



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

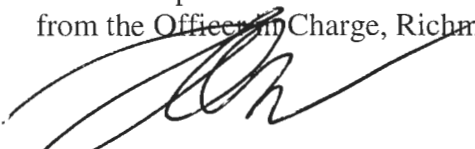
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**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Will Ng, Superintendent  
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment  
**Date:** April 19, 2018  
**File:** 09-5000-01/2018-Vol  
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**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – March 2018

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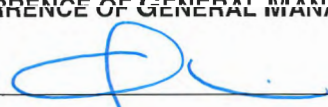

### Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – March 2018”, dated April 19, 2018, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.



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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

##### *Found Body*

On March 10, 2018, RCMP officers responded to the 7000 block of Dyke Road for a report of a man in the water. The victim, a Richmond resident, was identified as a male in his early seventies. He was transported to hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. While the death was initially deemed suspicious, a thorough investigation by the Richmond Serious Crime Unit determined that the death was not the result of foul play.

##### *Retail Theft*

On March 14 and 15, 2018, RCMP members from the Crime Reduction Unit partnered with local Loss Prevention Officers (LPOs) to target crime at multiple retail locations in central Richmond.<sup>1</sup> Twenty-six suspects were arrested over two days, including an arrest which occurred as a result of a "bait bike" activation. Other arrests were initiated for outstanding warrants, theft, commission of fraud and breach of undertaking. The suspects arrested represent a variety of municipalities including Richmond, Vancouver, Burnaby, Surrey, Coquitlam and Edmonton.

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<sup>1</sup> Crime Reduction Unit includes Property Crime Unit, Prolific Offender Suppression Team and Bike Squad.

### *Firearm Incident*

On March 21, 2018, an LPO at a large retail business attempted to arrest a suspect for shoplifting. The suspect, a 26-year-old male, is alleged to have produced a firearm when confronted by the LPO. The suspect fled to a vehicle in the parking lot, which was being driven by a 60-year-old male. RCMP members located the suspect vehicle shortly thereafter and were able to take both suspects into custody without incident. The 26-year-old male has been charged with three offences, including robbery. The driver of the vehicle was released without charge.

### *Community Diversity*

On March 21, 2018, in honour of the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Richmond Detachment partnered with Kwantlen Polytechnic University to present the “Shared Challenges, Shared Opportunities Forum”. This event, which serves to celebrate community diversity, included guest speakers from RCMP National Security and RCMP BC Hate Crimes Team. This forum brought together people of different faiths sharing the mutual desire to move in the direction of increased respect, understanding, harmony and equality.

### *Attempted Murder Sentencing*

On March 23, 2018, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit – British Columbia (CFSEU-BC) issued a media release advising that a 12-year sentence had been handed down to a known gang associate for Attempted Murder and Discharging a Firearm with Intent. The man had been a Richmond resident up until his arrest. This sentence was in relation to a shooting that took place on August 21, 2015 at Dover Park in Richmond. Richmond RCMP undertook the initial four month investigation before transitioning the matter to CFSEU-BC.

### Analysis of Crime Statistics

#### *Arson*

In March 2018, there were three incidents of arson, which is up two from the previous month and is two more than recorded in March 2017. This number remains within the five-year statistical average range.

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

There were 17 assault serious events in March, which is up 13 from February 2018. Last month, the number of assault serious files was statistically low and below the five-year average range. The current number represents an 89 per cent increase from March 2017 and is outside the five-year average range.

There were no alarming patterns observed in the files recorded, which ranged from family disputes to road rage. However, a trend which emerged was the use of pepper spray against LPOs during robberies and shoplifting incidents.

### *Auto Theft*

There were 24 auto theft incidents this month, which is up 50 per cent from the February 2018. After two consecutive months of low numbers of auto theft, this month the number has returned to the five-year average range. The number of auto thefts this month is 13 per cent lower than the total from March 2017.

### *Drugs*

In March 2018, there were 49 drug incidents, which is a 48 per cent increase from February 2018. This number is 17 per cent lower than March 2017 and is within the five-year expected range.

### *Mental Health*

This month 110 mental health incidents were recorded, which represents a two per cent increase from the previous month and is a 17 per cent increase from March 2017. Mental health incidents are within the five-year average range.

### *Residential Break and Enter*

There were 56 break and enters to residences in March 2018. This is a 36 per cent decrease from the previous month, during which the number of residential break and enters was above the five-year average. The total number of residential break and enters this month has returned to within the five-year average range. This represents a 12 per cent increase from March 2017.

### *Commercial Break and Enter*

In March 2018, there were 23 break and enters to businesses, which represents no change from the previous month's total. This number represents a 48 per cent reduction over March 2017 and is below the five-year expected range.

### *Robbery*

There were nine robbery incidents in March 2018, which is three times the number from the previous month when three robbery incidents were recorded and 50 per cent higher than the total in March 2017. Although this number is above the five-year expected range, an analysis of the files has not found any areas of specific concern.

### *Sexual Assault*

There were nine sexual offence files recorded in March 2018, which is up two from the previous month. The total number of sexual assault files this month is 80 per cent higher than recorded in March 2017. However, this number remains within the expected range and represents a marked reduction from the number of files generated in late 2017 and January 2018.

### *Shoplifting*

There were 86 shoplifting thefts in March 2018, which is a 34 per cent increase from the previous month and a 54 per cent increase from March 2017.

While this number is outside the five-year average range, this increase is largely attributed to the LPO project undertaken by the Crime Reduction Unit, which was discussed in the Activities and Noteworthy Files section of this report.

### *Theft from Auto*

There were 225 theft from auto incidents this month, which is a 17 per cent increase from February 2018 and a 15 per cent increase from March 2017. This number is within the five year average range.

### Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

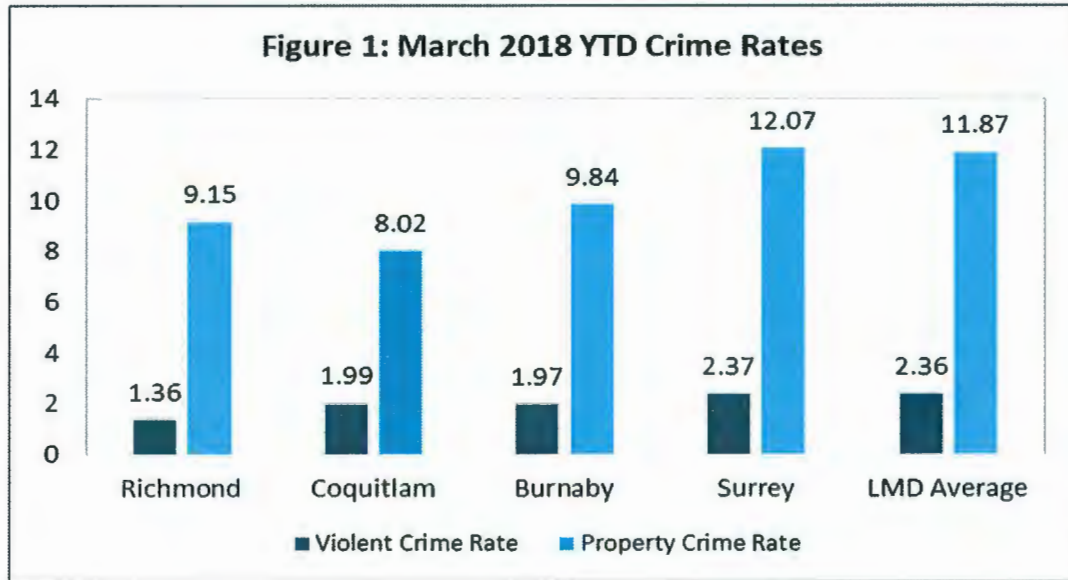
A series of harassing communications against women has been occurring across the Lower Mainland District (LMD). An unknown male has phoned women stating he knows their names and addresses and alleges he has installed cameras in their residences. He threatens to harm them if they do not engage in sexually explicit conversations. To date, there have been 78 files in 2018 occurring across the LMD, including one report in Richmond. The majority of files have been in Surrey, Langley and Delta. On February 28, 2018, the LMD Media Relations Officer issued a news release warning women of the threatening phone calls and offered safety tips. To date, there have been no reported incidents of violence stemming from these threats and the investigation is ongoing.<sup>2</sup>

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>3</sup> Out of the four largest RCMP Detachments in the Lower Mainland, Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate in March. Richmond's violent crime rate in 2018 has decreased from 2017, while across the LMD, including Coquitlam, Burnaby and Surrey, the violent crime rate has increased. This low crime rate is also observed in the property crime rate, where Richmond ranks second lowest.

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<sup>2</sup> Information current as of March 20, 2018

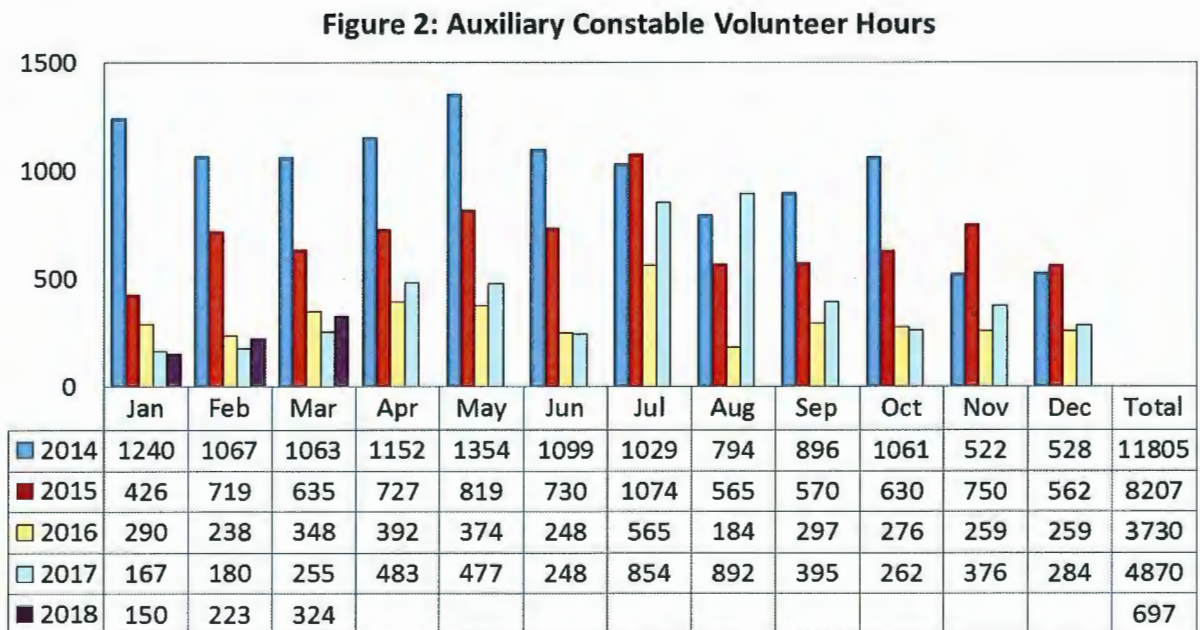
<sup>3</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations)



Auxiliary Constable Program

In March 2018, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 35 Auxiliary Constables, who provided a total of 324 volunteer hours. Year to date, the volunteer hours have increased by 16 per cent over the same period last year, despite an eight per cent drop in membership. The Auxiliary Constable Coordinator continues to plan the recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliary Constables to start training in the fall of 2018.

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



### *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 March Auxiliary Constables participated in:

- Crime Watch
- Distracted Driving Blitz
- Mental Health Initiative (Pathways)
- School Sports
- Youth Academy

### Block Watch

At the end of March 2018, the Block Watch program had 453 groups totaling 10,322 participants. Currently, the program includes 601 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 the volunteers.

During the month of March volunteer highlights included:

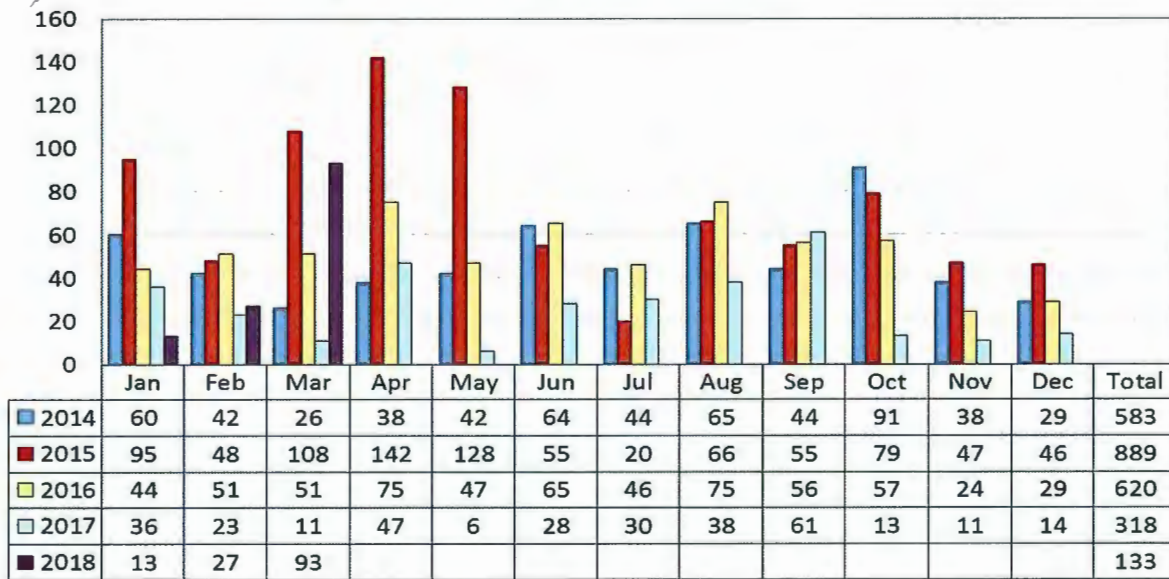
- The deployment of 41 foot/van patrols totalling 306.5 hours and five bike patrols totalling 50 hours.
- 32 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 884 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 2,572 vehicles at various locations.
- Lock Out Auto Crime notices were issued on 2,466 vehicles at various locations.
- March 8 – An all-day Distracted Driver's Blitz was deployed from the main Detachment, which included the participation of 19 volunteers.
- March 15 – Volunteers participated in a School Sports event at Dixon Elementary School.
- March 21 – Six volunteers provided assistance to the Crime Prevention Unit as they co-hosted the "Shared Challenges, Shared Opportunities Forum" at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.
- March 27 – A Distracted Driver's Blitz was deployed out of City Centre CPO and targeted seven locations in central Richmond. Sixty letters were sent to vehicle owners.
- March 6, 14, 23, 24 and 28 – Volunteer Speed Watch deployments occurred on River Road. These deployments resulted in 102 letters being sent out to registered vehicle owners.



*Distracted Drivers*

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

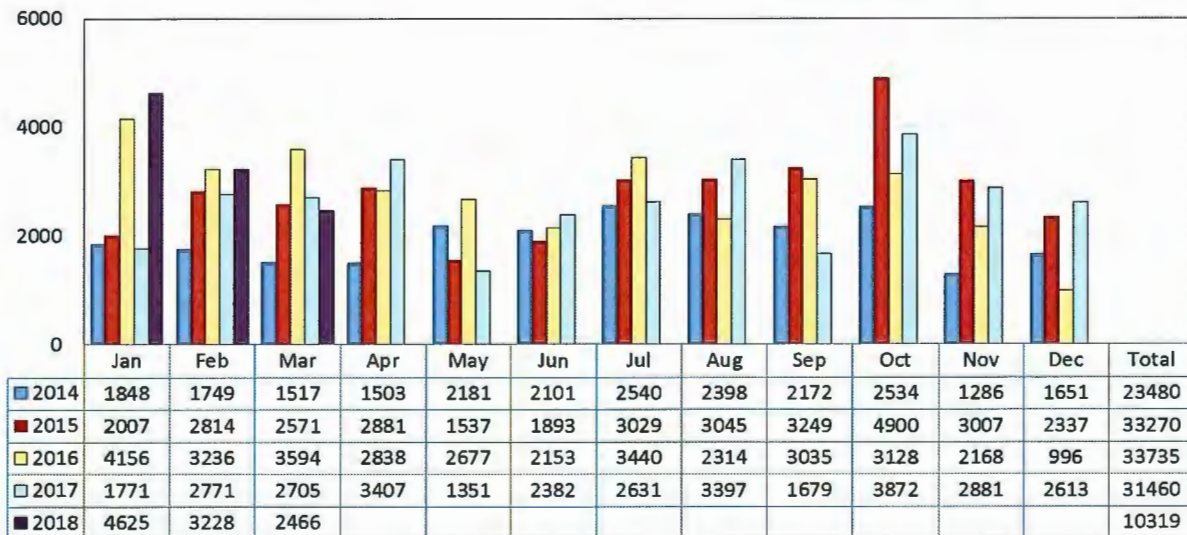
**Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent**



*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**



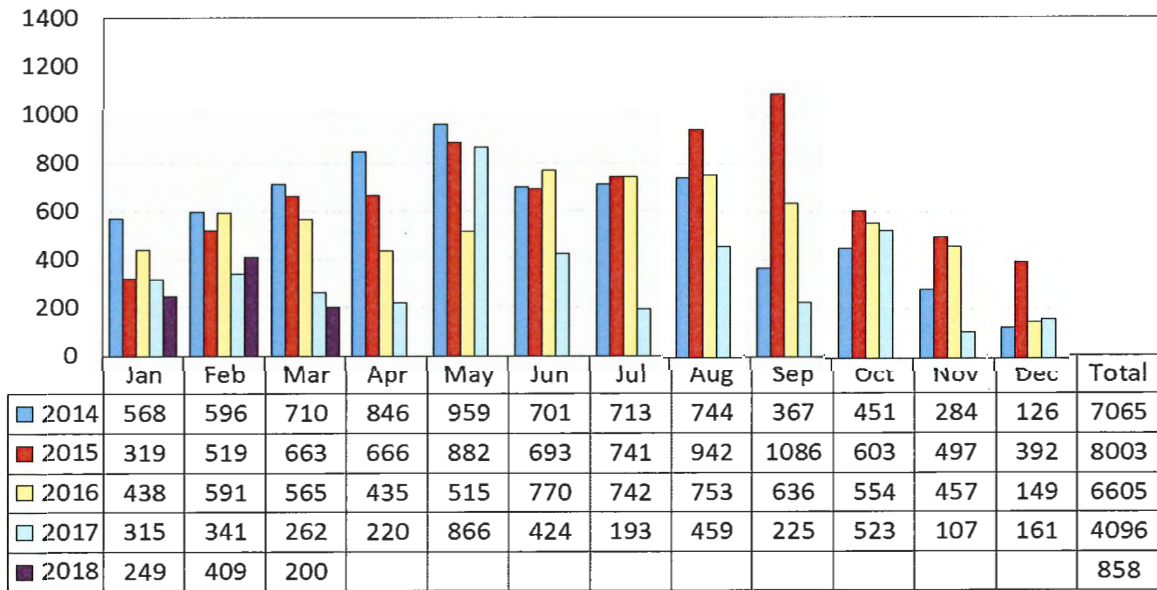
<sup>4</sup> The total for March 2018 includes 92 warning letters sent as a result of the multiple Distracted Driving Campaign Blitzes this month.



*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 March, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- “Coffee with a Cop”
- Distracted Driving Blitz
- School Sports
- Shared Challenges, Shared Opportunities Forum
- 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 March 2018 data to both January 2018 and February 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.

In March 2018, the unit had four successful campaigns targeting speeding drivers, particularly along River Road, which resulted in a higher than average number of Violation Tickets.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>January 2018</b>	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
Distracted Driving	49	42	65
Driver License	108	130	170
Impaired	17	21	23
Intersection offences	79	72	99
Moving Violations	113	100	76
Speeding	70	127	225
Seatbelts	1	15	11
Vehicle Related	42	45	46
Other	11	8	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>731</b>

In March 2018, the Road Safety Unit changed the recording of Notice and Orders to no longer include Written Warnings, which will now be recorded separately. As such, the number of Notice and Orders has significantly diminished. This information will not be included in future reports.

Notice and Orders issued for the following infractions:

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>January 2018</b>	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
Distracted Driving	10	6	0
Driver License	18	39	1
Intersection	37	35	0
Moving Violations	45	31	0
Speeding	54	53	0
Seatbelts	0	0	0
Vehicle Related	93	78	54
Other	3	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>55</b>

Parking Tickets:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Jan 2018</b>	<b>Feb 2018</b>	<b>Mar 2018</b>
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	42	25	31

### Victim Services

In March 2018 Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 63 new clients and attended 11 crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 172 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving suicide, family conflict, a fatal car accident and property crime.

### 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 March, Youth Section highlights include:

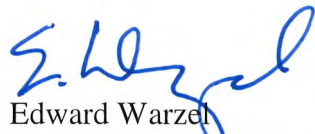
- The graduation of 676 students from the DARE program. RCMP members from the Youth Section, including the program instructor, attended 18 graduations this month. The next group of DARE classes will begin in April.
- Youth Academy commenced on March 28, 2018. This nine day program, offered to Grade 11 and 12 students, provides candidates an opportunity to experience police training and to participate in police work simulations. Nine youth from Richmond attended the program this month.

### **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.



## MARCH 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**.

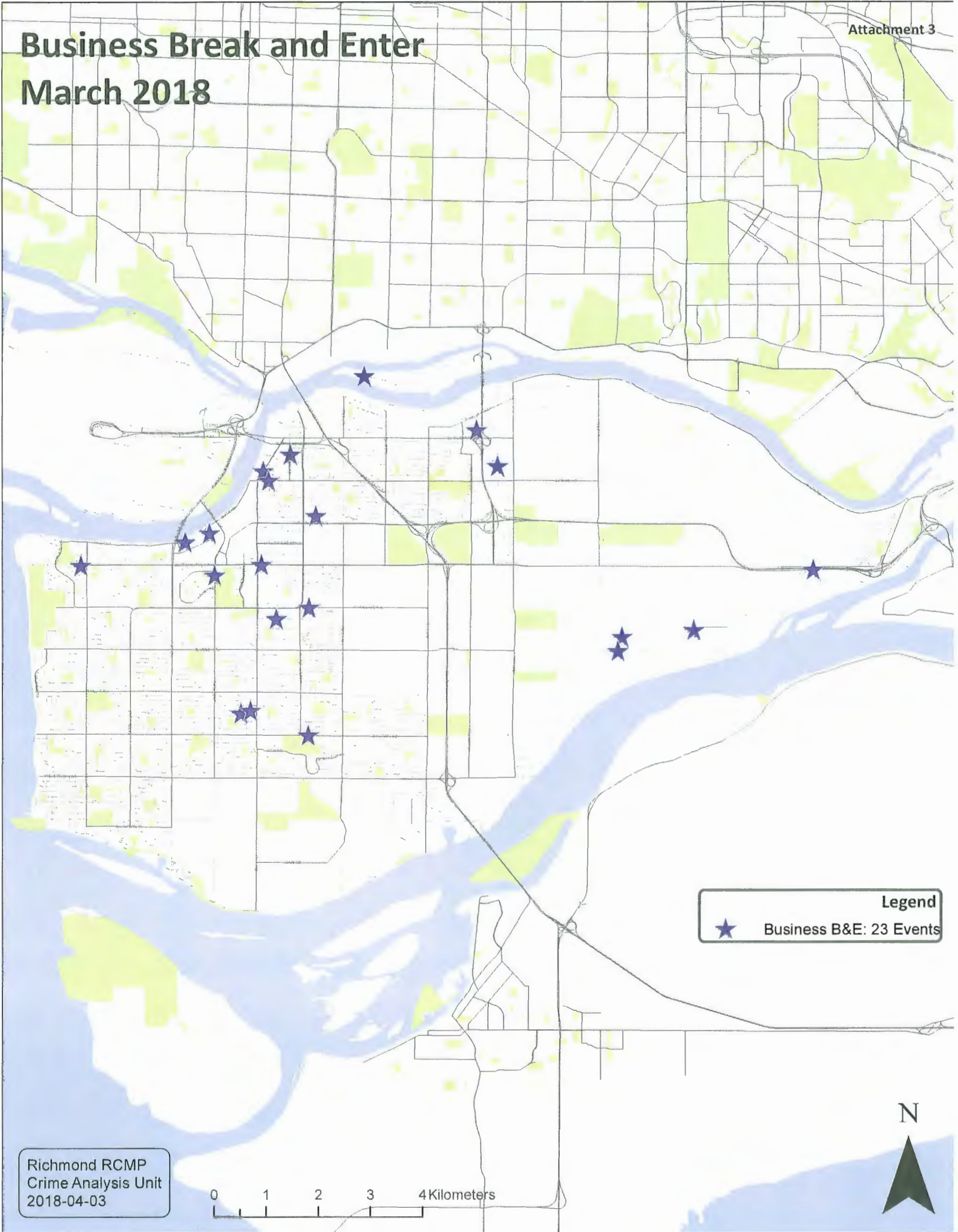
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Mar-18	March		2017	2018	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>111</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>89-114</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-18</b>
Robbery <small>UCR 150 (13)</small>	<b>9</b>	5.8	4-8	15	17	<b>13%</b>	2
Assault Common <small>UCR 430</small>	36	39.2	36-43	112	109	-3%	-3
Assault Serious <small>UCR 410 420</small>	<b>17</b>	10.2	9-12	29	30	3%	1
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1345 1310 1355 1310</small>	9	10.0	7-13	22	40	<b>82%</b>	18
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>689</b>	<b>691.8</b>	<b>622-761</b>	<b>2116</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-123</b>
Business B&E <small>UCR 210-1</small>	<b>23</b>	34.6	26-44	146	116	<b>-21%</b>	-30
Residential B&E <small>UCR 210-2</small>	56	55.6	45-66	205	219	7%	14
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (110), 2178</small>	24	26.0	20-32	86	56	<b>-35%</b>	-30
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132 2142</small>	225	204.2	160-248	621	635	2%	14
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	<b>87</b>	107.2	90-124	324	277	<b>-15%</b>	-47
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133 2143</small>	<b>86</b>	65.6	50-82	153	212	<b>39%</b>	59
Fraud <small>UCR 2160 1381 2165 2166</small>	81	74.8	58-92	256	207	<b>-19%</b>	-49
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>179</b>	<b>174.2</b>	<b>147-201</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>35</b>
Arson <small>UCR 1520, 2110</small>	3	3.4	1-6	7	6	<b>-14%</b>	-1
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>979</b>	<b>967.6</b>	<b>865-1070</b>	<b>2916</b>	<b>2810</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-106</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	49	53.4	48-59	167	126	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-41</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>110</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>83-119</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-35</b>

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# Business Break and Enter March 2018



**Legend**  
★ Business B&E: 23 Events

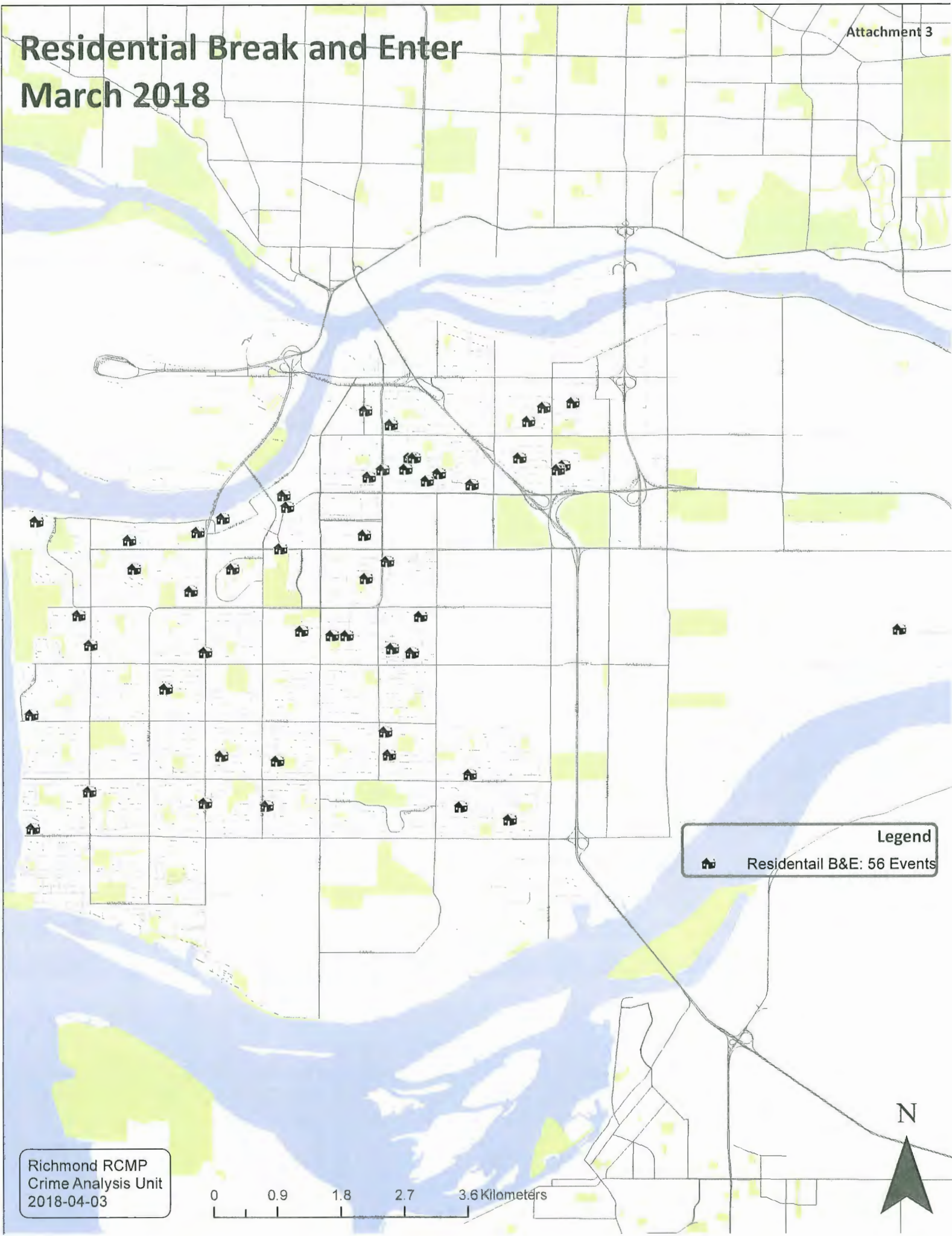
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# Residential Break and Enter March 2018



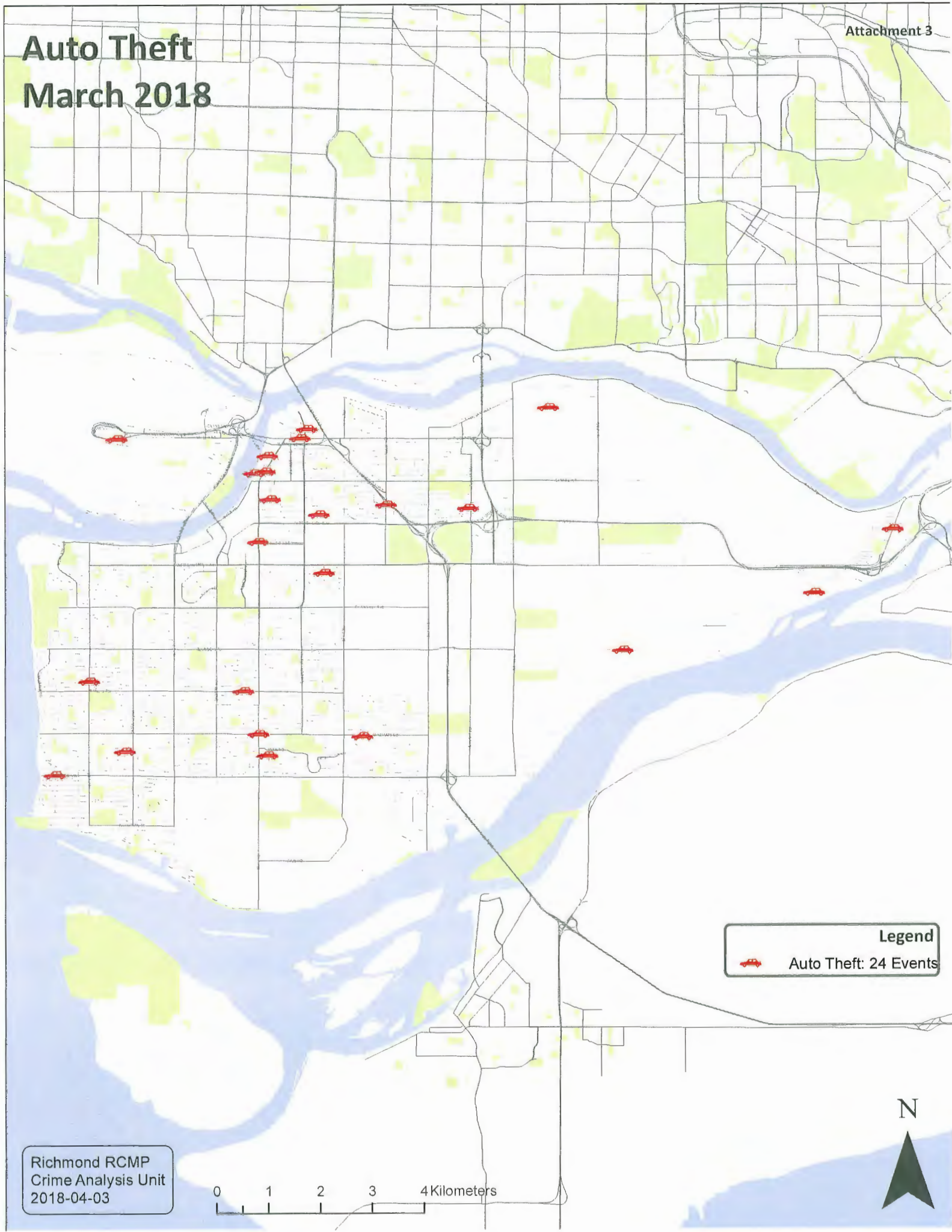
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🏠 Residential B&E: 56 Events

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# Auto Theft March 2018



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Auto Theft: 24 Events

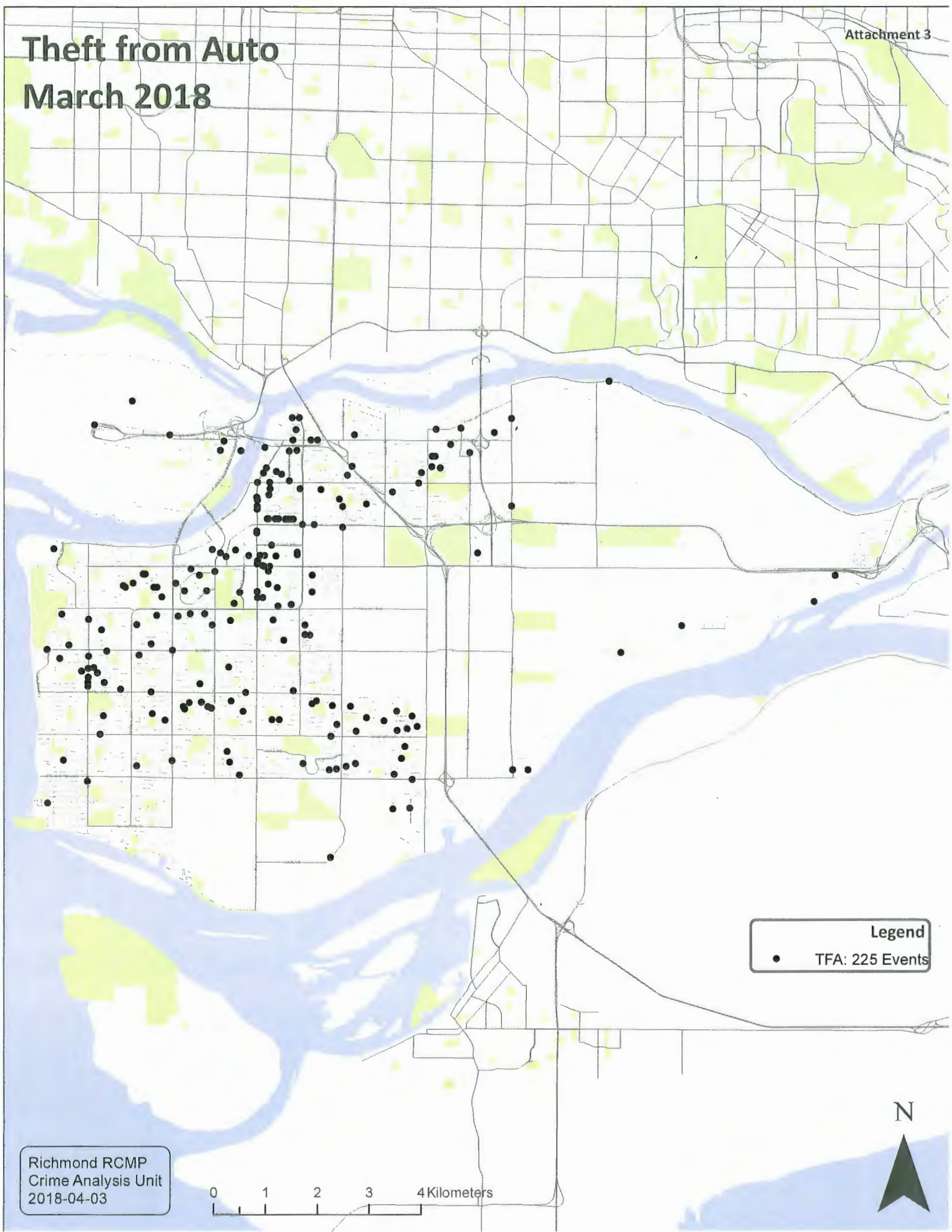
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# Theft from Auto March 2018



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● TFA: 225 Events

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Crime Analysis Unit  
2018-04-03

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