City of Richmond

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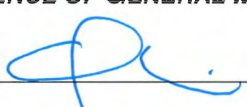
To:	Community Safety Committee	**Date:**	May 14, 2019
From:	Will Ng, Superintendent Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment	**File:**	09-5000-01/2019-Vol 01
Re:	**RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2019**		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2019", dated May 14, 2019, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

Will Ng
Superintendent, Officer in Charge
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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. Auxiliary Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Arrest

On April 8, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers assisted in the arrest of a suspect after a road rage incident in Langley. The 22 year old male suspect reportedly threatened another driver with a firearm. The suspect was followed by the RCMP Air 1 helicopter into Richmond and was observed fleeing into a building. The Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team and Richmond RCMP responded and arrested the suspect.

Volunteers are Stars

On April 9, 2019, Richmond Cares Richmond Gives held their annual Volunteers are Stars Gala event, which celebrates the city's volunteers for their exceptional community work. This year, the Richmond RCMP Community Police Office front counter volunteers won the Constellation Award, which honours volunteer groups for their service and contribution to the community.

Thefts at Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

On April 17, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers at YVR arrested a suspect in a series of thefts, which occurred in and around YVR in March and April 2019. Plainclothes investigators had been conducting surveillance and observed a female suspect stealing a purse from a passenger. A 60 year old foreign national has been charged with nine offences, including six counts of theft. The accused is believed to be part of a larger, organized theft group. Additional law enforcement agencies are assisting in the investigation.

Emergency Simulation

On April 30, 2019, Richmond Detachment participated in a simulated emergency scenario at YVR. This multi-agency exercise involved a variety of YVR stakeholders including Richmond Fire-Rescue, City of Richmond Emergency Programs, BC Emergency Health Service, the United States Customs and Border Protection, and Canada Border Services Agency.

Analysis of Police Statistics

In January 2019, important changes were implemented regarding the collection of Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data.[1] As a result of significant media attention in February 2017 regarding sexual assault reporting, the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) and the Police Information and Statistics Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police worked to develop recommendations for changes to police records methodology, with particular attention on classifying founded and unfounded cases. These changes will impact police statistics across Canada with effects on all crime types, not only sexual offences. The new standards will classify a case as founded unless there is evidence that the offence did not occur. As a result, there will likely be an increase in many police/crime statistics and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when conducting comparisons with previous years' data. The information presented in this section must be evaluated within the context of this limitation. Further analysis will be provided throughout the year.

Arson

In April 2019, there were two reported incidents of arson, which represents no change from the previous month and is one more incident than was reported in April 2018. The number of arsons this month is within the five-year statistical average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 13 assault serious events in April 2019, which is up one incident from March 2019. The number of serious assaults this month represents an eight per cent increase from April 2018. The number of serious assaults this month is above the five-year average range; however this increase is largely attributed to CCJS scoring changes.

Auto Theft

There were 17 auto theft incidents this month, which is a 32 per cent decrease from March 2019 and a 26 per cent decrease from April 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is below the five-year average range.

Drugs

In April 2019, there were 45 drug incidents, which is a 67 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 27 per cent decrease from April 2018. The number of drug offences this month is within the five-year average range.

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[1] Statistics Canada, https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm

Mental Health

There were 159 mental health incidents in April 2019, which is a 15 per cent decrease from March 2019 and a 34 per cent increase from April 2018. For a fifth consecutive month, the number of mental health incidents is significantly above the five-year average range.

The elevated number of files this month indicate no patterns or trends. Analyst projections indicate these elevated numbers are expected for future months. Further analysis indicates that there were 70 police apprehensions this month, which represents a nine per cent increase from March 2019.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 46 break and enters to residences in April 2019, which is a 31 per cent increase from the previous month and a four per cent decrease from April 2018. The number of residential break and enters has been trending downwards the last three months and this month the total is below the five-year average range.

This decrease can be largely attributed to a combination of proactive and investigational crime reduction efforts. This includes key arrests of a number of residential break and enter offenders, who remain in custody.

Commercial Break and Enter

In April 2019, there were 18 break and enters to businesses. This number represents a 38 per cent decrease from March 2019 as well as a 38 per cent decrease from April 2018. Commercial break and enters are below the expected range.

Robbery

There were five robbery incidents in April 2019, which is down two incidents from the previous month and is three more incidents than reported in April 2018. This number is within the five-year average range.

Sexual Offences

There were 25 sexual offence files in April 2019, which represents a 79 per cent increase from the previous month and a 56 per cent increase from April 2018. This month's total is significantly above the five-year average range.

The increased number of sexual offences this month is primarily due to nine investigations which originated with the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Unit. The number is also elevated due to the CCJS scoring changes. No patterns or trends have been identified.

Shoplifting

There were 78 shoplifting thefts in April 2019, which is a 10 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 13 per cent increase from April 2018. This month, reported shoplifting thefts are
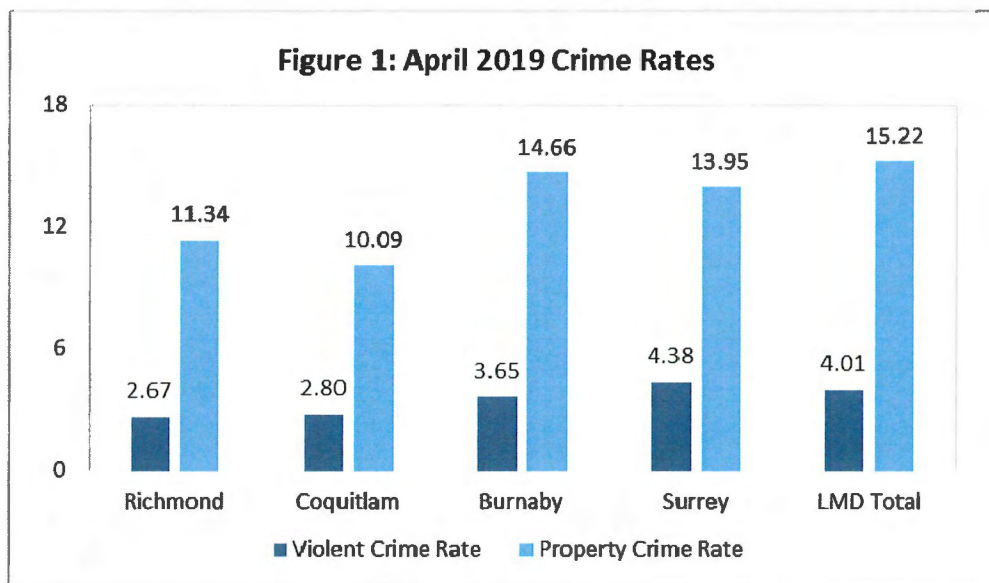
above the five-year expected range. This increase is likely due to improved detection rather than an actual increase in this crime type.

Theft from Auto

There were 152 theft from auto incidents in April 2019, which represents a 19 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 33 per cent decrease from April 2018. The number of theft from automobiles is significantly below five-year average range.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).[2] Out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond has the lowest violent crime rate as well as the second lowest property crime rate. Many municipalities are experiencing crime types which are above the five-year averages. Violent crime rates, in particular, have significantly increased across the Lower Mainland.[3] Surrey, for example has experienced a 43 per cent increase in violent crime year to date compared to last year. Although absolute numbers in Richmond remain comparatively low, the violent crime rate has increased 48 per cent over the same period last year. There is a strong likelihood that these increases are a result of the CCJS scoring changes.

Figure 1: April 2019 Crime Rates

Municipality	Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate
Richmond	2.67	11.34
Coquitlam	2.80	10.09
Burnaby	3.65	14.66
Surrey	4.38	13.95
LMD Total	4.01	15.22

Auxiliary Program

In April 2019, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 37 Auxiliaries.[4] Auxiliaries provided a total of 656 volunteer hours during the month of April. In the coming months, the Province of BC and RCMP "E" Division are expected to announce the training standards for the Tier 3

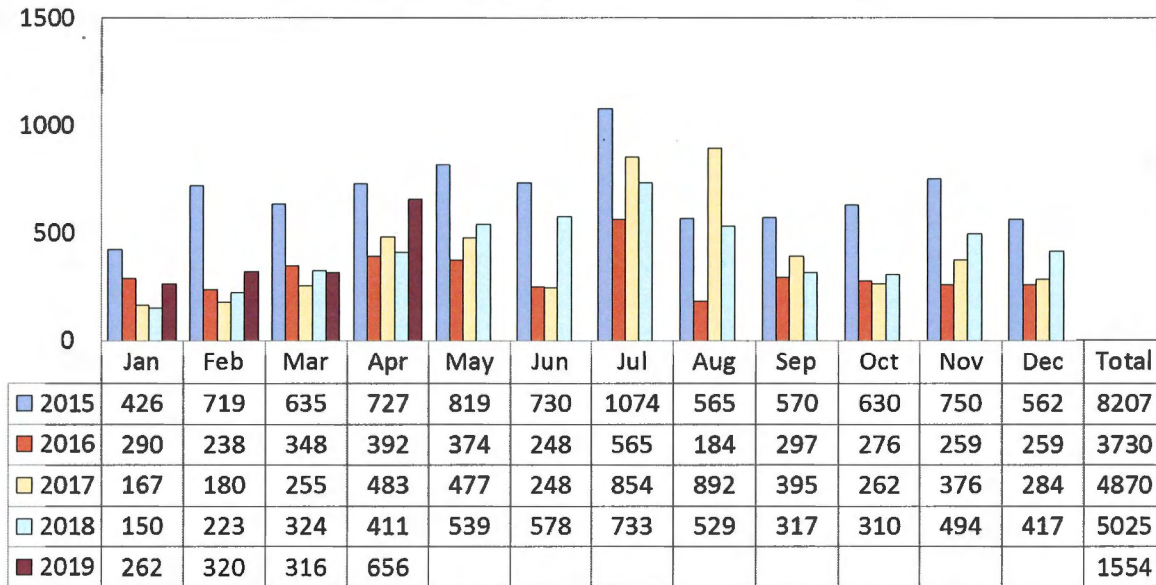[2] Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2019 population projections)

[3] Vancouver Sun, April 27, 2019, https://vancouversun.com/news/national/statistics-canada-unfounded-change-drives-up-crime-numbers-in-surrey-b-c/wcm/ffb24c11-e855-44ce-9c6b-b438823f27f6

[4] Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

Auxiliary program.[5] Once these details are known, the Detachment will commence recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliaries. In December 2018, the RCMP announced that for the immediate future there will be no changes to the current Auxiliary uniform.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2014 to 2018.

Figure 2: Auxiliary Volunteer Hours

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	426	719	635	727	819	730	1074	565	570	630	750	562	8207
2016	290	238	348	392	374	248	565	184	297	276	259	259	3730
2017	167	180	255	483	477	248	854	892	395	262	376	284	4870
2018	150	223	324	411	539	578	733	529	317	310	494	417	5025
2019	262	320	316	656									1554

Auxiliary Program Activities

Auxiliaries attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and provide traffic and crowd control. During the month of April, Auxiliaries participated in:

- Bait Car Deployments
- Crime Watch
- Positive Tickets Program
- School Sports Events
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Youth Academy

Block Watch

At the end of April 2019, the Block Watch program had 454 groups totaling 8,487 participants. Currently, the program includes 549 captains and co-captains.[6]

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community

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[5] http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/auxiliary-program-tiers
[6] The variance from previous months' data is due to an ongoing database upgrade. Revised numbers will continue to reflect more accurate participation data.

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engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers.
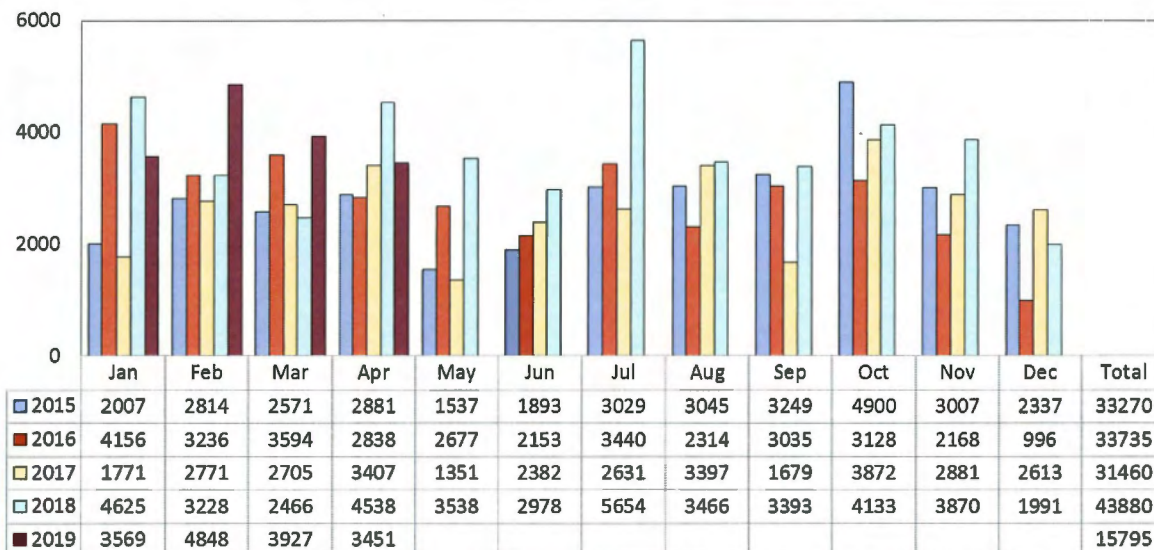
During the month of April volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of 28 volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 205 hours and five bike patrols, totalling 50 hours.
- 47 Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 1,573 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,599 vehicles at various locations.
- April 1 – While conducting a Lock Out Auto Crime deployment at Lansdowne Mall, volunteers discovered a car that had been broken into. Police were contacted to investigate.
- April 2 – Three volunteers participated in crime prevention outreach in residential break and enter hot spot areas. Accompanied by an RCMP Reserve Constable and Auxiliaries, volunteers spoke to 64 residents and distributed 92 information packages.
- April 10 – Volunteers, RCMP Members and Auxiliaries played basketball with students in a school sports event at McKay Elementary School.
- April 11 – The annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ was held at Richmond City Hall. This event recognizes volunteers from all three Community Police Offices, Victim Services and RCMP Auxiliaries.
- April 17 – 10 volunteers received training on the Speed Watch program.
- April 17 – In collaboration with ICBC, four RCMP Members and 12 volunteers conducted a Lock Out Auto Crime blitz throughout a number of hot spot areas, including Aberdeen and Lansdowne malls. A total of 623 crime prevention notices were issued.
- April 10 – Volunteers, RCMP Members and Auxiliaries played floor hockey with students in a school sports event at Tomsett Elementary School.
- April 30 – Four volunteers participated in crime prevention outreach in residential break and enter hot spot areas. Accompanied by an RCMP Reserve Constable and Auxiliaries, volunteers visited 64 homes.

Lock Out Auto Crime

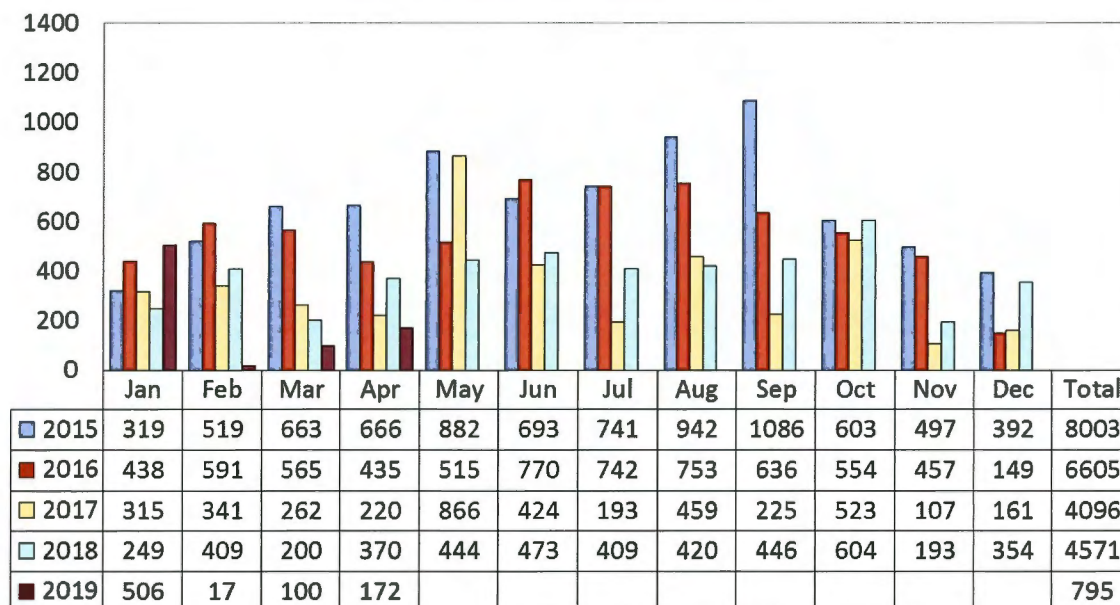Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	2007	2814	2571	2881	1537	1893	3029	3045	3249	4900	3007	2337	33270
2016	4156	3236	3594	2838	2677	2153	3440	2314	3035	3128	2168	996	33735
2017	1771	2771	2705	3407	1351	2382	2631	3397	1679	3872	2881	2613	31460
2018	4625	3228	2466	4538	3538	2978	5654	3466	3393	4133	3870	1991	43880
2019	3569	4848	3927	3451									15795

Speed Watch

Figure 4 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	319	519	663	666	882	693	741	942	1086	603	497	392	8003
2016	438	591	565	435	515	770	742	753	636	554	457	149	6605
2017	315	341	262	220	866	424	193	459	225	523	107	161	4096
2018	249	409	200	370	444	473	409	420	446	604	193	354	4571
2019	506	17	100	172									795

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Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and dialogue initiatives. During the month of April, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Break and Enter Outreach
- Broadmoor Patrols
- Lock Out Auto Crime

- School Sports Events
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Vulnerable Institution Patrols

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 following statistics compare April 2019 data to both February 2019 and March 2019.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:Table 1: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019
Distracted Driving	172	207	161
Driver License	200	261	267
Impaired	26	28	23
Intersection Offences	88	97	61
Moving Violations[7]	139	145	133
Speeding	308	314	580
Seatbelts	6	16	4
Vehicle Related[8]	61	66	83
Other[9]	24	11	27
Total	**1,024**	**1,145**	**1,339**

Victim Services

In April 2019, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 46 new clients and attended 11 crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 149 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical related sudden deaths, suicides, armed robberies and family conflict.

Youth Section

The Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of April, Youth Section highlights include:

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[7] Moving violations refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.
[8] Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.
[9] Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.
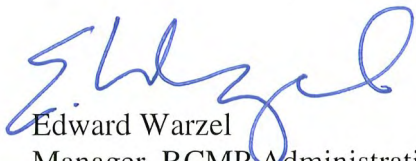
- RCMP Members from the Youth Section held a number of presentations this month at local elementary schools informing children about the role of police. The aim of these presentations is to educate school children on the functions police officers perform and how they work to keep the community safe.

- An RCMP Member from the Youth Section attended Youth Academy at Stillwood Camp from April 15 to 23. Youth Academy is an annual nine-day program where selected high school students, from across the Lower Mainland, learn about policing and experience training and scenarios highlighting the role of police officers.

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
    2: Crime Statistics
    3: Crime Maps
    4: Crime Prevention (Block Watch) Newsletter – Second Quarter

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.

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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.

APRIL 2019 STATISTICS
RICHMOND RCMP

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.

In 2019, changes were implemented regarding the collection of UCR data. The new standards provide much more stringent criteria to classify a file as unfounded. As a result, there will be an increase in many crime statistics, and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when comparing previous years' data. Full details on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey are available at Statistics Canada: https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

The 5 year average range data is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in red. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR standards or other scoring issues, the total will be noted in purple. Below expected numbers will be noted in blue.

Year-to-Date percentage change is used to numbers from the prior year, but the new CCJS/UCR standards reduce the utility of this metric. 2019 YTD numbers will be biased to increase from the 2018 totals, despite any positive police action.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range		Year to Date Totals		
	April-19	April		2018	2019	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	141	104.4	97-111	404	600	49%	196
Robbery UCR 1610 (1-3)	5	4.0	1-7	19	22	16%	3
Assault Common UCR 1430	52	36.2	32-40	149	200	34%	51
Assault Serious UCR 1410 1420	13	9.0	7-11	42	44	5%	2
Sexual Offences UCR 1345, 1330, 1356, 1310 3450/55/50	25	9.4	5-14	56	75	34%	19
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	562	666.8	642-692	2668	2557	-4%	-111
Business B&E UCR 2120-1	18	27.2	24-30	145	122	-16%	-23
Residential B&E UCR 2120-2	46	54.2	48-60	267	253	-5%	-14
Auto Theft UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178	17	25.4	22-29	79	92	16%	13
Theft from Auto UCR 2132 2142	152	213.2	178-249	863	687	-20%	-176
Theft UCR 2130, 2140	91	101.4	86-117	373	386	3%	13
Shoplifting UCR 2133 2143	78	57.6	50-65	281	303	8%	22
Fraud UCR 2160 (all) 2165, 2166	64	66.2	58-75	275	284	3%	9
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	201	168.2	156-180	700	675	-4%	-25
Arson UCR 1629, 2110	2	3.4	2-5	7	7	0%	0
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	904	939.4	910-969	3772	3812	1%	40
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	45	65.2	43-87	188	160	-15%	-28
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	159	118.4	101-135	448	695	55%	247

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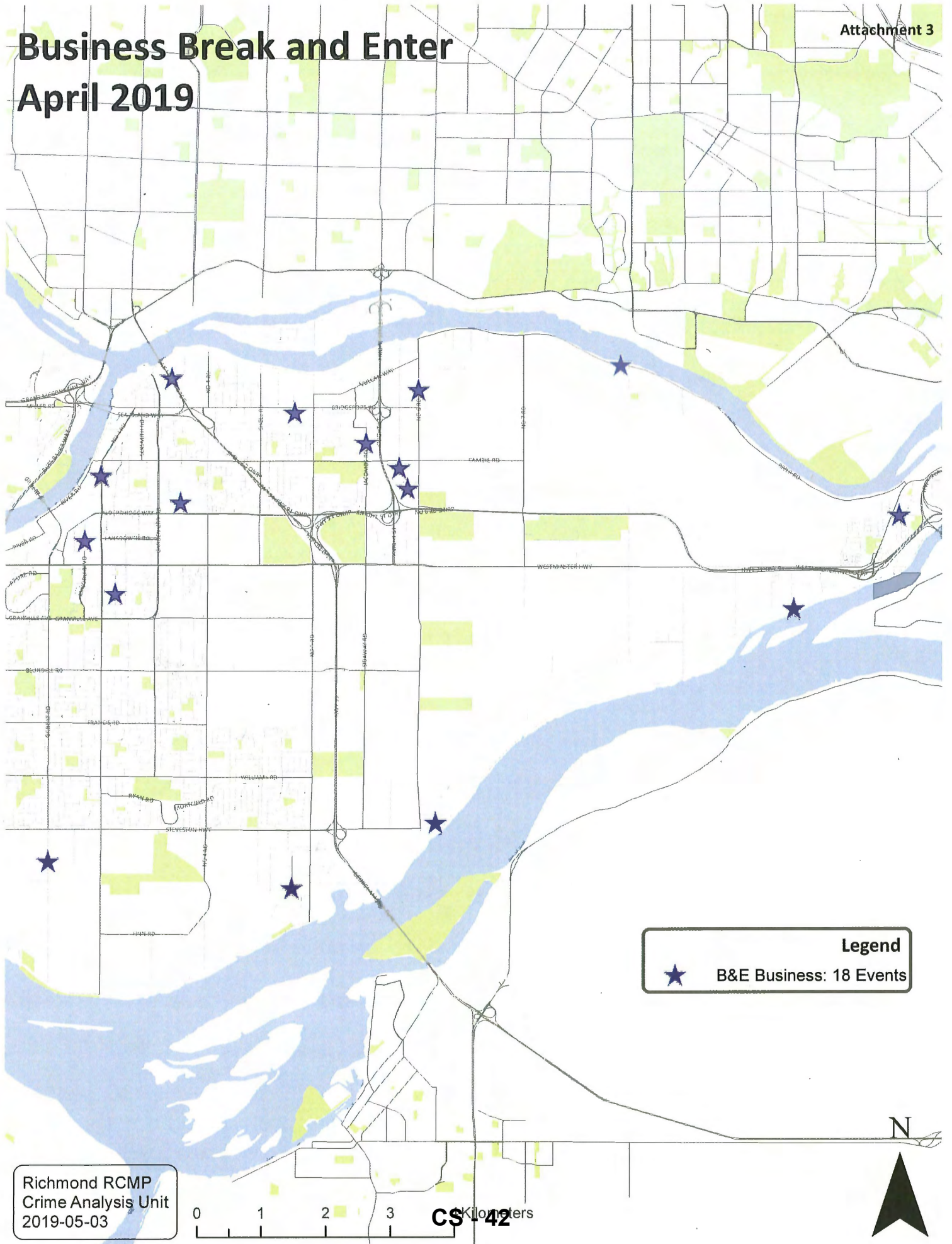
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Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
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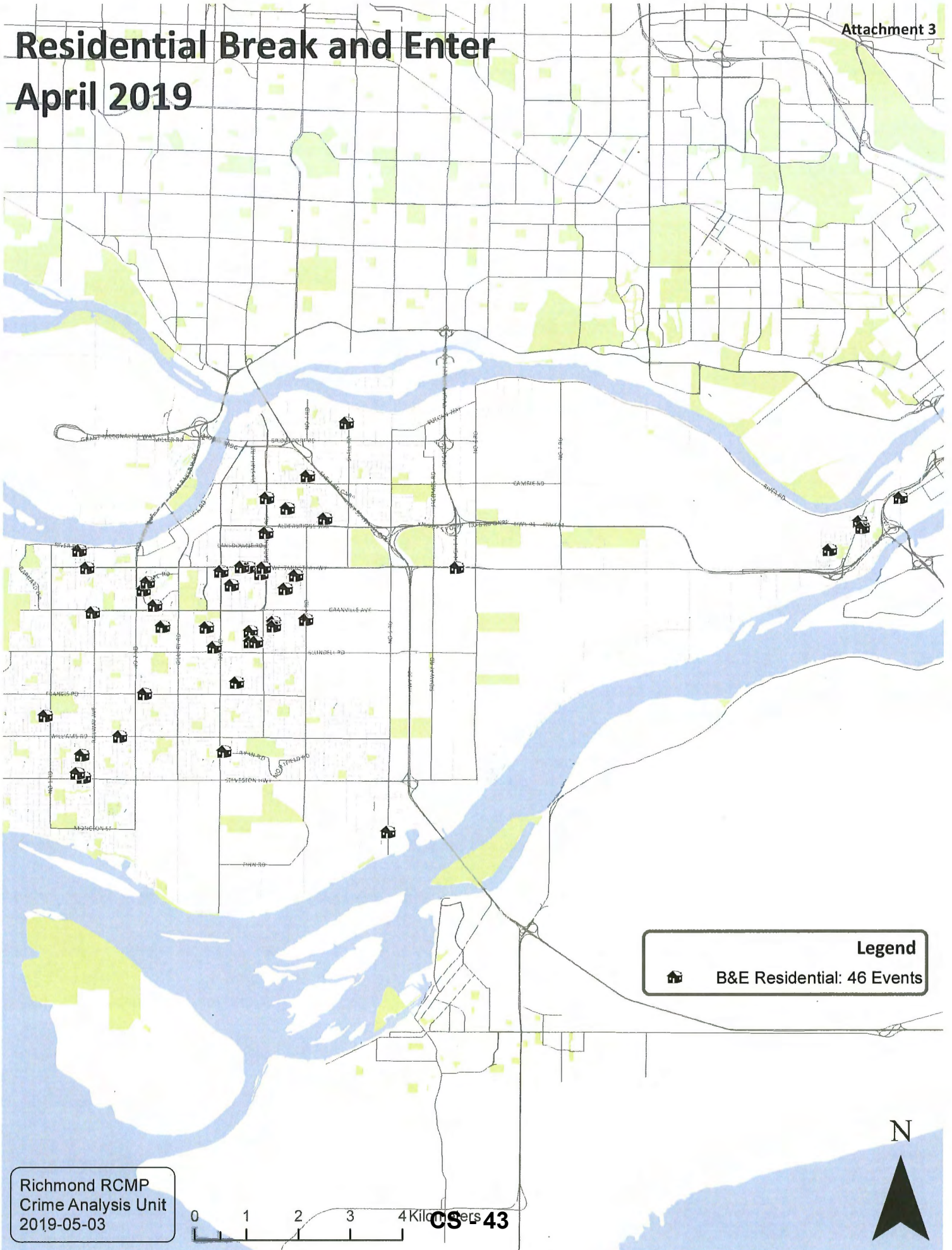
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🏠 B&E Residential: 46 Events

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Auto Theft
April 2019

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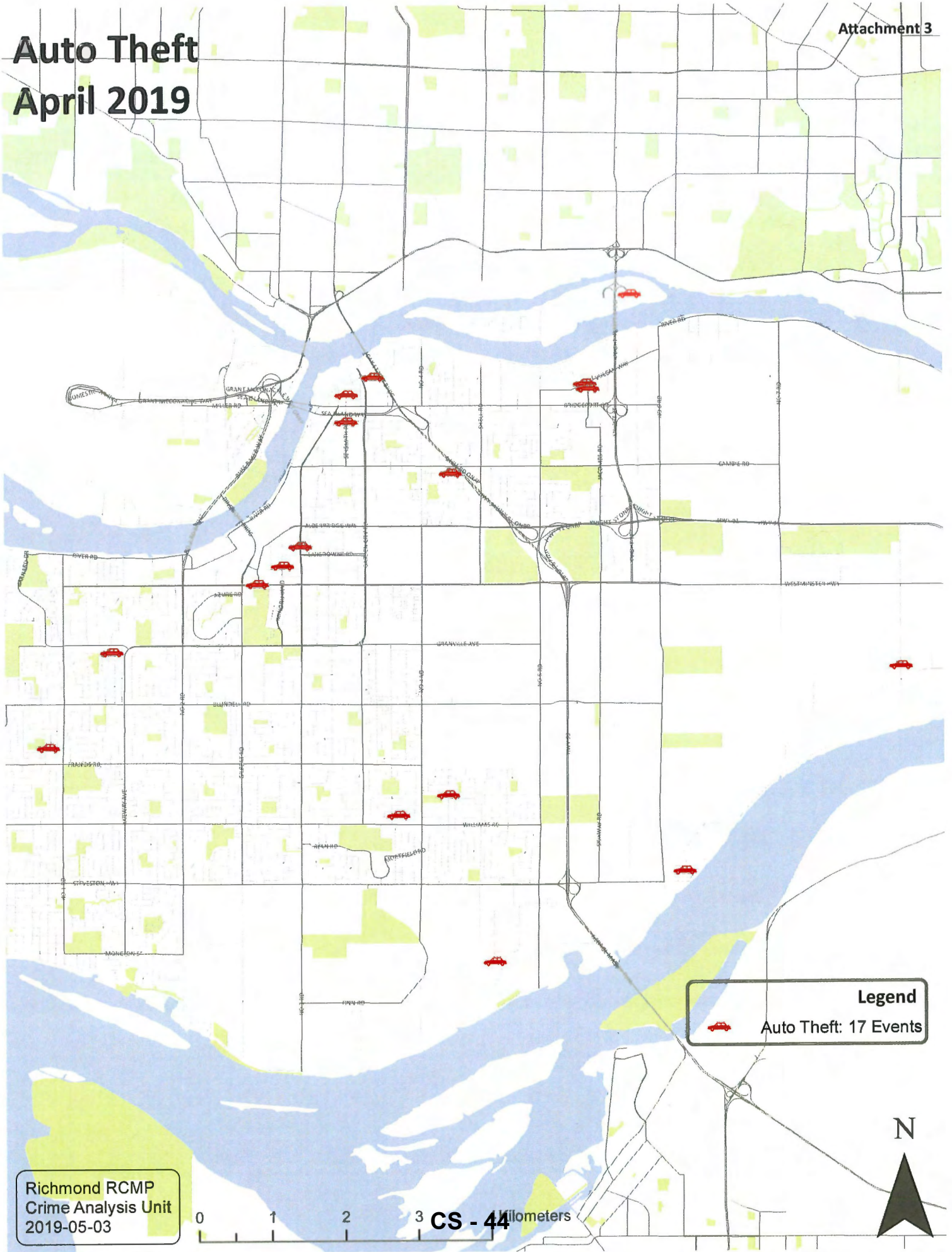
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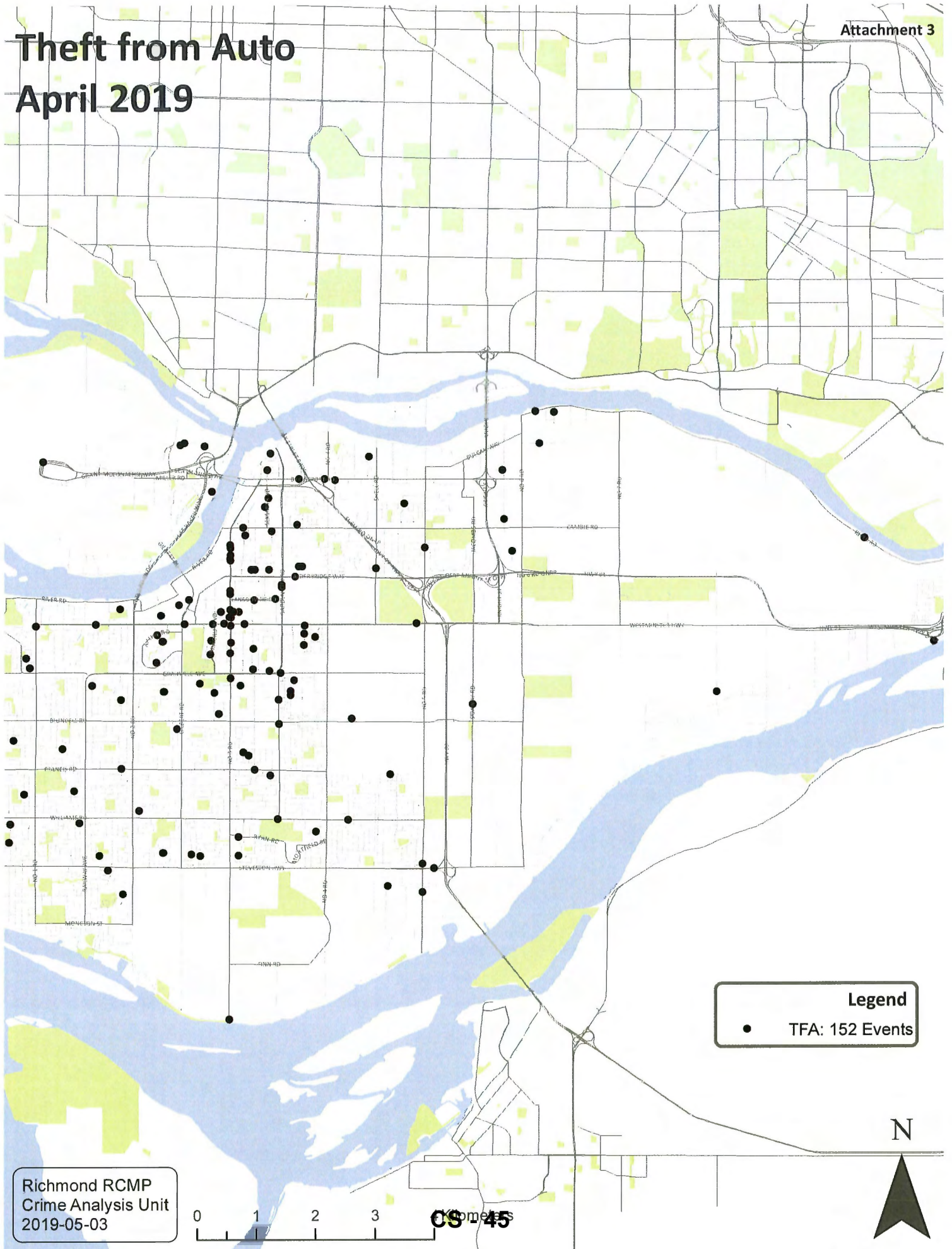
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● TFA: 152 Events

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Crime Analysis Unit
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CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Message from Superintendent Will Ng

The Block Watch program has been a significant part of our Community for many years. Sir Robert Peel, the founder of modern policing, once stated: police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent upon every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence. This tradition remains true today and Block Watch is symbolic of the notion that the public are the police. As the Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP, I am committed to listening to the feedback of our Block Watch members and to find ways to enhance communication and engagement with the goal of making Richmond the safest community in Canada. Thank you for your continued leadership and support of the Block Watch program. Together, we will make our community safer.

Join Block Watch

Be the Eyes and Ears for the Police

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Crime Prevention Tips: *Secure Your Windows*

- Windows are left unlocked more often than doors are—be sure to **CLOSE** and **LOCK** all windows before heading out and/or going to bed

- Most manufacturer's window locks are not strong enough to keep determined burglars out—install additional locks, such as a pin lock, sash window lock with key or wooden dowel as a visual deterrent

- The sound of breaking glass plays a very small role in deterring crime—install tempered glass or laminated glass so that multiple strikes are needed to break through the glass, creating more noise

- Window sensors only work if the window is pried open and not when burglars break the glass—install glass break detectors so that alarm will be triggered when it detects the sound of breaking glass

- Valuables that are in plain view attracts burglars—keep them out of sight, use blinds and window shades or install privacy film

- Burglars do attempt to break in through the second floor windows—make sure the windows on the second floor are also secured with additional locks and reinforced glass

Residential Break and Enter Point of Entries January to March 2019

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43%
22%
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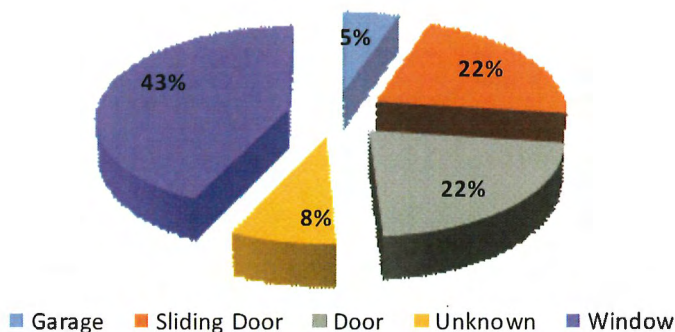
4 D's of Crime Prevention

**Deny** — denying access, i.e. install fences/gates and make sure to lock them

Delay—slow down the process of an attack, i.e. by installing strike plates and additional door locks

Detect—install devices/systems to signal when an attempted or actual access has occurred, i.e. by installing motion-sensor lights and alarm system

Deter—enhance the perceived risk of detection and apprehension, being caught is the number one deterrence for criminals

Attempted Break and Enter : Access Denied!

One of our Block Captain reported an attempted break and enter at his residence. The window sensor triggered the alarm and a window screen was found damaged. No entry was gained as he placed a wooden dowel between the sliding window and the jamb to secure it and prevent it from being pried open. Upon further inspection, he noticed pry marks on his front door as well but again no entry was gained. Being a Block Captain, he set a great example by initiating home security and target hardening measures in his own home. Not only that, he also helped 3 other neighbours to upgrade their strike plates and cut dowels to secure the neighbours' windows after this incident. Strengthening the security of your house does help protect your property and reduce the risk of break and enters.
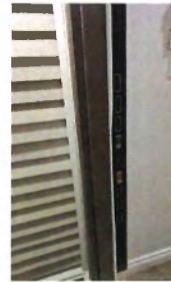
To start a Block Watch group:

1. Select a Block Captain and a Co-Captain

◊ Each Captain/Co-Captain must submit an application and be deemed a suitable candidate by passing a Criminal Record Check.

2. Recruit and build your group

◊ Recruit homes on your alley side, facing your front door and ends of the next block. Try and get at least 10 households to participate.

3. Captain and Co-Captain complete the Captains training session

4. Setup 1st Block Watch group meeting/ training session with participants

5. Activation of your group

◊ Submit a participating household list of your group then a Block Watch street sign will be provided and activation is complete.

Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility!

Stay CONNECTED!

Email your name and street address to blockwatch@richmond.ca to receive break and enter alerts that occur in your neighbourhood.

Visit our facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/richmondblockwatch

Contact Numbers

RCMP (emergency) **9-1-1**

RCMP (non-emergency) ..**604-278-1212**

Visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information and www.richmond.ca/homesafety for home security tips.

If your home has been broken into, **DO NOT** touch anything and call the Police non-emergency line at 604-278-1212. If a suspect is present, call 9-1-1.

Report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

BUSINESS LINK

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME   NEWSLETTER

BUSINESSES WORKING TOGETHER

Businesses that work together with the Richmond RCMP have proven effective results with combating business crime. On the 16th and 17th of January 2019, Richmond RCMP partnered with loss prevention officers to help make 30 arrests over the two day period. The Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST), Property Crime Unit (PCU), General Duty, and just over 20 loss prevention officers took part in collaborating with 12 local businesses throughout the downtown core of Richmond in their efforts to combat business crimes. Corporal Dennis Hwang (Media Relations Officer) states that "Of those thirty arrests, twenty generated recommendations to the BC Prosecution Service. One prolific Richmond property crime offender was among the twenty that were arrested. Some arrests arose from suspects breaching the conditions of their release stemming from previous arrests."

Items that were commonly stolen includes: alcohol, food, health and beauty products.

Thanks to the businesses in Richmond and the Richmond RCMP, the success of these arrests were made possible. You can also help with business crime by reporting suspicious activities to 604-278-1212 or dial 911 when you see a crime in progress.

Height Strips

Height strips are a useful tool in aiding employees, police officers and security officers to tell how tall a suspect(s) is when they are entering or leaving your business. They are installed on the door frame of your front door of your business. Please call the Block Watch office for a free height strip at 604-207-4829 or email BlockWatch@richmond.ca
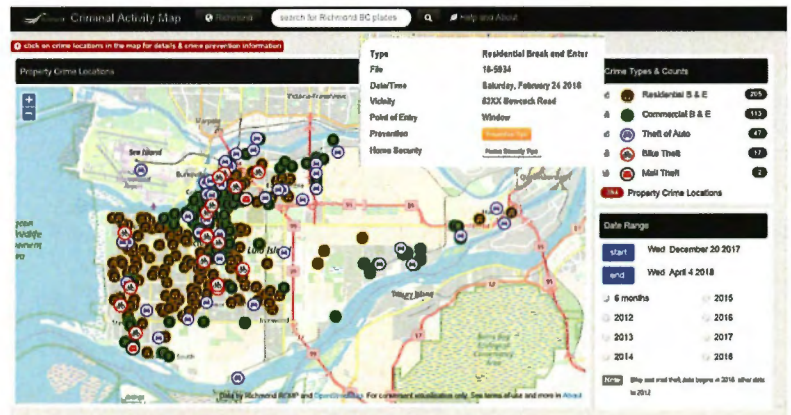
Visit the above webpage on www.richmond.ca/crime for an interactive map of Richmond that lets you know about current crime summaries and business security tips.

Email Break & Enter Alerts

To receive email alerts of neighbourhood commercial break and enters, register your business name and street address at: RCMP_Business_Link@richmond.ca