

Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

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February 2, 2015

From:

Rendall Nesset, Superintendent

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Re:

RCMP's Monthly Report - January Activities

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – November Activities", dated February 2, 2015, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP be received for information.

Rendall Nesset, Superintendent

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

(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 report supports Council's Term Goal #1 Community Safety:

To ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's monthly report for January 2015 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Shooting on Garden City Road

Shots were fired at a vehicle in the 8400 block of Garden City Road on January 6 at 930 a.m. There were no injuries reported and a black sport utility vehicle was seen leaving the area. At this point there is little known about what occurred and no suspect has been identified however, this does not appear to be a random act. The Detachment's Serious Crimes Unit is investigating. The Detachment sent out a news release on January 6 asking for anyone with information to contact the police at 604-278-1212, email at Richmond tips.richmond.ediv lmd@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Reported Break and Enter Leads to Drug Lab Discovery

The Detachment responded to a report of two suspects that had broken into the property on the 14000 block of Triangle Road on January 11, at 12:23 p.m. The suspects were observed loading items into an awaiting vehicle and attempted to drive away but the vehicle tire got stuck in the ditch. The suspects fled southbound on foot.

Police observed equipment and apparatus consistent with a synthetic drug lab on the property. Considerable amounts of solvents and corrosive liquids commonly used in the production of synthetic drugs were also located and the house was not occupied. Police secured the house on the property until a search warrant could be executed.

The investigation is ongoing and no arrests have been made at this time. Synthetic drug labs are a significant threat to the environment and public safety. The RCMP Federal Clan Lab Team is assisting in processing the lab.

The Detachment sent out a news release on January 13 asking for anyone with information to contact the police at 604-278-1212, email at <u>Richmond_tips.richmond.ediv_lmd@rcmp-grc.gc.</u>ca or to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Suspicious Arsons

The Detachment is seeking the public's assistance in the investigation of five suspicious fires at the Sea Blue Spa on 4640 No. 3 Road. The fires are believed to be targeted arsons with the first being in March 2014 and the most recent on January 9 of this year. The fires occurred at a time when the business was closed. The last fire caused major structural damage and of prime concern is the danger to local businesses and the safety of the public.

The Detachment sent out a news release on January 14 asking for anyone with information to contact Corporal Kevin Lin at 604-278-1212, to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or email at <u>Richmond tips.richmond.ediv lmd@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>.

Male Arrested in Conjunction with a Break and Enter to Residence

The Detachment has arrested a 23 year old male in conjunction with a break and enter to a residence that occurred on January 21 in the 3600 block of Lam Drive. Entry to the residence was made through an unlocked rear window. Several personal items were stolen from the residence including two iPhones and a Mac Book Air laptop along with a wallet containing credit cards and cash.

The Detachment's Property Crime Unit made the arrest through surveillance, investigation and timing. The suspect has been charged with possession of stolen property under \$5,000 and fail to comply with recognizance. He was remanded in custody until his court appearance on January 27.

Community Policing

Auxiliary Constables

The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention. The Auxiliary Constables support community and special events, as well as participating in a variety of crime prevention programs within the City.

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 January 2015, Richmond Detachment compliment of Auxiliary Constables is at 41. The Auxiliary Constables have volunteered 426 hours during the month of January. Community policing and crime prevention duties remain significantly reduced due to the recent change in National RCMP policy, requiring direct supervision of all Auxiliary Constable duties.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011.

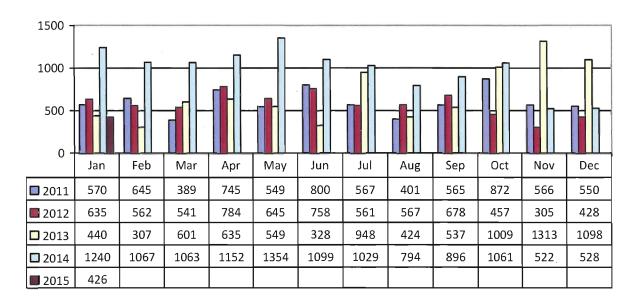


Figure 1: Auxiliary Constables Volunteer Hours

Activities for January 2015 include:

- <u>Crime Watch</u> provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Mental Health Initiative attended the Pathways Clubhouse with RCMP officers to
 provide support and encouragement to Pathway clients that have mental illness and to
 create positive client relationships with police. Auxiliary Constables accompanied
 RCMP officers on checks of clients well-being throughout the community.
- <u>ICBC Safety Programs</u> assisted RCMP officers with Pedestrian Safety and Lock-Out Auto Crime campaigns by providing support and assistance to community policing volunteers.
- Youth Programs participated with RCMP officers in the "Difference Makers" initiative to promote youth leadership and mentoring to foster social responsibility.
- <u>Break and Enter Awareness Initiative</u> canvassed neighborhoods with increased break and enter activity to promote crime prevention awareness, best practices and promote the Block Watch Program with RCMP officers and volunteers.
- <u>Alzeimers "Walk for the Memories"</u> assisted RCMP officers at an information booth at this event to promote seniors' safety.
- <u>Memorial Service for Cst. David Wynn</u> participated in the memorial service and parade at "E" Division Headquarters in Surrey.
- Ride-a-Longs provided support to RCMP officers with traffic and general duty shifts. Ride-a-long duties have increased as a result of the supervision policy change.

Block Watch/Business Link

Activities for January 2015 include:

- There were 105 residential and 28 business break and enter email alerts and 202 residential and 15 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.
- An email alert was sent to all registered residential email addresses concerning a Crime Stopper Alert regarding an assault on the Skytrain.
- The 4th Quarter 2014 Crime Prevention and Business Link newsletters were distributed to the public by email, on the web pages, and paper copes mailed to Richmond residents and business owners.(Attachments 3 & 4)
- On January 20, the Lancelot Drive Block Watch meeting was held at Richmond City Hall and approximately 150 people attended
- Break and Enter Reduction Project: Crime Prevention, Auxiliary Constables and volunteers visited 356 Richmond homes to engage the public in home security information.

Criminal Activity Maps

This interactive crime mapping tool shows where the recent property crimes have occurred in Richmond. The Criminal Activity Map is located on the City of Richmond's website at: www.richmond.ca/safety/police.htm. The following table shows the number of web page visits for 2014.

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Month	# of Visits	Month	# of Visits
January	2,278	July	1,919
February	2,368	August	2,575
March	1,598	September	2,185
April	1,678	October	9,621
May	1,604	November	2,507
June	1,766	December	3,298
TOTAL			33,397

Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock-Out Auto Crime Statistics

In partnership with ICBC, these programs involve volunteers patrolling city streets and parking lots for automobile security vulnerabilities and stolen vehicles. Under the 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 the contents safe.

Inspection criteria include:

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device? (e.g.: alarm, immobilizer or steering wheel-lock)
- Are there any personal belongings in plain view?
- Is the vehicle locked?
- Have all suitable steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

Volunteers focused on checking vehicles in parking lots of shopping areas during the Christmas season.

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year for the number of vehicles issued a notice.

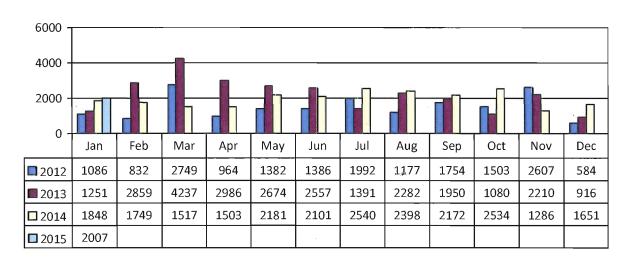


Figure 2: Stolen Auto Recovery / Lock-Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a
Notice

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 the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket. For the last few months the volunteers have been focused on pedestrian safety, Lock Out Auto Crime blitzes and events such as Work Safe BC fair and Kwantlen Open House to promote pedestrian safety.

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

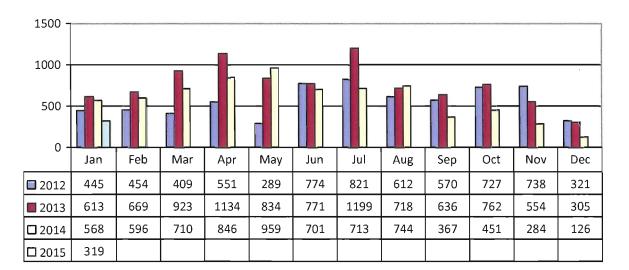


Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent

Distracted Drivers Statistics

While volunteers are performing bike/foot patrols or Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones; talking or texting, 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. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount the fine would be had the driver received a violation ticket. The continuous media messages from ICBC on the radio and television regarding distracter drivers seem to be reaching the population as the volunteers are not observing as many drivers per volunteer shift. For the last few months the volunteers have been focused on pedestrian safety, Lock Out Auto Crime blitzes and events such as Work Safe BC fair and Kwantlen Open House to promote pedestrian safety.

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

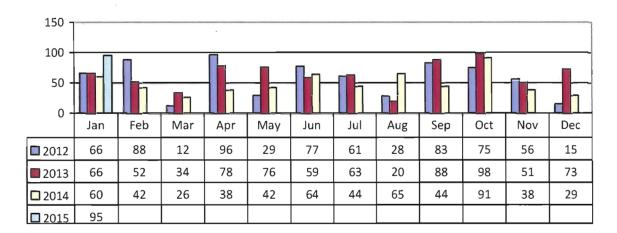


Figure 4: Distracted Driver Letters Sent

Volunteer Foot/Van Patrol and Bike Patrol Program

In January 2015, there were 16 foot/van patrols, totaling 115 hours and 5 bike patrols totaling 27 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions and general questions, as well as witnessed minor vehicle collisions and offered assistance. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and used palm pilots to run license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. During the patrols, 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:

- On January 5, David Long, who is a City Center volunteer, started training in the RCMP Training Academy at Depot in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- Volunteers and staff received ICBC training for the new Speed Watch Reader Board.
 Richmond is one of six Detachments in the Province to receive the new reader board from ICBC.
- Volunteers participated in the Business Link Program with two constables from the Crime Prevention Unit. Volunteers visited 30 businesses and gave out 30 packages as well as handed out 340 Lock-Out Auto Crime notices in the parking lot.
- In the Richmond Centre area, volunteers participated in two Pedestrian Safety Blitzes with Crime Prevention constables. There were 1,000 reflectors given out to the public.
- Volunteers participated in a volunteer refresher day to review note taking, Lock-Out Auto Crime, Speed Watch and how to use the radios.
- On January 27, one of the City Centre volunteers who recently graduated from the RCMP's Training Academy came back to do a presentation for the station volunteers.
 Topics presented were the RCMP application process, life at Depot and then a question and answer period.

- Volunteer's Speed Watch Training with the Detachment's Road Safety constables was held on January 29 at the South Arm Community Police Station.
- Volunteers participated in Crime Watch for a shadowing/ride-along shift. One of the Auxiliary Constables will be training the volunteers in March to increase the number of Crime Watch volunteers.

B & E Reduction Project

- Volunteers participated in a 5 day blitz by doing foot patrols in Zone 2 which is south and north west Richmond bounded by No. 2 Road, River Road and Dyke Road West & South as well as Zone 5 which is South East Richmond bounded by No. 2 Road, Granville Avenue, No. 4 Road, Westminster Highway, No. 7 Road and Dye Road South. Volunteers distributed a package which included: a Crime Prevention Newsletter, Incident Checklist, "When and How to Call the Police" Brochure, Residential Break and Enter Prevention Tips and Business cards to register their email address to receive residential break and enter alerts.
- During the 5 day blitz 54 volunteers participated with 14 police officers, visited 806 residential houses, 738 packages distributed, 69 email addresses registered and 117 face to face interactions.

Road Safety Unit

Name	Act	Example	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	756	713	904
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	291	346	391
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	20	58	50
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	4	7	11
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	0	0

Victim Services

• From January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 42 new clients and attended 11 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 210 on-going files.

• Victim Services provided on-going emotional support to help victims of robberies, property crime and a significant number of medical related sudden deaths. Referrals are provided for long term help.

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

3: 4th Quarter Crime Prevention Newsletter

4: 4th Quarter Business Link Newsletter



JANUARY 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.

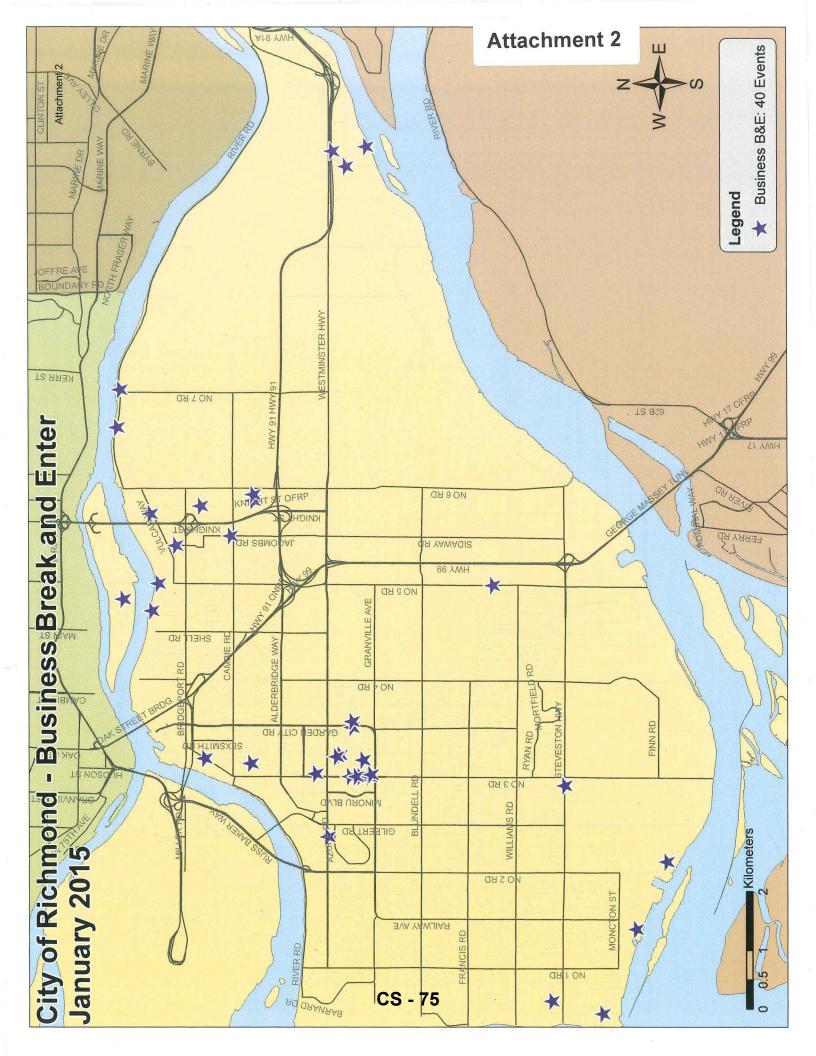
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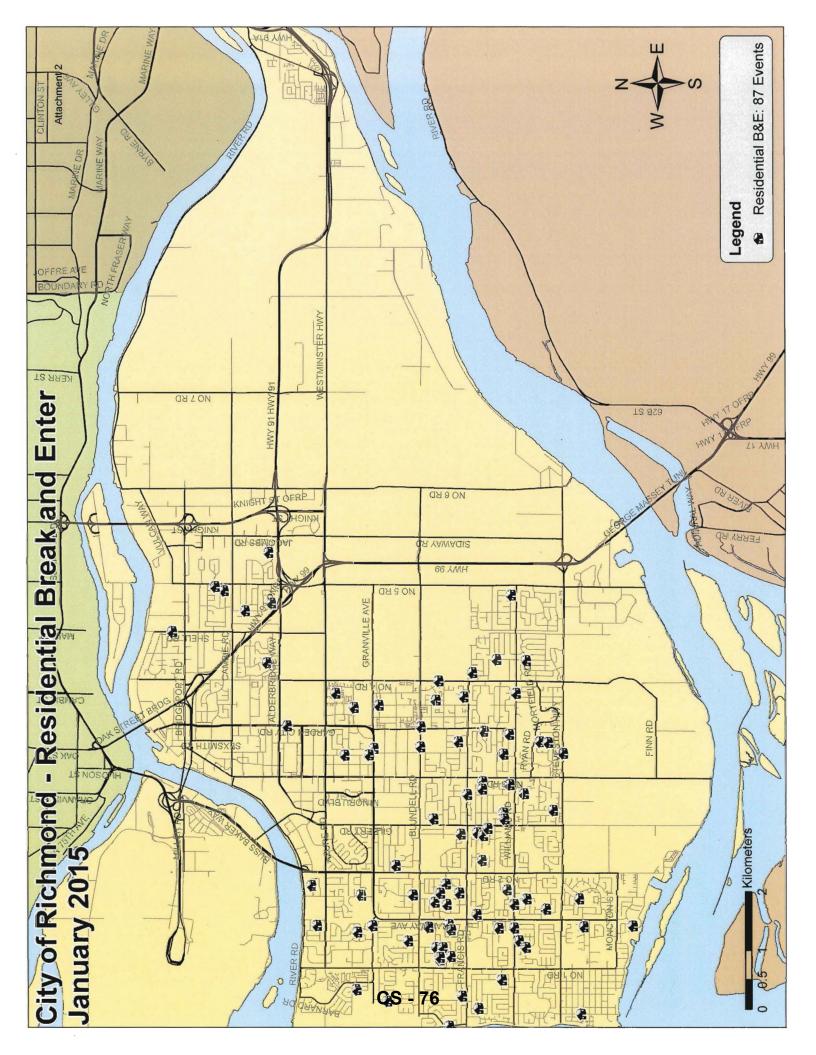
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VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	87	110.8	101-120	104	87	-16.3%	-17
Robbery	10	12.8	5-21	12	10	-16.7%	-2
Assault Common	38	36.0	32-40	34	38	11.8%	4
Assault w/ Weapon	9	12.0	10-14	9	9	0.0%	0
Sexual Offences	2	4.8	3-7	3	2	-33.3%	-1
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	694	689.0	634-744	721	694	-3.7%	-27
Business B&E	40	36.6	26-47	30	40	33.3%	10
Residential B&E	87	84.2	72-97	90	87	-3.3%	-3
MV Theft	30	29.0	19-39	24	30	25.0%	6
Theft From MV	148	201.0	151-251	247	148	-40.1%	-99
Theft	157	116.8	112-121	113	157	38.9%	44
Shoplifting	58	55.4	46-65	50	58	16.0%	8
Fraud	63	45.2	39-51	45	63	40.0%	18
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	173	160.0	142-178	180	173	-3.9%	-7
Arson - Property	2	3.2	1-5	3	2	-33.3%	-1
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	954	959.8	891-1029	1005	954	-5.1%	-51
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	50	69.8	52-87	59	50	-15.3%	-9

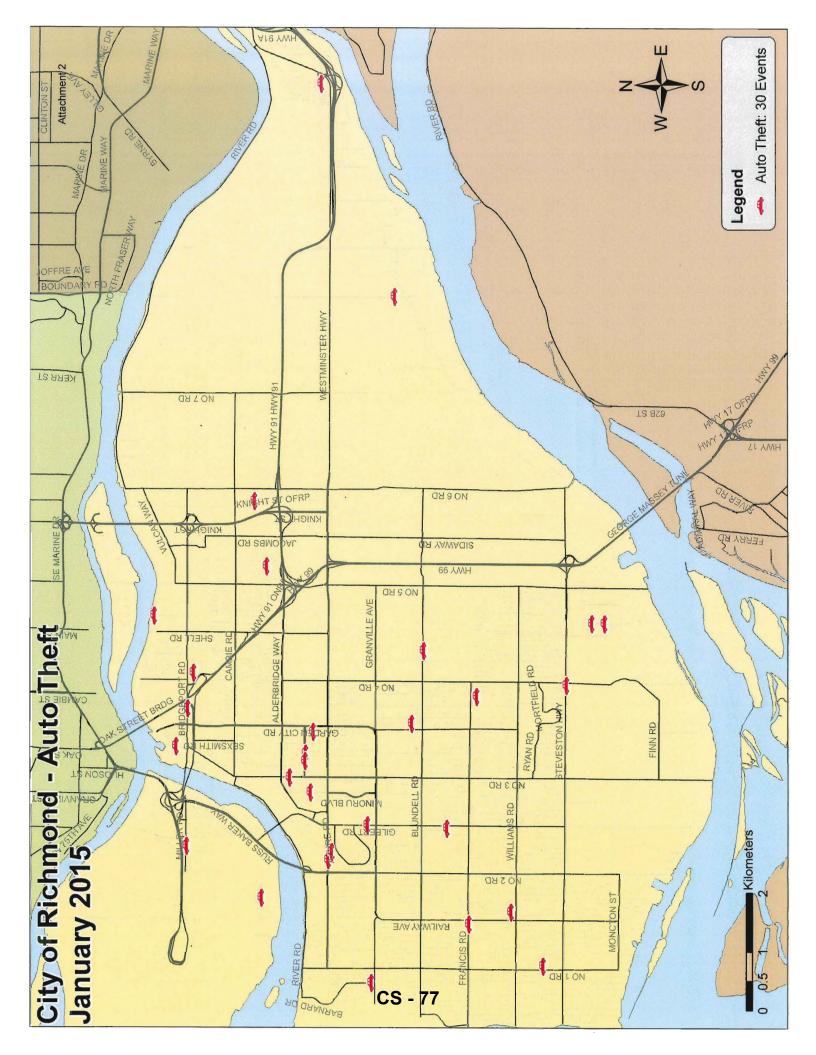
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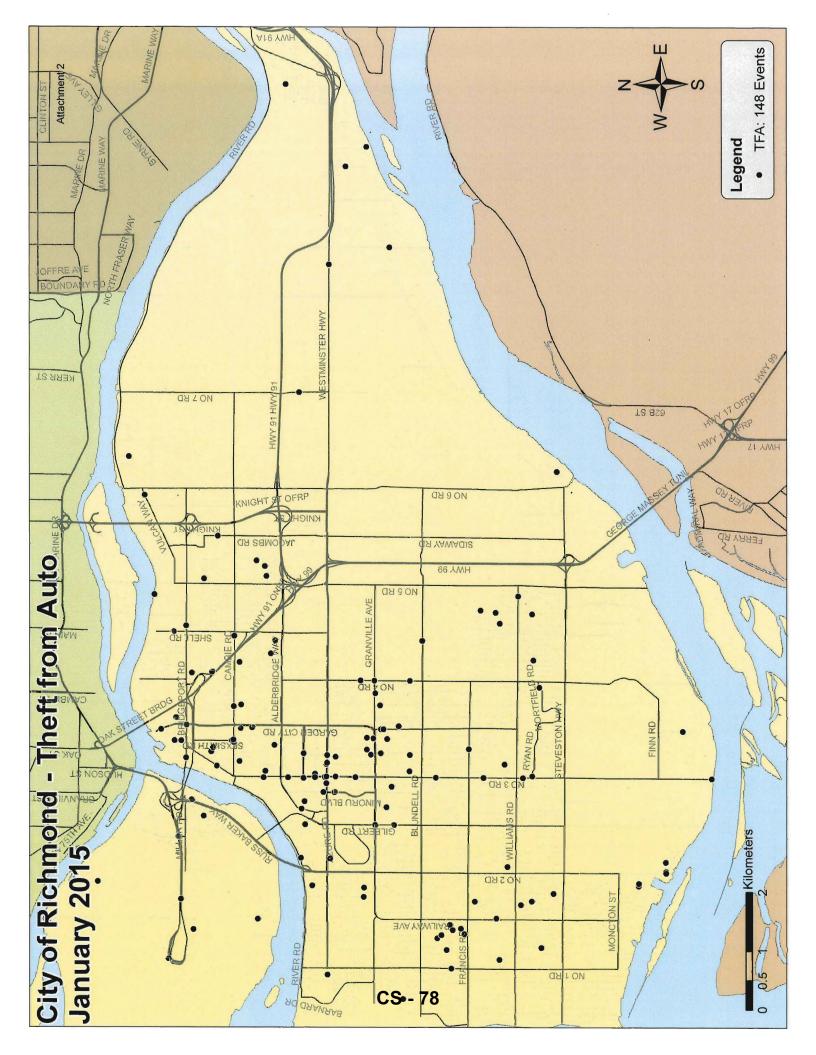
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RICHMOND RCMP

4th Ort. 2014

CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

SLOW Campaign #SLOW Campaign



In light of numerous tragic pedestrian crashes, Richmond RCMP, the City of Richmond, and ICBC are teaming up to remind citizens to walk safer.

The #SLOW campaign stands for Stop, Look, Observe then Walk. Free, reflective decals are available at the Community Police Stations (Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). The Community Police Stations are located at: City Centre CoPS, 140–5671 No. 3 Road; South Arm CoPS, 8880 Williams Road, Steveston CoPS, 4371 Moncton Street.

Pedestrians need to wear bright, reflective clothing or reflective decals/armbands whenever walking at night to increase their visibility.

Block Watch works!

In 2014, 87% of all residential break and enters occurred in non-Block Watch neighbourhoods! Block Watch works when you and your neighbours get to know one another, and report suspicious people/activities in your neighbourhood to the Police. When neighbours work together, they can combat crime in their neighbourhood the most effective way—before it happens. For more information about the Richmond RCMP Block Watch program, please visit www.richmond.ca/blockwatch, or call 604-713-2340, or email blockwatch@richmond.ca

Online Reporting

Richmond RCMP has launched an Online Reporting web page for reporting minor offences under \$5,000 dollars. If you are interested in viewing the online system, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/crime-report/report-online

Home Security

Richmond RCMP would like to remind residents to be vigilant in securing their homes as there has been an abnormally high incidence of home break-ins throughout Richmond. Some of the most common items that have been stolen include jewellery, currency, laptop computers, cell phones, iPods, iPads, and video game consoles.

Home Security Tips:

- Ensure your home is well-lit and consider installing motion or timer-activated lighting.
- Keep doors and windows locked even if you are at home.
- Store your valuables in a secure place or for high dollar items, utilize a safety deposit box.
- Avoid announcing your vacation plans on social media.
- Keep your vehicle locked and remove the garage door opener from your vehicle when entering your home.
- Cancel your mail delivery service and have a trusted friend remove flyers and newspapers from your home during your absence.
- Get to know your neighbours as they may be the best "eyes and ears" for when you are away from home.
- Start a Block Watch group in your neighbourhood!

If you see suspicious or criminal activity (and the suspect is present), call the Police immediately at 9-1-1. If there is no suspect present, call the Police non-emergency number at 604 278-1212.

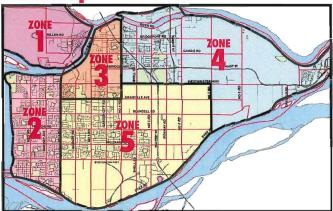
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Richmond Residential Break and Enters (2014 & 2013)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Jan 2014	3	25	14	4	39
lan 2013	0	28	13	10	42
Feb 2014	0	19	18	14	20
Feb 2013	0	16	12	6	35
Mar 2014	1	20	16	10	26
Mar 2013	0	12	13	6	19
Apr 2014	0	11	10	4	22
Apr 2013	0	4	12	5	20
May 2014	0	27	15	2	23
May 2013	0	3	10	14	3
Jun 2014	0	16	5	. 7	22
Jun 2013	0	11	9	4	12
Jul 2014	0	23	9	5	33
Jul 2013	0	13	14	8	28
Aug 2014	0	25	12	3	38
Aug 2013	0	12	10	2	23
Sep 2014	0	43	21	5	33
Sep 2013	0	8	16	8	15
Oct 2014	0	19	10	11	39
Oct 2013	0	30	18	3	16
Nov 2014	0	47	22	9	51
Nov 2013	0	11	24	4	18
Dec 2014	0	53	7	10	74
Dec 2013	3	12	18	2	14

Zone Map



The above map outlines the five zones in Richmond. The chart to the left provides details on the number of Residential B&Es that have occurred in each zone.

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. If a suspect is present, call 9-1-1. If no suspect is present, call the Police non-emergency number at 604-278-1212.

Report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Point of Entry Breakdown (Dec. 2014)

Zone 1	0 break and enters	
Zone 2	53 break and enters	15 thru doors, 1 thru unlocked door, 18 thru windows, 8 thru unlocked windows, 9 thru sliding doors, 1 thru an unlocked sliding door, 1 other point of entry
Zone 3	7 break and enters	3 thru doors, 1 thru unlocked door, 2 thru windows, 1 thru an unlocked window
Zone 4	10 break and enters	5 thru doors, 2 thru windows, 2 thru a sliding door, 1 other point of entry
Zone 5	74 break and enters	30 thru doors, 5 thru unlocked doors, 24 thru windows, 3 thru unlocked windows, 7 thru sliding doors, 3 thru unlocked sliding doors, 2 other points of entry



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4th Qrt. 2014

BUSINESS LINK

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NEWSLETTER

Richmond Commercial Break and Enters

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Jan 2014	0	2	7	11	2
Jan 2013	2	3	21	11	5
Feb 2014	0	2	10	12	5
Feb 2013	0	5	17	7	3
Mar 2014	0	0	5	5	0
Mar 2013	1	1	19	21	0
Apr 2014	0	0	9	7	3
Apr 2013	0	2	9	16	1
May 2014	0	1	15	6	6
May 2013	0	3	10	14	3
Jun 2014	0	1	15	5	1
Jun 2013	0	3	12	6	1
Jul 2014	0	5	4	9	3
Jul 2013	0	1	6	5	0
Aug 2014	1	0	18	7	4
Aug 2013	0	0	8	9	2
Sep 2014	0	3	7	9	4
Sep 2013	0	0	6	6	1
Oct 2014	0	1	9	11	1
Oct 2013	0	1	7	9	1
Nov 2014	0	2	15	5	2
Nov 2013	0	1	5	4	3
Dec 2014	0	1	17	12	4
Dec 2013	0	2	7	6	1 1

Point of Entry Breakdown (Dec 2014)

Zone 1	0 break and enters	
Zone 2	1 break and enters	1 thru door
Zone 3	17 break and enters	9 thru doors; 1 thru window; 7other points of entry
Zone 4	12 break and enters	6 thru a doors; 2 thru windows; 4 other points of entry
Zone 5	4 break and enters	2 thru doors; 1 thru a window; 1 other point of entry

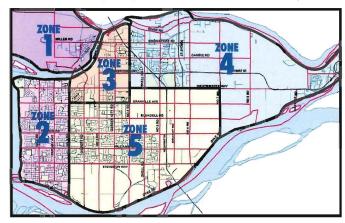
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Criminal Activity Map



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If your business has been broken into, do not touch anything. If a suspect is present, call 9-1-1. If no suspect is present, call the Police non-emergency number at 604-278-1212

Report all suspicious criminal activity to Police.

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



