



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

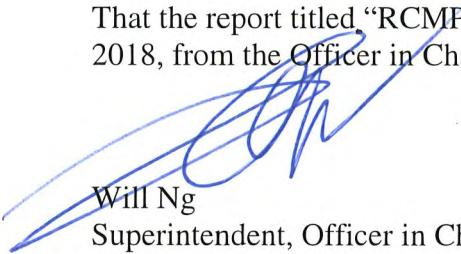
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**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** September 12, 2018  
**From:** Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2018-Vol  
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01  
**Re:** **RCMP Monthly Activity Report – August 2018**

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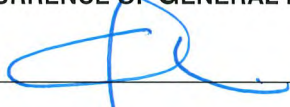

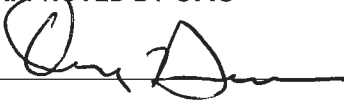
### Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – August 2018”, dated September 12, 2018, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.



Will Ng  
Superintendent, Officer in Charge  
(604-278-1212)

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## Staff Report

### Origin

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

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

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

#### Activities and Noteworthy Files

##### *Gang Arrests*

On August 10, 2018, the Vancouver Police Department announced that 92 criminal charges were laid against 14 gang members involved in high profile organized crime groups. These arrests occurred as a result of a lengthy investigation, referred to as "Project Territory". The investigation involved a collaborative task force of numerous Lower Mainland police agencies, including the Richmond RCMP.

##### *RCMP Musical Ride*

On August 14, 2018, the RCMP's Musical Ride performed in Richmond. RCMP riders in Red Serge and their horses presented a choreographed performance at the Twin Oaks farm. This iconic event raises money across Canada for local charities and non-profit organizations. Community Policing volunteers and Auxiliary Constables worked over three days to set up and dismantle the venue.

##### *Jewellery Theft*

On August 14, 2018, Richmond RCMP officers responded to reports of a robbery at a jewellery store at Richmond Centre Mall. The three suspects entered the store posing as customers. Staff at

the store was preparing to display jewellery when the suspects pushed them out of the way and stole several items. No weapons were used in the robbery and there were no injuries. The incident is under investigation.

### *Assaults*

On August 21, 2018, Richmond RCMP responded to two separate incidents of assault involving the use of pepper spray. The first incident involved two male suspects who pepper-sprayed two female victims as they left a business. In the second incident, two male suspects approached a victim near her vehicle and threatened her with pepper spray. She ran away before being sprayed. The incidents occurred less than an hour apart and appear to be related. The incidents are under investigation.

### *Drug Lab*

On August 24, 2018, Richmond RCMP was called to the 11000 block of Kingfisher Drive to assist Richmond Fire-Rescue after the discovery of a synthetic drug lab. Police quickly set up roadblocks and evacuated surrounding residences. Partner agencies, including the RCMP Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement and Response Team and BC Emergency Health Service, assisted in order to ensure public and police safety. Richmond Detachment's Organized Crime Unit is investigating.

### Analysis of Crime Statistics

#### *Arson*

In August 2018, there were four incidents of arson, which is up one from the previous month and one more than reported in August 2017. This number is within the five-year statistical average range. Year to date, the number of arsons is down 29 per cent from the same period last year.

#### *Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were 10 assault serious events in August 2018, which is down 47 per cent from the previous month, during which a significantly high number of offences were recorded. The number of assault files this month is within the five-year average range and represents a 41 per cent decline from August 2017. Year to date totals are down 10 per cent from the same period last year.

#### *Auto Theft*

There were 38 auto theft incidents this month, which is up 46 per cent from July 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is within the five-year average range and represents an eight per cent increase from August 2017. Year to date, there has been a 16 per cent decline in the number of auto thefts compared to the same period last year.

### *Drugs*

In August 2018, there were 54 drug incidents, which is a 19 per cent decrease from the previous month. This number represents a five per cent decrease from August 2017 and remains within the five-year average range.

### *Mental Health*

There were 120 mental health incidents in August 2018, which represents a 29 per cent decrease from July 2018 and a 13 per cent decrease from August 2017. The number of mental health incidents this month is within the five-year average range. Year to date totals indicate there has been a five per cent increase in mental health-related files over the same period last year.

The number of calls generated by a specific high volume client also declined this month.<sup>1</sup> The Detachment's Vulnerable Persons Unit continued proactive outreach, which likely helped to contribute to this reduction.

### *Residential Break and Enter*

There were 66 break and enters to residences in August 2018, which is down one incident from the previous month. The total number of residential break and enters this month is outside the expected range and represents a 50 per cent increase from August 2017.

Year to date, the number of residential break and enters is 14 per cent higher than during the same period last year. Residential break and enters have been elevated for two consecutive months and this crime type has been identified as one of the Detachment's crime priorities. Although no major patterns have been identified, problem areas are being targeted.

### *Commercial Break and Enter*

In August 2018, there were 36 break and enters to businesses, which is a 57 per cent increase from July 2018. This number marks a 33 per cent increase from August 2017 and remains within the five-year expected range. The increase can be attributed to a person of interest who has been identified and currently is under investigation.

### *Robbery*

There were eight robbery incidents in August 2018, which is up one incident from the previous month. Although the total this month is elevated, it remains within the five-year average range. This number represents no change from August 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> This individual had 10 files, down from 24 files in July 2018.

### *Sexual Assault*

In August 2018, 16 sexual offence files were recorded, which is a 45 per cent increase from the previous month. The total number of sexual offences this month is 33 per cent higher than recorded in August 2017; however, the number remains within the five-year average range.

Generally, the month of August has the highest average number of sexual offences. Year to date totals for 2018 indicate that there has been a 58 per cent increase in the number of reported sexual offences compared to the same period in 2017. This month the events included: seven sexual assaults, three indecent acts and three sexual interference files. There are no patterns or trends.

### *Shoplifting*

There were 60 shoplifting thefts in August 2018, which is an 11 per cent increase from the previous month and a 12 per cent decrease from August 2017. Reported shoplifting thefts are within the five-year expected range.

### *Theft from Auto*

There were 170 theft from auto incidents in August 2018, which is a 16 per cent increase from the previous month and a seven per cent increase from August 2017. This number is within the five year average range.

### Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

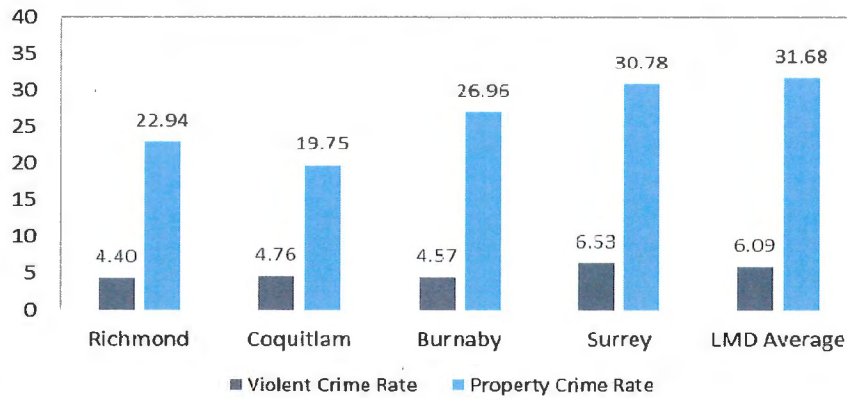
During the last few months, communities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), policed by the RCMP, have experienced a downward trend in property crime. Year to date, Surrey, Burnaby and Coquitlam have all experienced significant declines in commercial and residential break and enters. Overall, property crime in Richmond mirrors this trend. Year to date, the number of property crimes in Richmond has declined by two per cent, including commercial break and enters. While residential break and enters have increased, as noted previously, the Detachment is actively targeting this crime type.

In order to facilitate a meaningful comparison of crime types across jurisdictions, data on crime rates is presented on the following page (Figure 1).<sup>2</sup> Out of the four largest RCMP Detachments in the LMD, Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate in August. Richmond's property crime rate also remains low ranking second lowest among Burnaby, Surrey, and Coquitlam in the Lower Mainland.

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<sup>2</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations)

**Figure 1: August 2018 YTD Crime Rates**

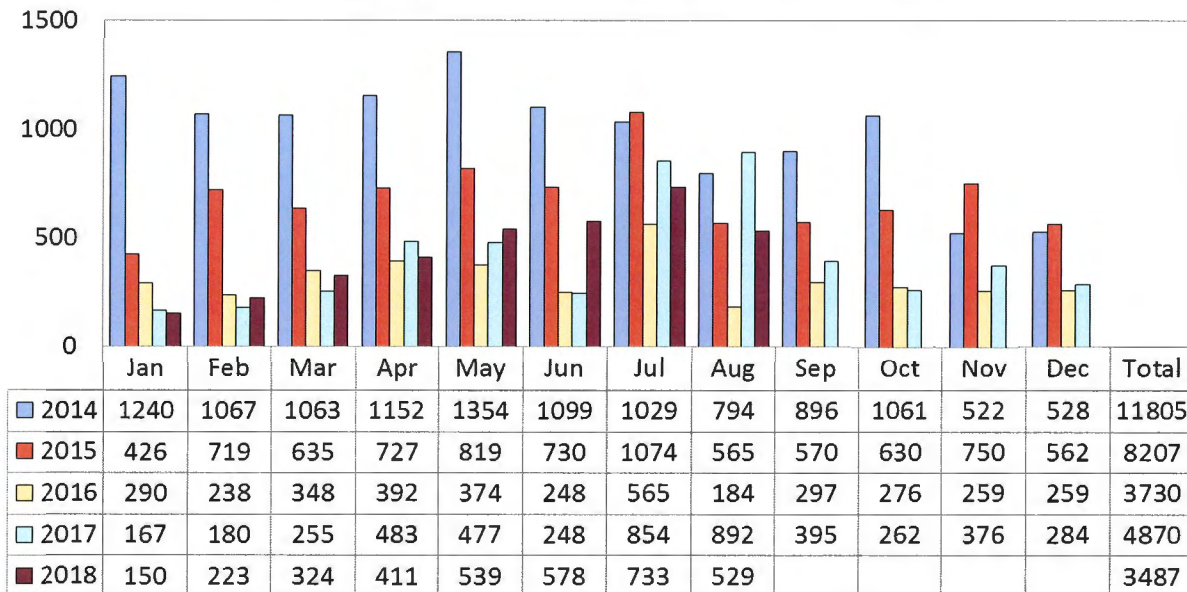


Auxiliary Constable Program

In August 2018, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 37 Auxiliary Constables. Auxiliary Constables provided a total of 529 volunteer hours during the month of August. In the coming months, the Province of BC and RCMP “E” Division are expected to announce the uniform and training standards for the new Tier 3 Auxiliary program, however the details of these changes are not yet available.<sup>3</sup> Once these details are known, the Auxiliary Constable coordinator will commence recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliary Constables anticipated by the end 2018.

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

**Figure 2: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours**



<sup>3</sup> <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/auxiliary-program-tiers>

### *Auxiliary Constable Activities*

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

- All Aboard Steveston
- Crime Watch
- Home Security Checks
- Marine Patrol
- RCMP Musical Ride
- Pathways Visit
- “Pop-Up” Detachments
- Youth Summer Camps

### Block Watch

At the end of August 2018, the Block Watch program had 459 groups totaling 10,478 participants. Currently, the program includes 611 captains and co-captains.

### 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 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 August volunteer highlights included:

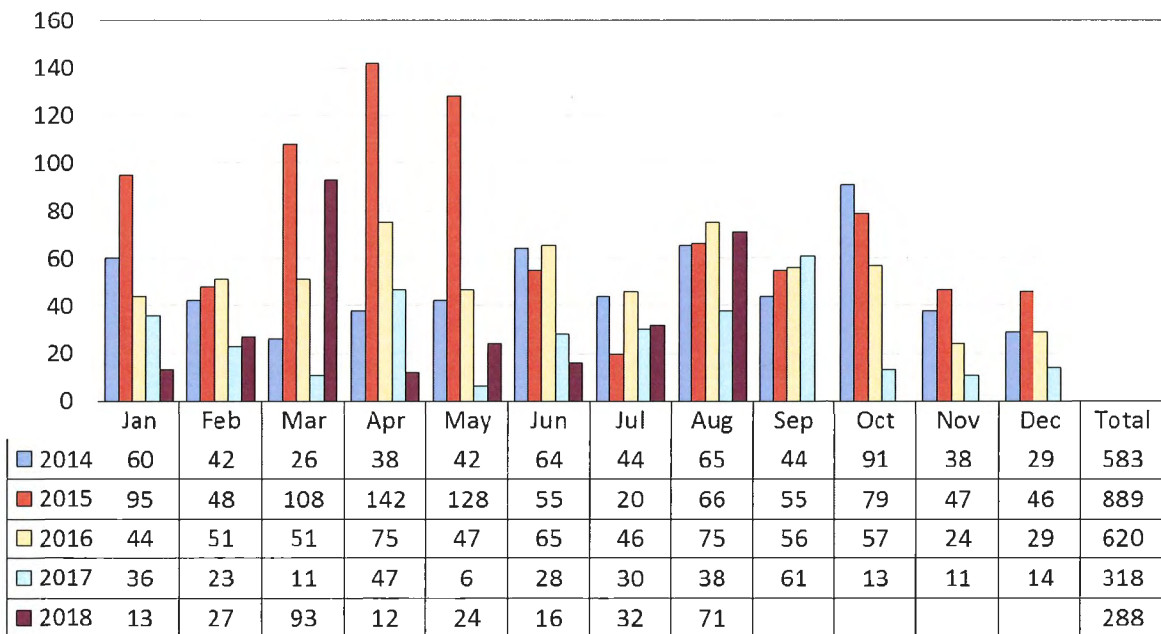
- The deployment of 44 foot/van patrols totalling 275 hours and 10 bike patrols totalling 96 hours.
- 45 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 1,232 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 5,434 vehicles at various locations.
- Two volunteer Speed Watch deployments occurred on River Road. These deployments resulted in 6 letters being sent out to registered vehicle owners.
- August 2 – Three volunteers assisted a Youth Section constable with a “Pop-Up Detachment” in Steveston. They issued Lock Out Auto Crime notices and promoted the Project 529 bike registry.
- August 13 to 15 – A total of 14 volunteers assisted with the RCMP Musical Ride, including the site set up and take down and delineating parking and seating areas.
- August 15 – After receiving a Speed Watch referral from a community stakeholder, Speed Watch was conducted on Ferguson Way. Eleven notices were issued.
- August 18 – Four volunteers assisted an RCMP member at the All Aboard Steveston event and promoted the Project 529 bike registry.

- August 21 – Seven volunteers assisted a Youth Section constable with a “Pop Up Detachment” in Steveston. They issued Lock Out Auto Crime notices and promoted the Project 529 bike registry.
- August 24 – Two volunteers on Volunteer Van Patrol located a stolen vehicle.
- August 26 – Two volunteers on Volunteer Bike Patrol found a vehicle that had just been broken into and contacted police.
- August 29 – Ten volunteers participated in Cambie Summer Nights. They distributed Lock Out Auto Crime notices, assisted with Fatal Vision goggles and conducted bike patrols. Volunteers also assisted a parent who could not locate her child.

*Distracted Drivers*

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.<sup>4</sup>

**Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent**



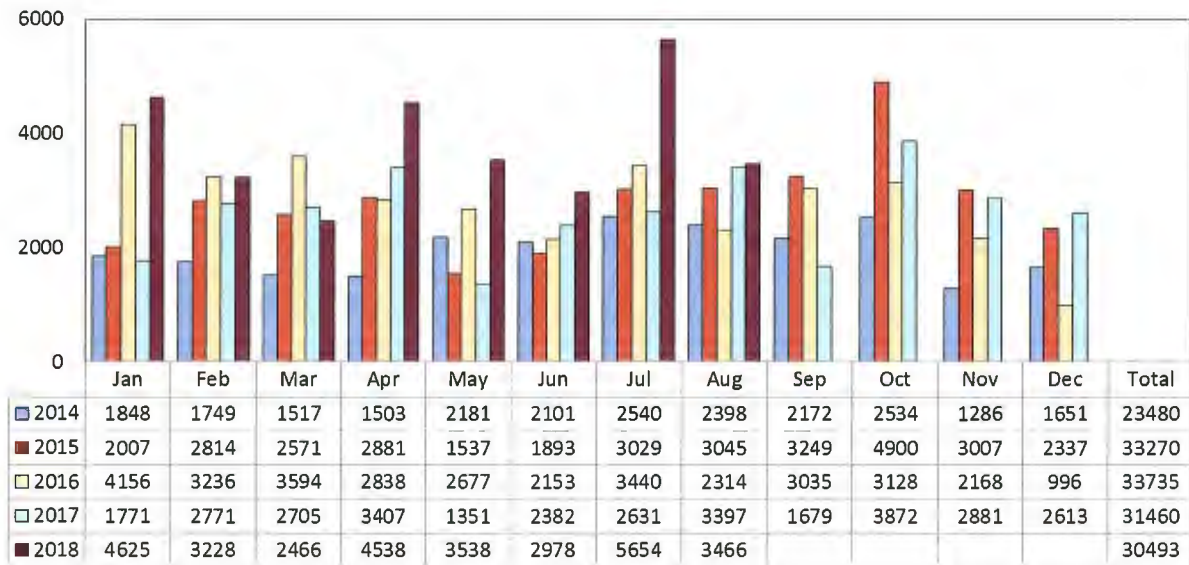
<sup>4</sup> The total for March 2018 includes 92 warning letters sent as a result of the multiple Distracted Driving Campaign Blitzes which occurred that month.



*Lock-Out Auto Crime*

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

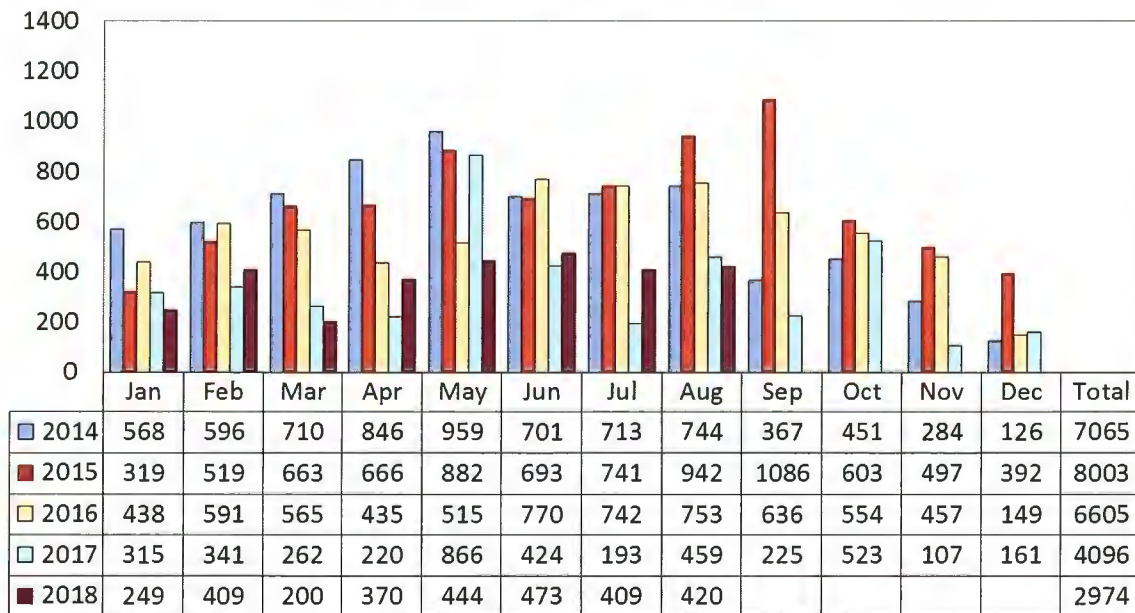
**Figure 4: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



*Speed Watch*

Figure 5 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

**Figure 5: Speed Watch Letters Sent**



### Crime Prevention Unit

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

- All Aboard Steveston
- RCMP Musical Ride
- “Pop-Up” Detachments
- Red Serge Boardwalk Patrols
- Vulnerable Institution Patrols
- Vulnerable Persons 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 August 2018 data to both June 2018 and July 2018. The Moving Violations category refers to violations such as unsafe lane change and unsafe passing. The Vehicle category refers to motor vehicle regulation defects such as no insurance and no lights. The Other category refers to other motor vehicle infractions such as miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of accident and failing to stop for police.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>August 2018</b>
Distracted Driving	98	81	57
Driver License	188	227	162
Impaired	24	31	31
Intersection offences	97	125	93
Moving Violations	107	132	225
Speeding	258	562	271
Seatbelts	19	10	11
Vehicle Related	77	61	55
Other	30	13	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>908</b>

Parking Tickets:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>Aug 2018</b>
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	20	26	26

### Victim Services

In August 2018, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 71 new clients and attended 16 crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 148 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving property crime, family conflict and medical-related sudden deaths.

### Youth Section

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

- Youth Section members participated in several community centre day camps during the summer and engaged with youth on a variety of subjects.
- Youth Section members participated in a "Pop-Up" Detachment in Steveston Village, promoting crime prevention initiatives. Over 150 bicycles were added to the Project 529 registry. Members also issued 20 Positive Tickets to youth at the event.
- Members of Youth Section conducted curfew checks for a number of court ordered youth in the community who are on curfews.

### **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

#### 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](http://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](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://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](http://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](http://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.

# AUGUST 2018 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. For 2017, some inclusion criteria have been modified to improve accuracy and accommodate RCMP scoring regulations. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

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 the expected average range (using a standard deviation), it will be noted in **red**, while below expected 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**.

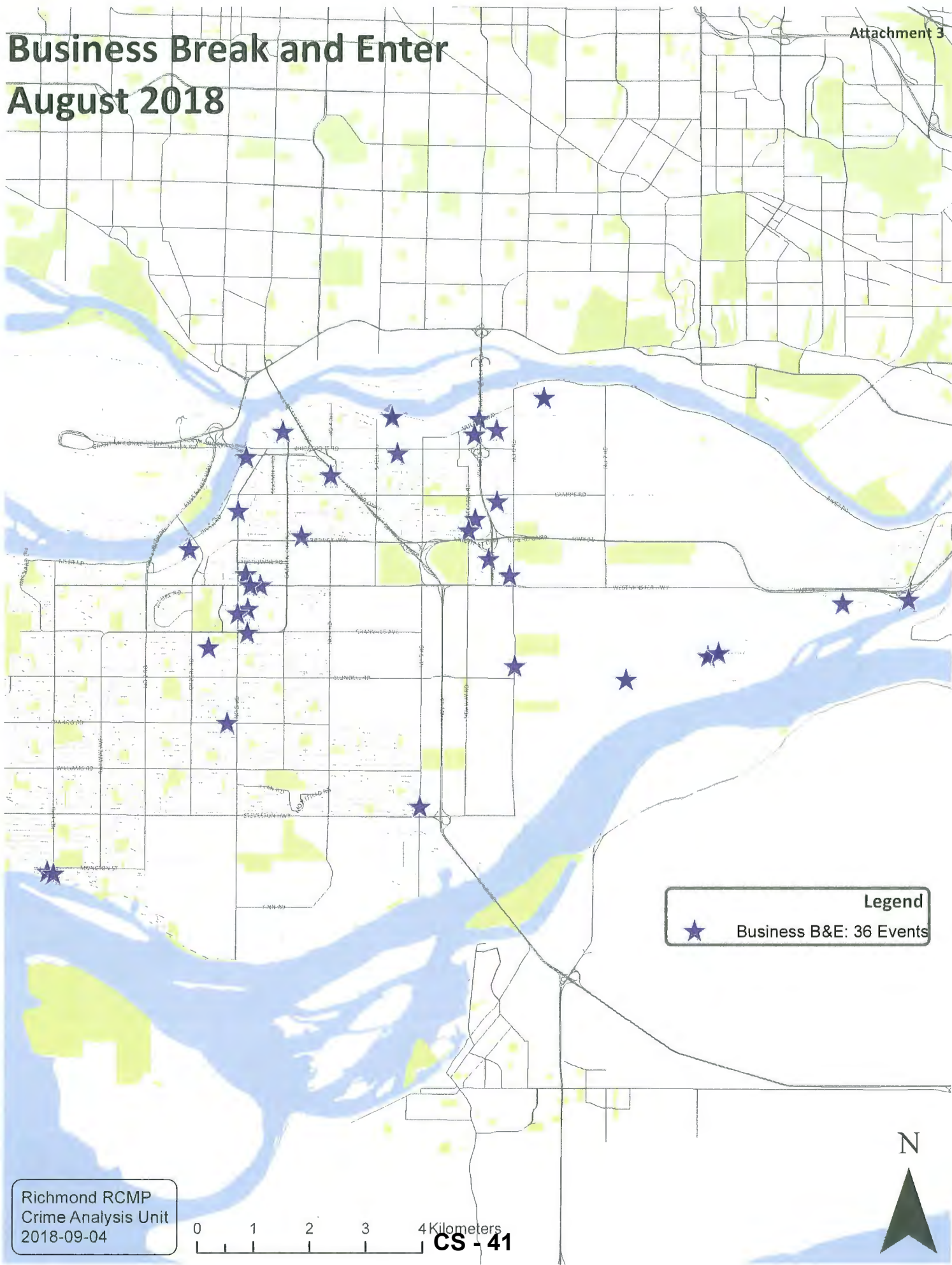
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Aug-18	August		2017	2018	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>146</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>104-124</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-42</b>
Robbery <small>UCR 810 (1-3)</small>	8	6.6	5-8	39	40	3%	1
Assault Common <small>UCR 430</small>	42	40.6	34-47	310	312	1%	2
Assault Serious <small>UCR 410 420</small>	10	11.4	8-15	104	94	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-10</b>
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 345 330 355 330</small>	16	12.8	8-17	64	101	<b>58%</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>641</b>	<b>675.2</b>	<b>622-728</b>	<b>5183</b>	<b>5097</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-86</b>
Business B&E <small>UCR 210 1</small>	36	28.8	19-38	268	258	-4%	-10
Residential B&E <small>UCR 210-2</small>	<b>66</b>	54.4	45-64	423	484	<b>14%</b>	<b>61</b>
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 110 2178</small>	38	31.0	22-40	222	186	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-36</b>
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132 2142</small>	170	177.8	151-205	1371	1536	<b>12%</b>	<b>165</b>
Theft <small>UCR 2130 2140</small>	<b>95</b>	120.0	103-137	767	703	-8%	-64
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133 2143</small>	60	63.0	58-68	422	501	<b>19%</b>	<b>79</b>
Fraud <small>UCR 2134 110 2135 2136</small>	<b>52</b>	64.8	58-72	606	575	-5%	-31
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>206</b>	<b>221.4</b>	<b>204-239</b>	<b>1392</b>	<b>1457</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>65</b>
Arson <small>UCR 315 210</small>	4	5.6	3-8	28	20	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>993</b>	<b>1010.2</b>	<b>963-1058</b>	<b>7497</b>	<b>7434</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-63</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>54</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>47-78</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-42</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>120</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>97-129</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>47</b>

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# Business Break and Enter August 2018



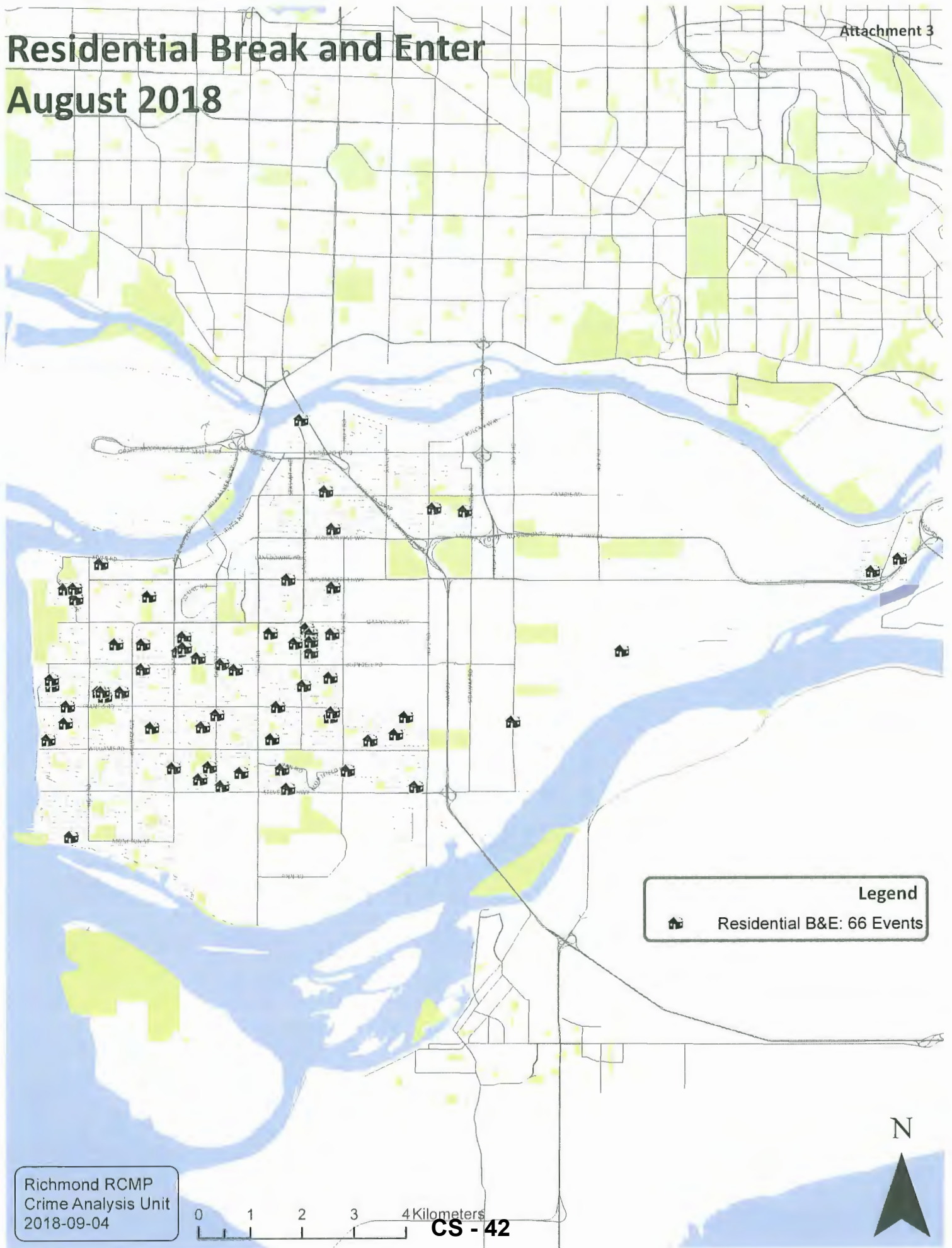
**Legend**  
★ Business B&E: 36 Events

Richmond RCMP  
Crime Analysis Unit  
2018-09-04

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# Residential Break and Enter August 2018



**Legend**  
🏠 Residential B&E: 66 Events

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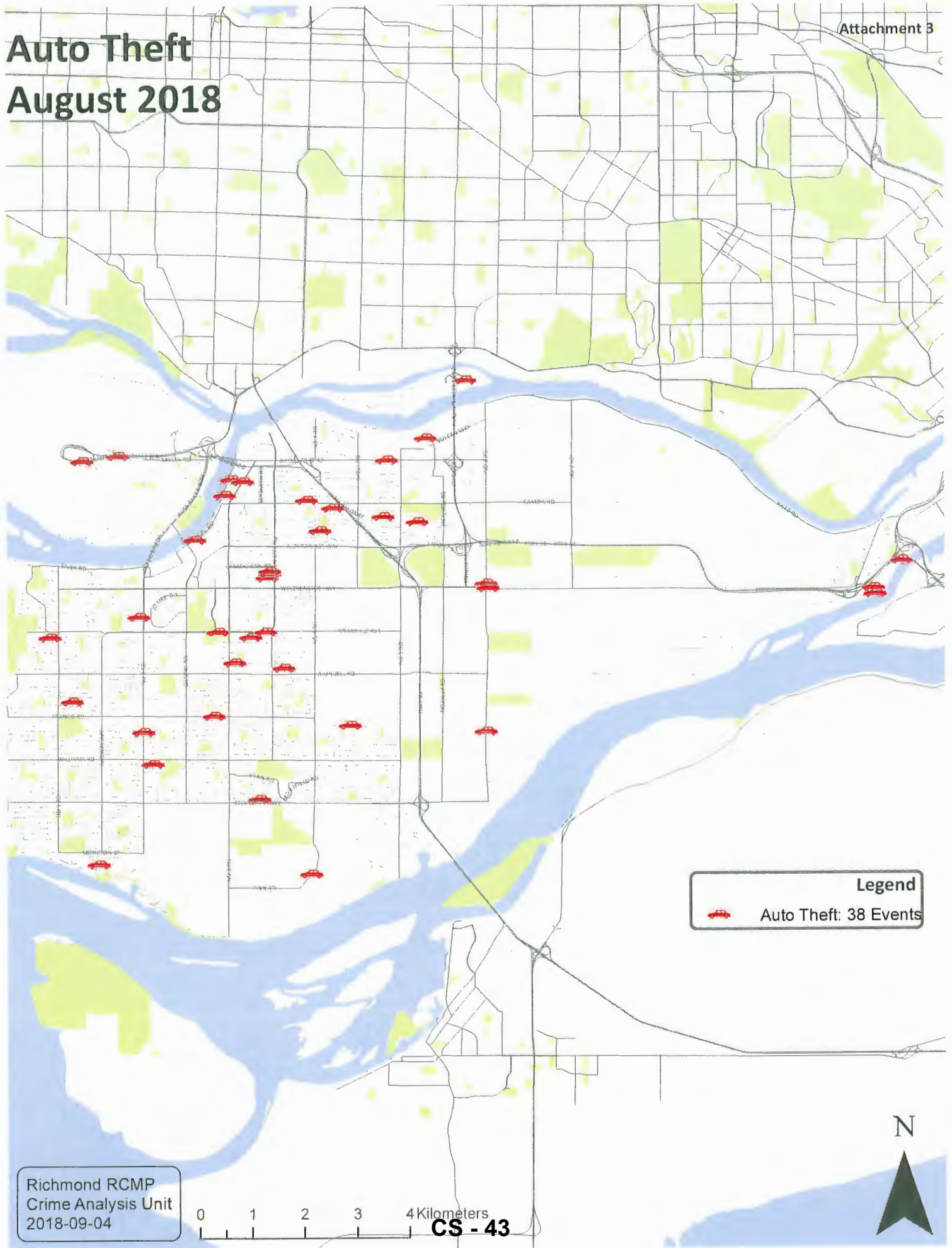
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# Auto Theft August 2018

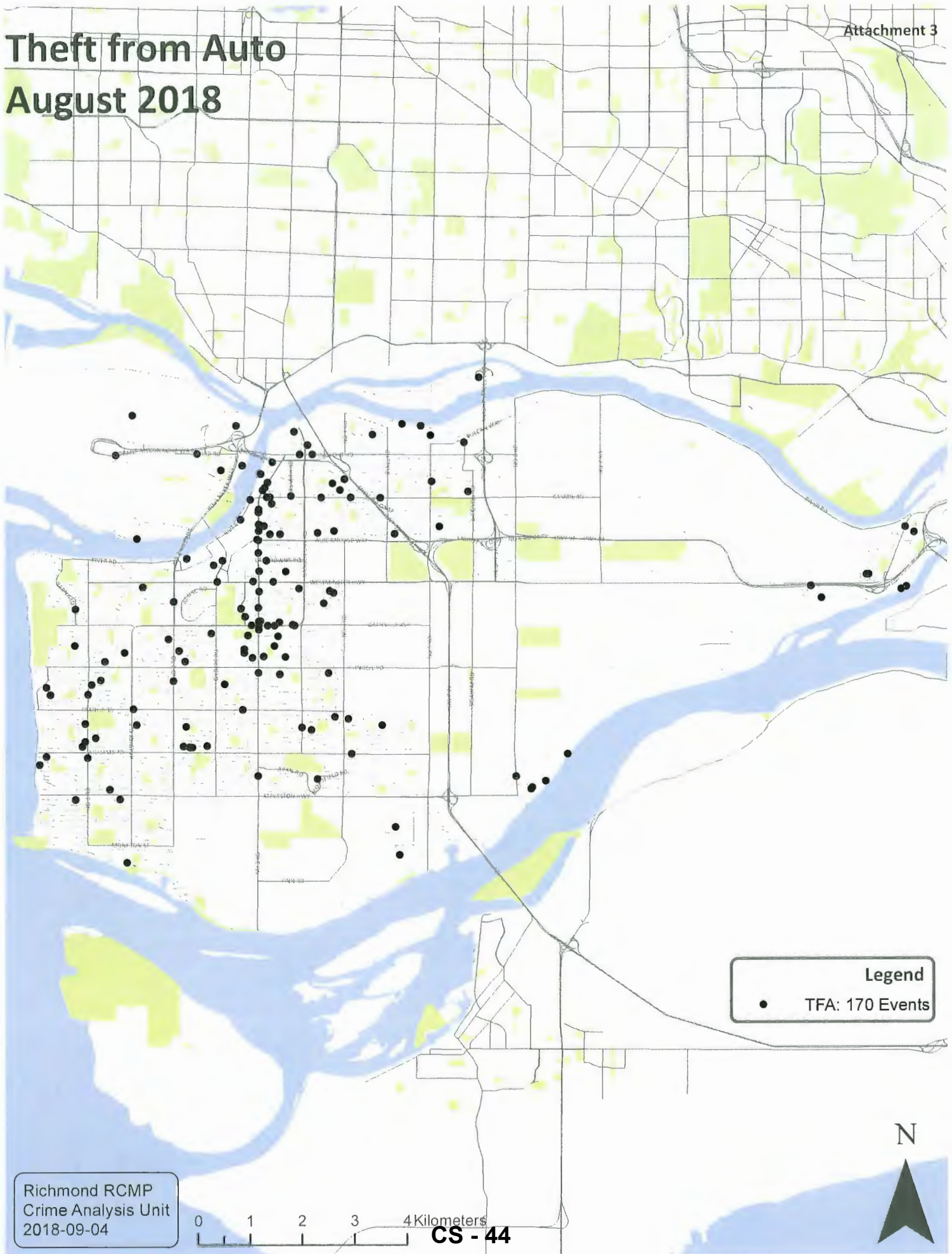


Richmond RCMP  
Crime Analysis Unit  
2018-09-04

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# Theft from Auto August 2018



Richmond RCMP  
Crime Analysis Unit  
2018-09-04

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