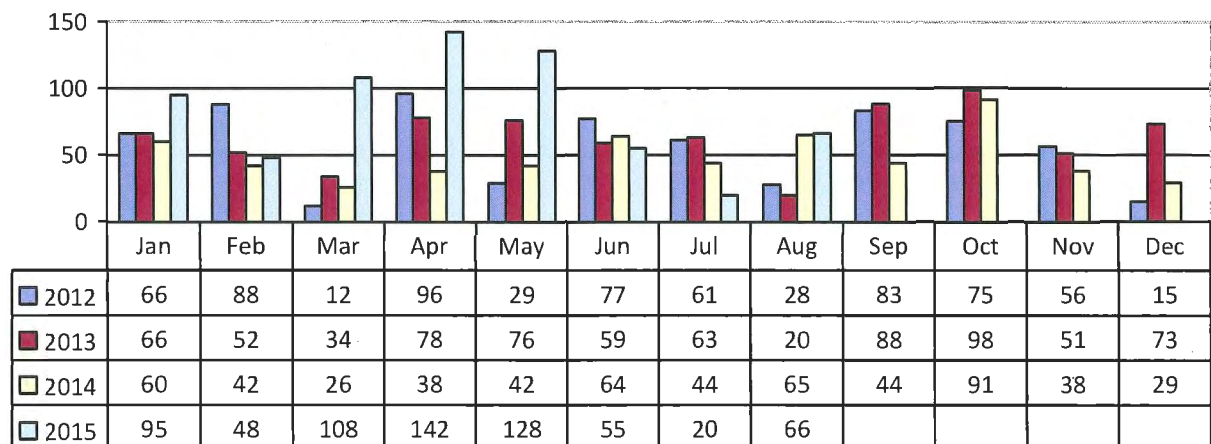


Distracted Drivers Statistics

Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers. While volunteers are performing bike/foot patrols or Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones, 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 of the observed offence. Also, the letter includes the type of driving infraction and the potential fine amount had the driver received a violation ticket.

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

Figure 3: Distracted Drivers Letters Sent



Volunteer Foot/Van Patrol and Bike Patrol Program

Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and provide a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues. In August 2015, there were 11 foot/van patrols, totaling 58 hours and nine bike patrols totaling 66 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions, general questions and minor vehicle collisions. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and queried license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. The volunteers visited local parks and schools to make sure these areas were safe and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

Volunteer Highlights include:

- Seven volunteers and the City Centre Coordinator hosted the Distracted Driver's Obstacle Course and Fatal Vision goggles at the Cambie Community Centre Movie Night – King George Park on August 4. There were approximately 500 people in attendance.
- 12 volunteers and two RCMP officers participated in a Pedestrian Safety Blitz on August 12 along the No. 3 Road corridor. Approximately 500 life saver candies and safety cards were given out.
- 11 volunteers participated in the Bagua Walking Meditation Day at King George Park on August 16. The volunteers engaged in foot and bike patrols, Distracted Driver's Obstacle Course and Fatal Vision goggles. A display table was set up and information was provided on crime prevention programs that are offered, when and how to call police and volunteer application forms. There were approximately 1,000 people in attendance.
- Nine volunteers held a Distracted Driver's Obstacle Course and Fatal Vision goggles event at the request of ICBC on August 19 at Commerce Parkway.
- Congratulations to two volunteers who will be starting their new careers in policing:
 - Mr. Brar, a volunteer for four years, will be departing to the RCMP's Depot in Regina, Saskatchewan to start training in the fall.
 - Mr. Cheng, a volunteer for 3 1/2 years, will be starting at the Justice Institute in the fall as he was accepted in the Transit Police Service.

Block Watch

Block Watch is a crime prevention program aimed at helping residents organize their neighborhoods to help prevent crime in the community.

Activities for August 2015 include:

- Alerts/Letters - There were 49 residential and 16 business break and enter email alerts and 224 residential and 11 business letters sent during this period to registered Richmond residents and businesses. These emails and letters informed home and business owners that a break and enter had occurred, provide crime prevention information, and direct residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.

- Block Watch - As of the end of August, there are 9,635 Block Watch participants in 407 groups with 541 Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains. This is an increase of 177 Block Watch participants.
- Residential break and enter email alerts – at the end of August there are 5,270 registered email addresses which is an increase of 125 Richmond residents registered in August.
- Block Watch neighbourhood parties were held at three different locations in August:
 - August 9 – Regent Street
 - August 16 – Smith Drive
 - August 22 – Kingsley Drive

Victim Services

Victim Services provides victims and witnesses with professional and timely support to lessen the impact of trauma resulting from crime.

- During August, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 41 new clients and attended 12 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 200 on-going files.
- Victim Services provided on-going emotional support to help victims of property crimes, family dysfunction and many medical related sudden deaths. Referrals were provided for long term help. Victim Services provided support to victims of crime by providing court orientations and accompaniments to trial.
- Victim Services provided support to the witnesses of a motorcycle crash, which resulted in the motorcycle bursting into flames. The driver is facing a long recovery and the witnesses were shaken by the intensity of the fire.
- Victim Services assisted the families of victims after a boating accident tragedy on the Fraser River claimed the lives of two persons. Victim Services continues to support the families with the loss.

Auxiliary Constables

The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention.

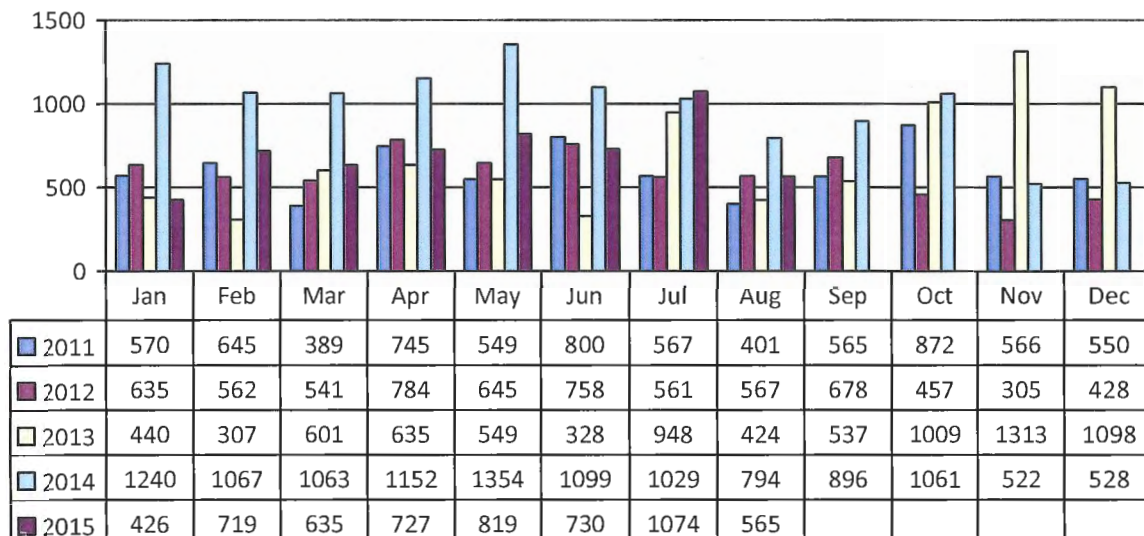
Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

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 August 2015, Richmond Detachment's complement of Auxiliary Constables is 42. The Auxiliary Constables volunteered 565 hours during the month of August. In 2015, the hours continue to be negatively impacted by the policy change of October 2014 restricting many Auxiliary Constable Duties including attendance at community events. In 2014, the hours were positively impacted by the addition of 17 new Auxiliary Constables in April, who were mandated to complete field training shifts.

Historically, August hours are usually lower than July, as July includes Canada Day / Salmon Festival.

Figure 4 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011.

Figure 4: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours



Pathways Clubhouse

The RCMP has had a partnership with Pathways Clubhouse for the past several years and recently Pathways has appreciated two of the Auxiliary Constables Walrond and Dally for their incredible work and support for the Pathways members. Pathways provides hope, encouragement and opportunities to people who live with mental illness and over the last couple of years the partnership with the RCMP has grown and developed with the help of Auxiliary Constables Walrond and Dally. On a regular basis, they drop by Pathways to have coffee with the Clubhouse members and bring other officers with them. They provide support at special events and bring those who could benefit from Pathways services. They make each of the members, who often feel stigmatized, feel important and valued. The Pathways members, who were dealing with crisis situations, wanted Auxiliary Constables Walrond and Dally to help them. This is quite a change in attitudes regarding law enforcement. A thank you has been extended to the Auxiliary Constables who support Pathways, which truly makes a difference in the lives of those living with mental illness.

Auxiliary Constables Activities for August 2015 include:

- Block Watch – supported the Block Watch program by attending 3 block parties.
- Crime Watch – provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.

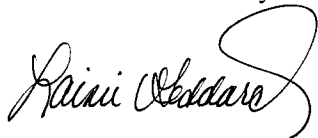
- Youth Programs – assisted Youth Section officers at Camp Courage which is a great opportunity for police and fire personnel to communicate with youth and their parents, acting as positive role models, and mentoring youth towards goals of social responsibility and civic mindedness.
- Seniors Safety Talk – presented fraud awareness, personal safety and other crime prevention information to seniors at Caring Place.
- City Centre Movie Night & Night Markets – provided support to RCMP officers at these events.
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- Cops for Cancer – assisted RCMP officers in promoting Cops for Cancer fundraising at the RevScene Car Show annual event.
- Ride Alongs - provided support to RCMP officers with Traffic, General Duty, YVR and Marine patrols.
- Volunteer Training – provided training to crime prevention volunteers in the civilian police observer program.

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



AUGUST 2015 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).

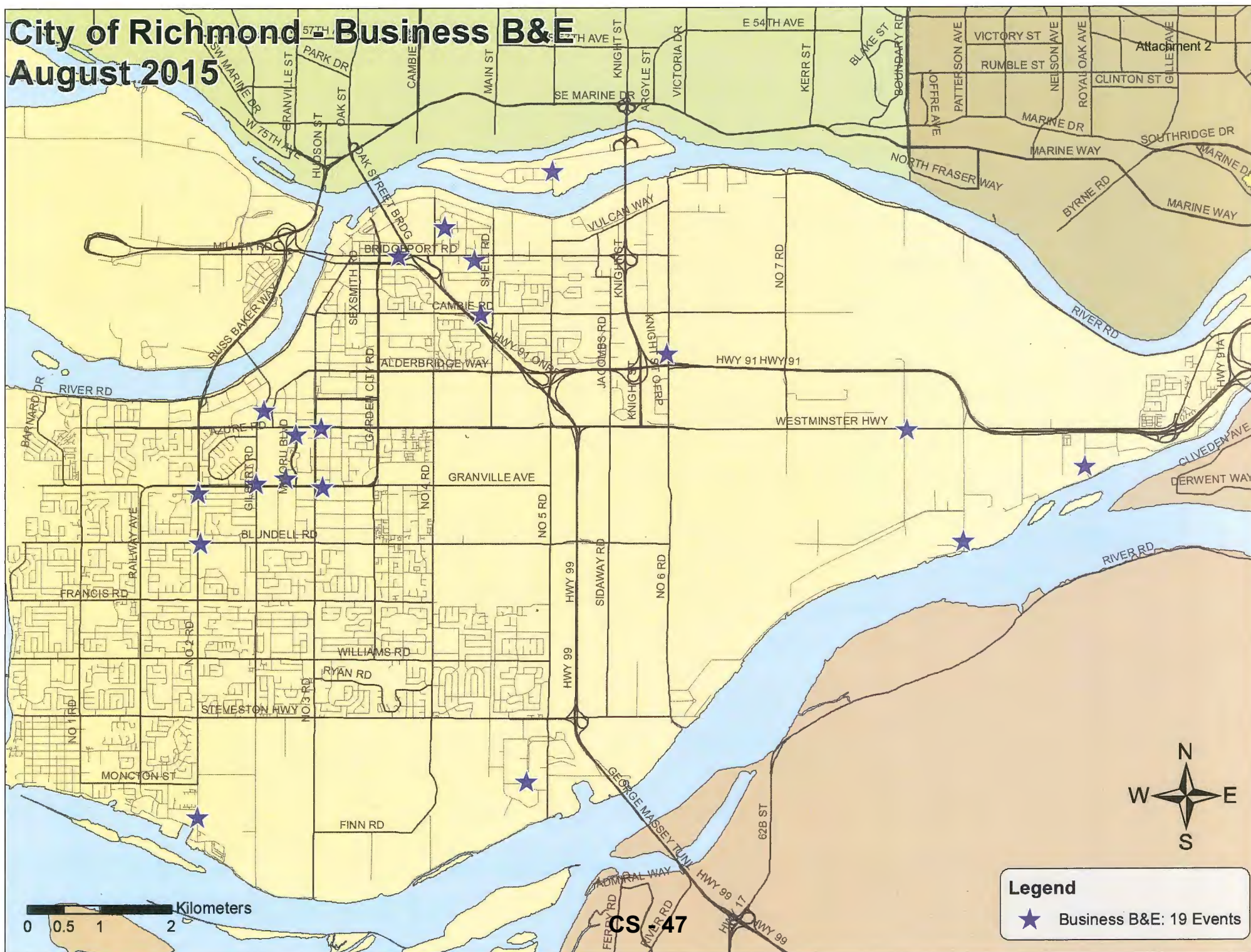
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	Aug-15	August		2014	2015	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	99	114.2	100-129	830	800	-3.6%	-30
<i>Robbery</i>	3	7.4	6-8	45	44	-2.2%	-1
<i>Assault Common</i>	42	42.8	33-52	298	308	3.4%	10
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	7	11.0	10-12	81	77	-4.9%	-4
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	5	7.2	3-11	67	39	-41.8%	-28
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	728	676.0	625-727	5597	5449	-2.6%	-148
<i>Business B&E</i>	19	38.0	27-49	248	227	-8.5%	-21
<i>Residential B&E</i>	52	58.2	50-66	537	504	-6.1%	-33
<i>MV Theft</i>	36	28.8	19-39	234	236	0.9%	2
<i>Theft From MV</i>	220	178.8	152-205	1748	1518	-13.2%	-230
<i>Theft Other</i>	141	113.2	92-134	897	1066	18.8%	169
<i>Shoplifting</i>	63	61.8	51-72	448	410	-8.5%	-38
<i>Fraud</i>	59	51.2	45-57	388	486	25.3%	98
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	237	237.4	219-256	1480	1606	8.5%	126
<i>Arson - Property</i>	4	6.6	4-9	46	38	-17.4%	-8
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1064	1027.6	978-1077	7907	7859	-0.6%	-48
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	82	66.6	45-88	411	486	18.2%	75

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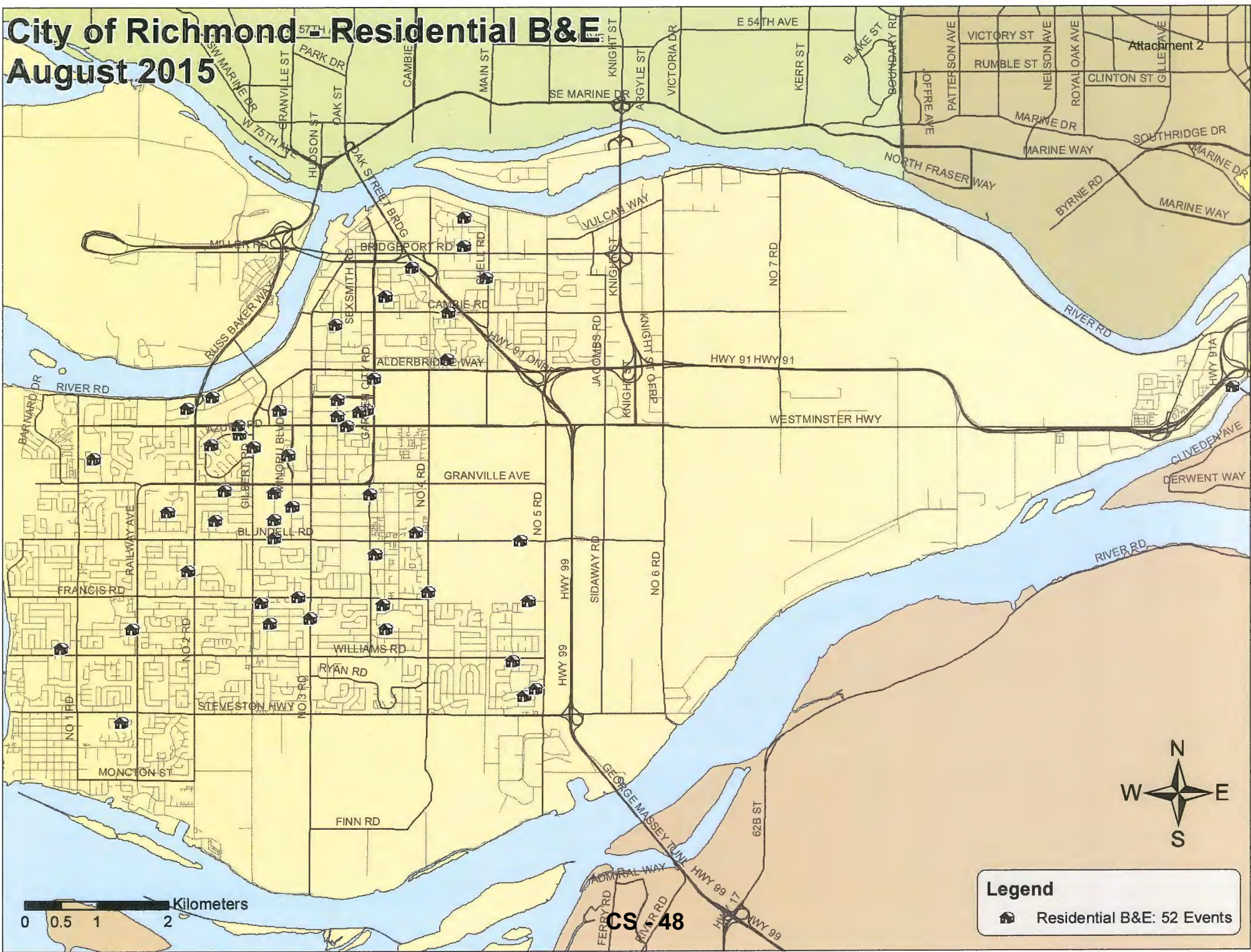
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City of Richmond - Residential B&E

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Legend

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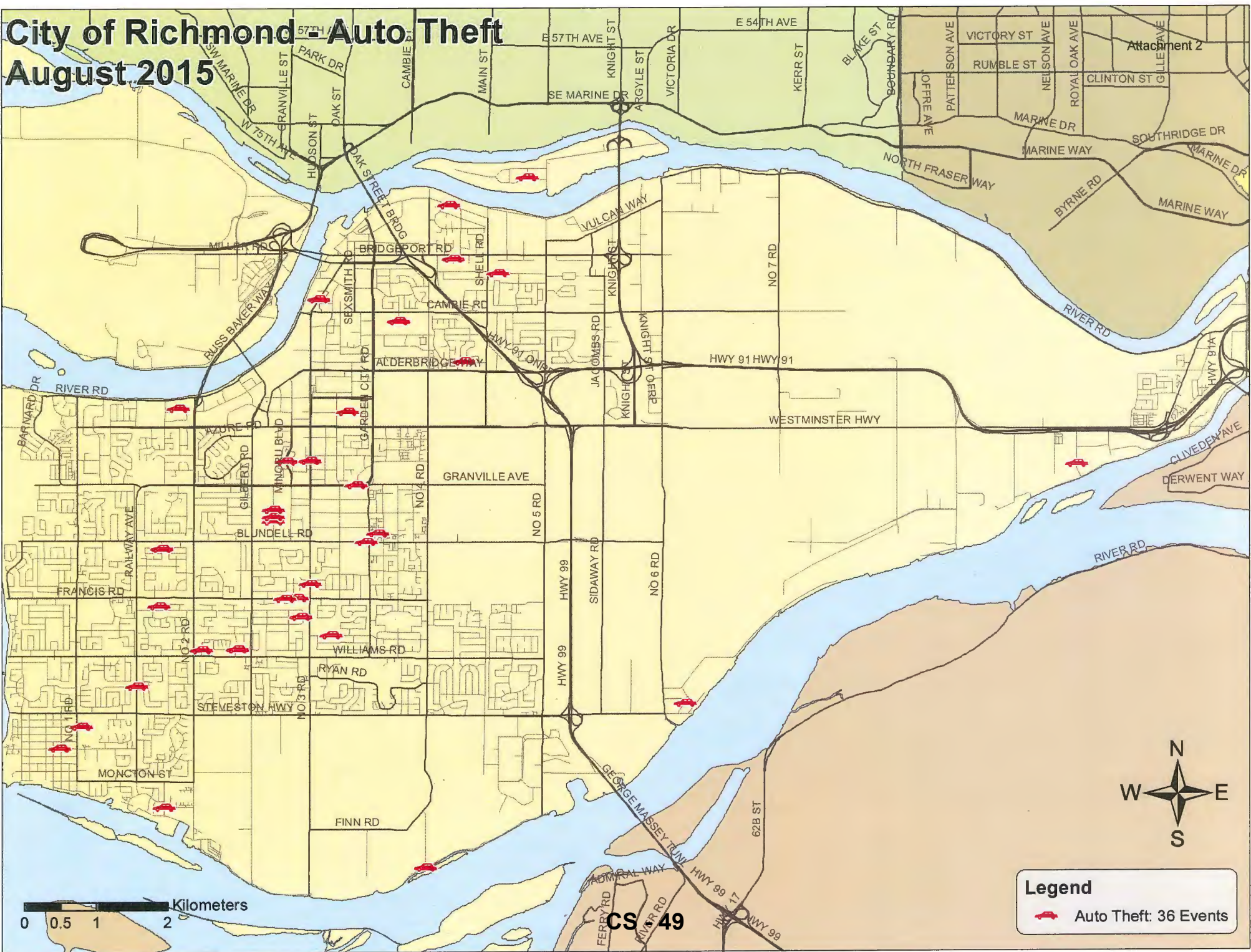
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