



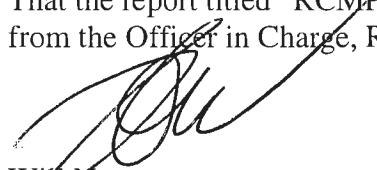
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Report to Committee

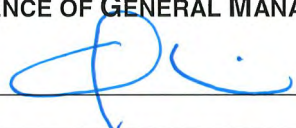

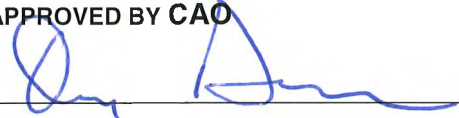
To: Community Safety Committee
From: Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
Date: March 19, 2018
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Re: **RCMP Monthly Activity Report – February 2018**

Staff Recommendation

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


Will Ng
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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

Attempted Murder

On February 1, 2018, a male arrived at Richmond General Hospital suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. His injuries were determined to be non-life-threatening. The incident is under investigation by the Richmond Serious Crime Unit.

Pedestrian Struck

On February 6, 2018, RCMP officers responded to No. 4 Road and Steveston Highway for a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. The young female victim had been crossing No. 4 Road when a vehicle struck her while turning right. The driver continued driving with the pedestrian pinned under the vehicle until witnesses alerted the driver of her presence. The pedestrian was taken to BC Children's Hospital where she was listed in stable condition. The driver of the vehicle was issued a violation ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

Mail Theft

On February 7, 2018, a female suspect was observed exiting a building after a mail theft incident had occurred. RCMP officers searched the area and the Integrated Police Dog Services deployed a police dog to assist in locating the suspect. The suspect was arrested and is currently facing

multiple charges, including theft of mail and break and enter. This arrest contributed to a reduction in the number of commercial break and enter crimes for the month of February (more details in Crime Statistics section).

Charitable Participation

On February 16, 2018, RCMP officers, including Superintendent Will Ng, attended the "Creating Community Champions Gala" in support of Kidsport Richmond. Richmond Detachment strongly promotes programs supporting youth in the community. This charitable organization was founded in BC and has chapters across Canada. The Richmond chapter has been raising funds to help under privileged children participate in organized sport since it was formed 10 years ago.

Motor Vehicle Incidents

On February 22, 2018, Richmond Detachment reported that officers had responded to 22 motor vehicle collisions over a 24 hour period. Snow and icy conditions made driving conditions challenging. A police cruiser was also damaged in an accident when the vehicle was struck from behind. The RCMP officer involved in the collision was taken to hospital and later released. Social media was used to remind drivers to use caution, reduce speed and clear their vehicles of snow during winter driving conditions.

Analysis of Crime Statistics

Arson

In February 2018, there was one incident of arson, which is down one from the previous month and represents no change from February 2017. This number remains within the five-year statistical average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were four assault serious events in February 2018, which is down 55 per cent from January 2018. This number is below the five-year average range and represents a 50 per cent decrease from February 2017.

Auto Theft

There were 16 auto theft incidents this month, which represents no change from the previous month. Auto theft is significantly below the five-year average range. The total number of auto thefts this month is 41 per cent lower than the total recorded in February 2017. For the second consecutive month, the number of auto thefts is near an all-time low due to seasonal trends, enhanced enforcement and some offenders being in custody.

Drugs

This month, there were 33 drug incidents, which is a 25 per cent reduction from January 2018. This number is lower than the five-year expected range and represents a 56 per cent decrease from February 2017 due to less than normal files generated at the airport.

Mental Health

There were 108 mental health incidents recorded in February 2018. This marks a three per cent decrease from January 2018 and a two per cent decrease from February 2017. Mental health incidents are within the five-year statistical average range.¹

Residential Break and Enter

There were 88 break and enters in February 2018. This is a 17 per cent increase from the previous month. The total number of residential break and enters for the month is significantly above the five-year average of 66.4 and outside of the five-year expected average range of 57 to 76. This total represents a 43 per cent increase from February 2017.

This recent crime trend has been linked with theft from automobiles. Offenders have been able to access homes more easily by using garage door openers which have been left in unsecured parked cars.

Commercial Break and Enter

In February 2018 there were 23 break and enters to businesses, which is a marked 67 per cent decrease from the previous month's total of 70. Trends were identified during the month of January 2018, which contributed to the number being outside the expected range. The total for February 2018 is 51 per cent lower than the total recorded in February 2017.

A suspect who had been identified in a series of mail thefts last month, and who was the target of an ongoing investigation, was arrested in early February, which likely contributed to this reduction.

Robbery

There were three robbery incidents in February 2018, which is down two from the previous month. This number is 40 per cent lower than the total recorded in February 2017. Robbery incidents remain below the five-year average range.

Sexual Assault

There were seven sexual assault files recorded in February 2018, which is a 71 per cent reduction from the previous month. The number of files this month is below the five-year average and within the expected five-year average range. The total number of sexual assault files this month is 43 per cent higher than recorded in February 2017.

While violent crime trends are difficult to predict, it is likely that the significant decrease observed this month is a statistical anomaly and the number of sex offence files will return to

¹ Detachment training sessions and audits have been designed to help members better recognize when to flag files as mental health related. As a result, better training has led to a more accurate representation of calls for service and has increased the number of mental health flagged files.

higher numbers. This is based on the recently observed trends of increased reporting of sexual assault and high numbers of child pornography seizures.

Shoplifting

There were 64 shoplifting thefts in February 2018, which is within the five-year statistical average range. The number is 31 per cent higher than the total recorded in February 2017.

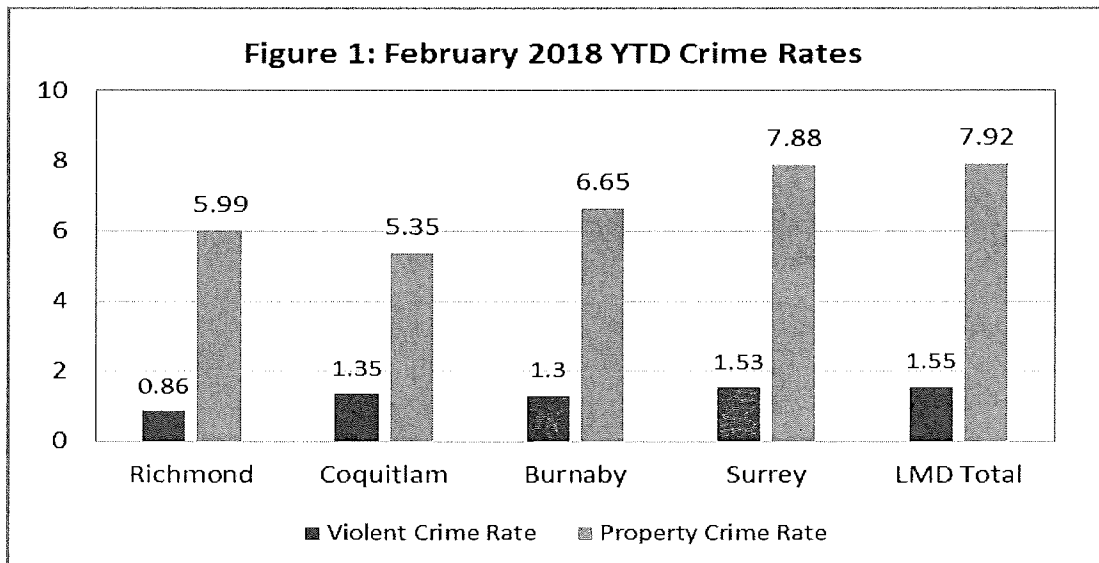
Theft from Auto

There were 193 thefts from auto incidents this month, which is an 11 per cent decrease from January 2018. This number was within the five-year average range and is five per cent higher than the total recorded in February 2017.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

Current data indicates that across the Lower Mainland District (LMD), 73 per cent of prolific offenders are active in at least three jurisdictions. One prolific offender who is active in Richmond is also active in nine other municipalities. This underpins the value of strong working collaborations across jurisdictions in order to manage prolific offenders. Offender management is an integral component of the Detachment’s crime reduction strategy.

In order to facilitate a meaningful comparison of crime types across jurisdictions, data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).² Out of the four largest RCMP Detachments in the Lower Mainland, year to date Richmond has the lowest violent crime rate. This low crime rate is also observed in the property crime rate, where Richmond ranks second lowest.

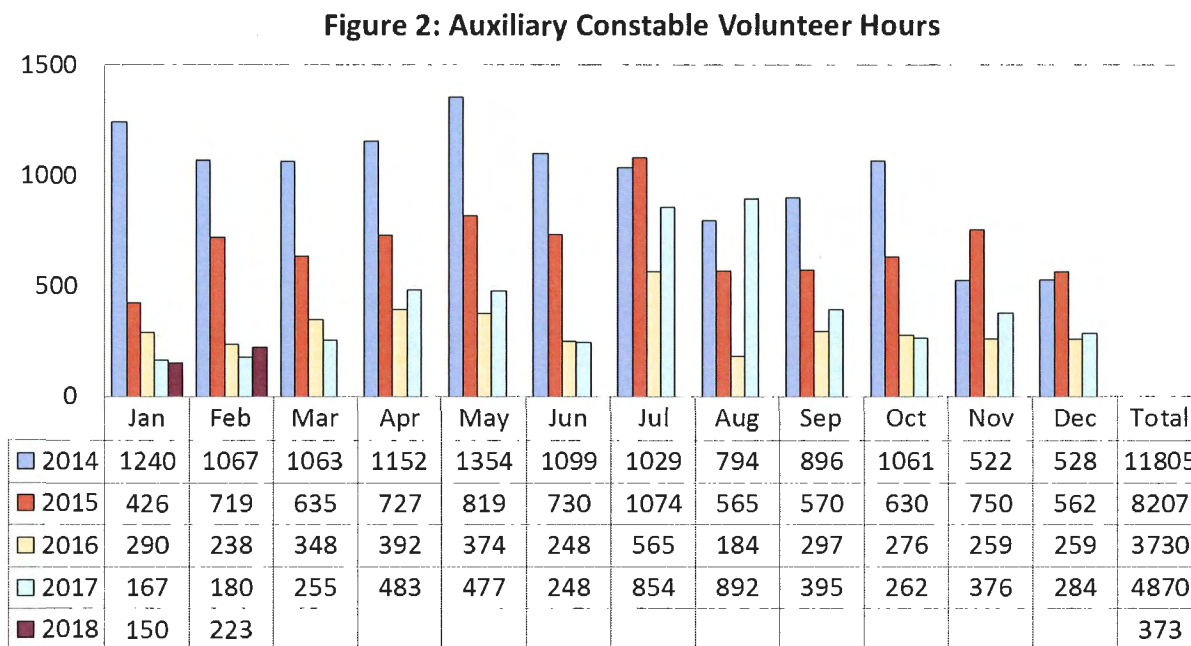


² Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations)

Auxiliary Constable Program

In February 2018, Richmond Detachment had a total complement of 35 Auxiliary Constables, who provided a total of 223 volunteer hours. The Detachment plans to have a new troop of 30 Auxiliary Constables recruited to start training in fall 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 February Auxiliary Constables participated in:

- Crime Watch
- Children’s Festival
- School Sports

Block Watch

At the end of February 2018, the Block Watch program had 451 groups totaling 10,293 participants. Currently, the program includes 596 captains and co-captains which is no change from the previous month in captains or groups, but the program has decreased by four participants.

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 pursued 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.

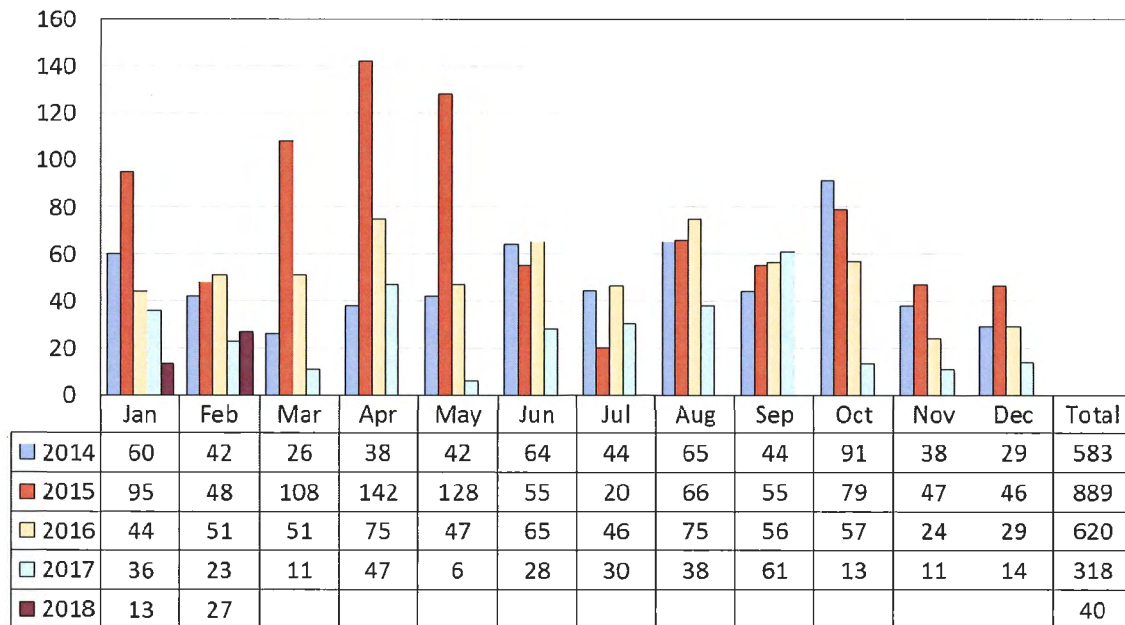
During the month of February volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of 38 foot/van patrols totalling 319 hours and three bike patrols totalling 40 hours.
- 46 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 1,273 warning letters.
- Conducted Speed Watch on 4,735 vehicles at various locations.
- Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) notices were issued on 3,228 vehicles at various locations.
- February 5 – Two RCMP members in the Crime Prevention Unit led Community Policing Volunteers in a LOAC and Mail Theft blitz at various locations in Richmond, which were identified as “hot spots” and participated in face to face engagement with the public.
- February 7 – 15 Volunteers, led by an RCMP member, participated in a LOAC blitz which was deployed from the City Centre Community Police Station. Five strategic locations were targeted in central Richmond. This event led to the distribution of 829 LOAC notices.
- February 13 to 27 – Five Volunteer Speed Watch deployments occurred in East Richmond on River Road. This resulted in a total of 57 letters being sent to drivers observed speeding. The letters provide information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fines.
- February 19 – Volunteers, led by an RCMP member, participated in a LOAC blitz in central Richmond. This included face to face engagement with the public and the distribution of 340 LOAC notices.
- February 19 – Six Volunteers and an RCMP member from the Youth Section participated in a School Sports Event at McNeely Elementary School.

Distracted Drivers

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

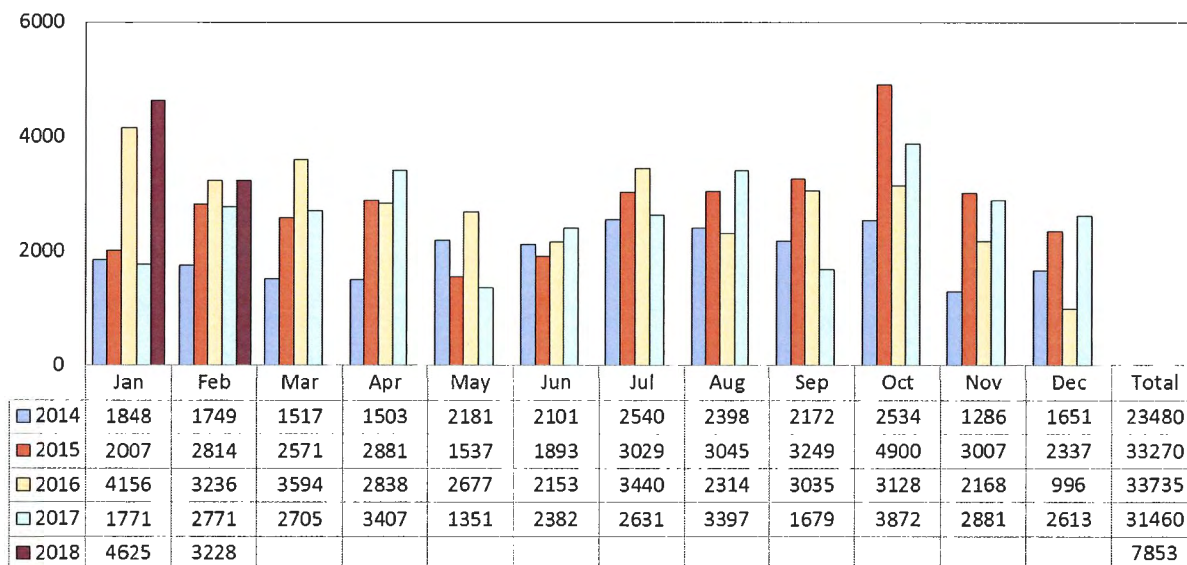
Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent



Lock-Out Auto Crime

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

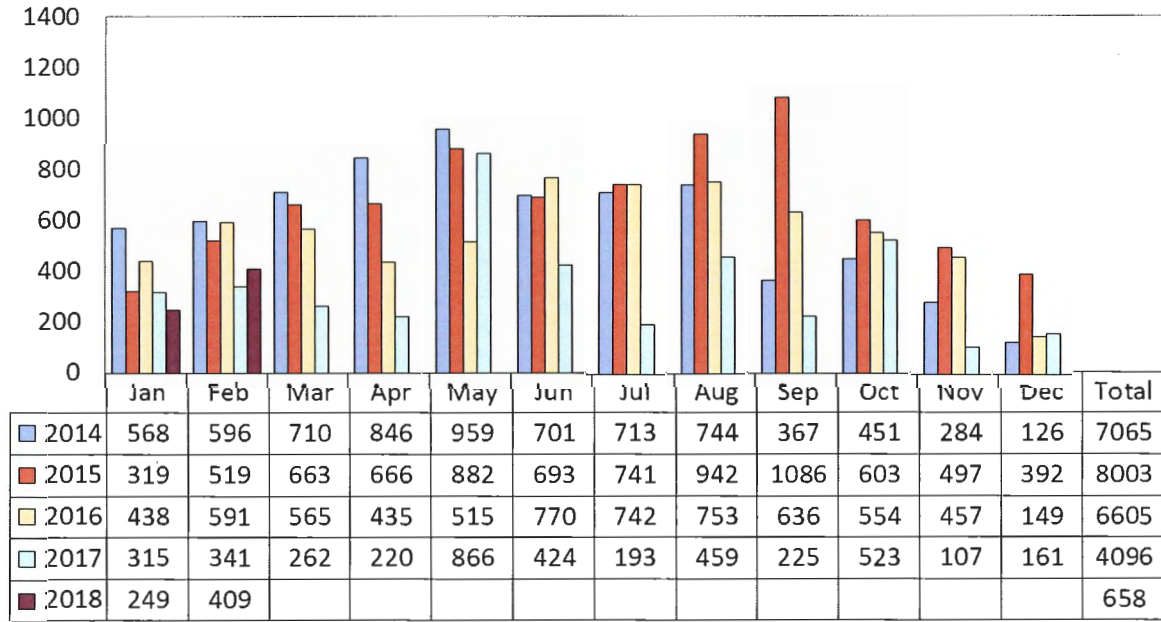
Figure 4: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



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

- “Coffee with a Cop”
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Crime Watch Training
- School Sports Events
- Senior Safety Presentations
- 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 statistics below compare February 2018 data to both January 2018 and December 2017. 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:

Infraction	December 2017	January 2018	February 2018
Distracted Driving	53	49	42
Driver License	174	108	130
Impaired	32	17	21
Intersection offences	57	79	72
Moving Violations	100	113	100
Speeding	124	70	127
Seatbelts	6	1	15
Vehicle Related	68	42	45
Other	10	11	8
Total	624	490	561

Notice and Orders issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	December 2017	January 2018	February 2018
Distracted Driving	14	10	6
Driver License	24	18	39
Intersection	32	37	34
Moving Violations	33	45	31
Speeding	44	54	53
Seatbelts	2	0	0
Vehicle Related	84	93	78
Other	3	3	3
Total	236	260	244

Parking Tickets:

Name	Act	Example	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	29	42	25

Victim Services

In February 2018 Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 56 new clients and attended nine crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 166 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical sudden deaths, mental health issues 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 February Youth Section members highlights include:

- After working closely with the Richmond School District, the Detachment's School Action for Emergencies (SAFE) coordinator has secured electronic key fobs that will allow responding police to enter through locked school doors, allowing police to respond in a faster and safer manner if required.³
- On February 28, RCMP members, including those in the Youth Section, participated in the annual "Pink Shirt Day" promoting bullying prevention by wearing pink T-shirts as part of their uniforms. In addition to attending schools on this date, Youth Section members also attended an event at Thompson Community Centre and participated in youth and community engagement.

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

³ SAFE is a national RCMP initiative. It is an operational database that delivers site specific emergency response plans to help front-line members respond efficiently and effectively to critical incidents.

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.

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.

FEBRUARY 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**.

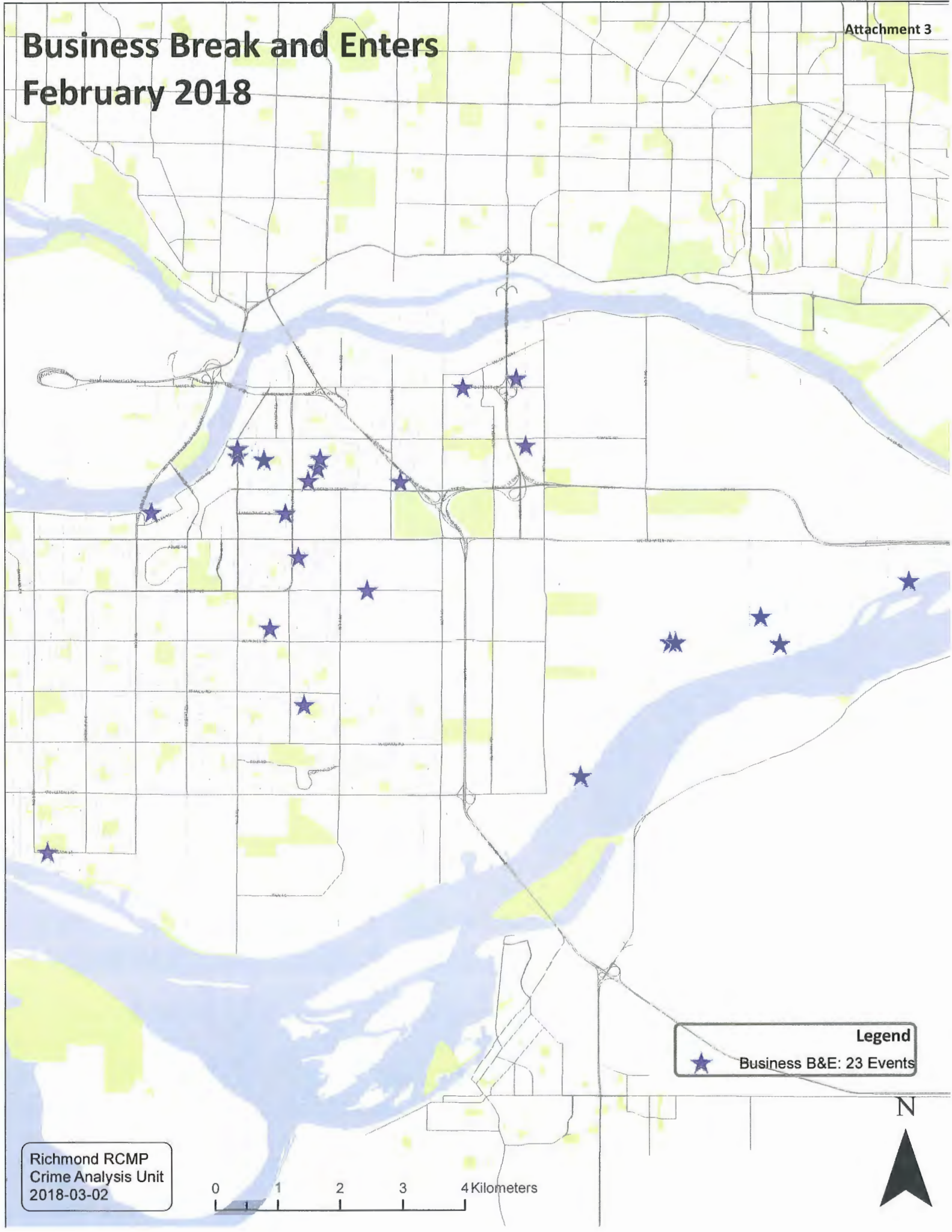
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
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VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	81	93.8	82-106	203	188	-7%	-15
Robbery <small>UCR 150 (131)</small>	3	6.6	2-11	9	8	-11%	-1
Assault Common <small>UCR 140</small>	31	35.0	31-39	77	73	-5%	-4
Assault Serious <small>UCR 140 1420</small>	4	6.8	5-9	20	13	-35%	-7
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1345, 1330, 1358, 1310</small>	7	9.0	7-11	15	31	107%	16
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	628	629.8	574-686	1417	1304	-8%	-113
Business B&E <small>UCR 210-1</small>	23	39.4	27-52	102	93	-9%	-9
Residential B&E <small>UCR 210-2</small>	88	66.4	57-76	155	163	5%	8
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (140) 2178</small>	16	26.0	20-32	59	32	-46%	-27
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132 2142</small>	193	177.6	146-210	426	410	-4%	-16
Theft <small>UCR 2130 2140</small>	91	106.0	92-120	221	190	-14%	-31
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133 2143</small>	64	57.0	42-72	97	126	30%	29
Fraud <small>UCR 2130 (141) 2154 2158</small>	64	59.8	46-74	162	126	-22%	-36
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	168	153.4	136-171	312	339	9%	27
Arson <small>UCR 1529, 2110</small>	1	2.8	1-4	6	3	-50%	-3
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	877	877.0	797-957	1932	1831	-5%	-101
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	33	56.4	44-68	108	77	-29%	-31
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	108	97.2	86-109	233	219	-6%	-14

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Business Break and Enters February 2018



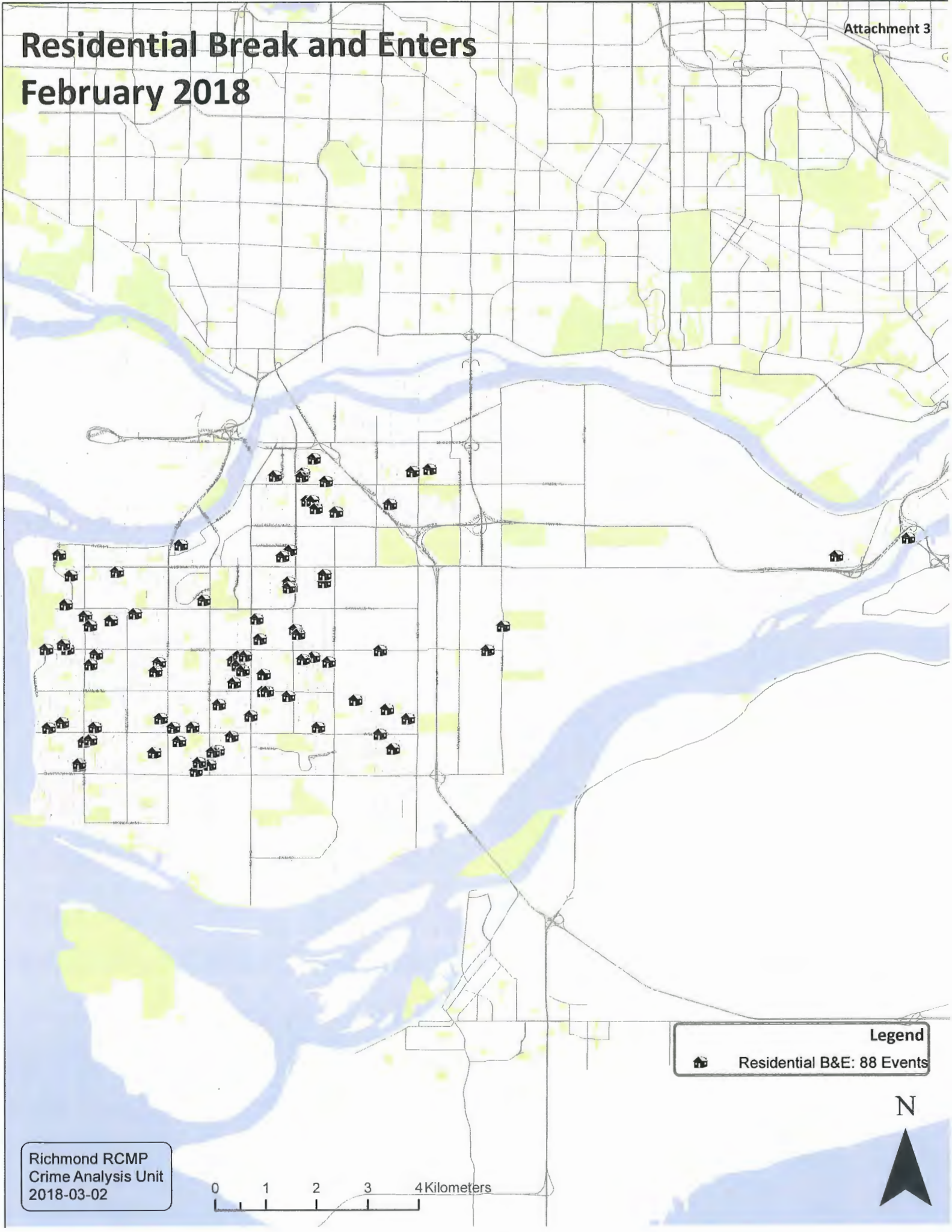
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Residential Break and Enters February 2018



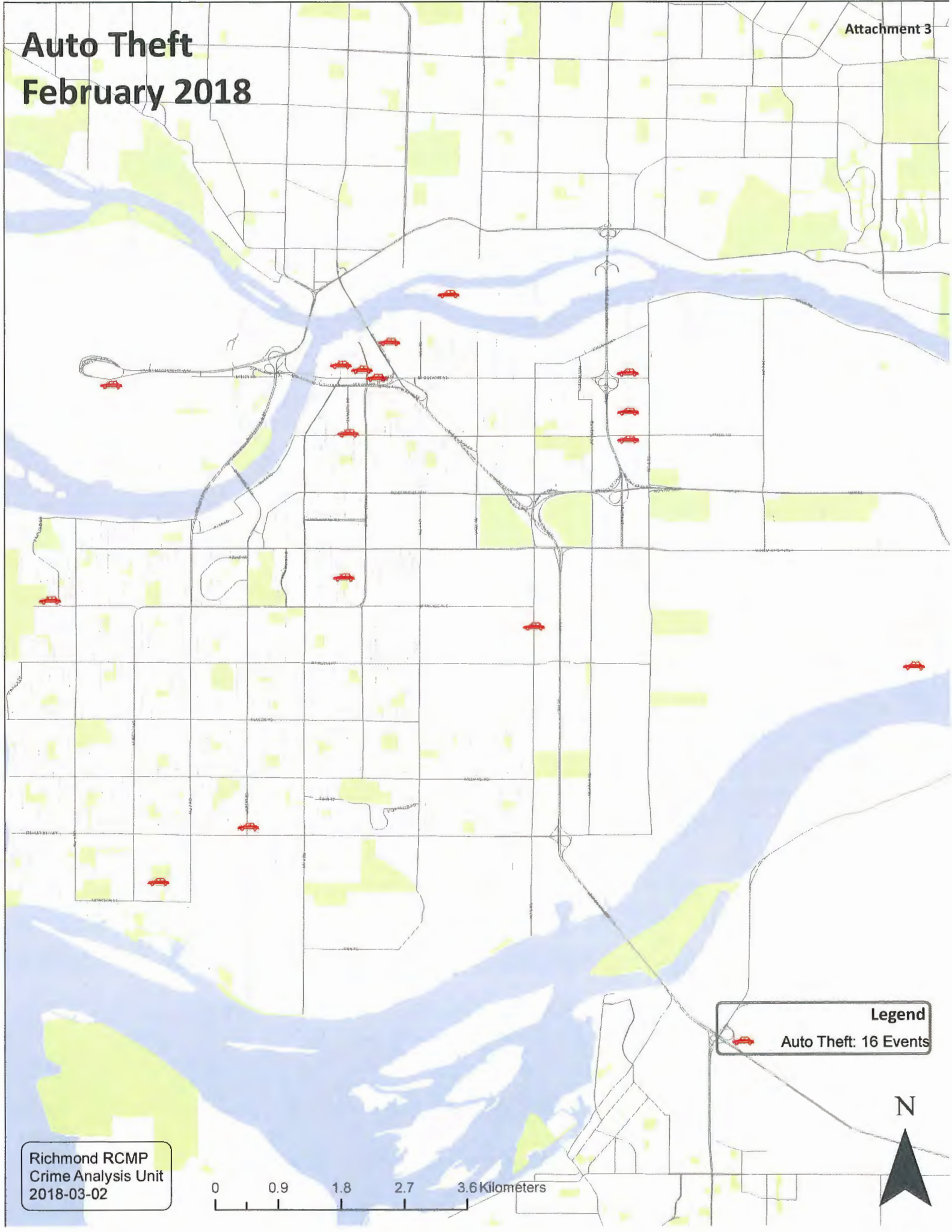
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Auto Theft February 2018



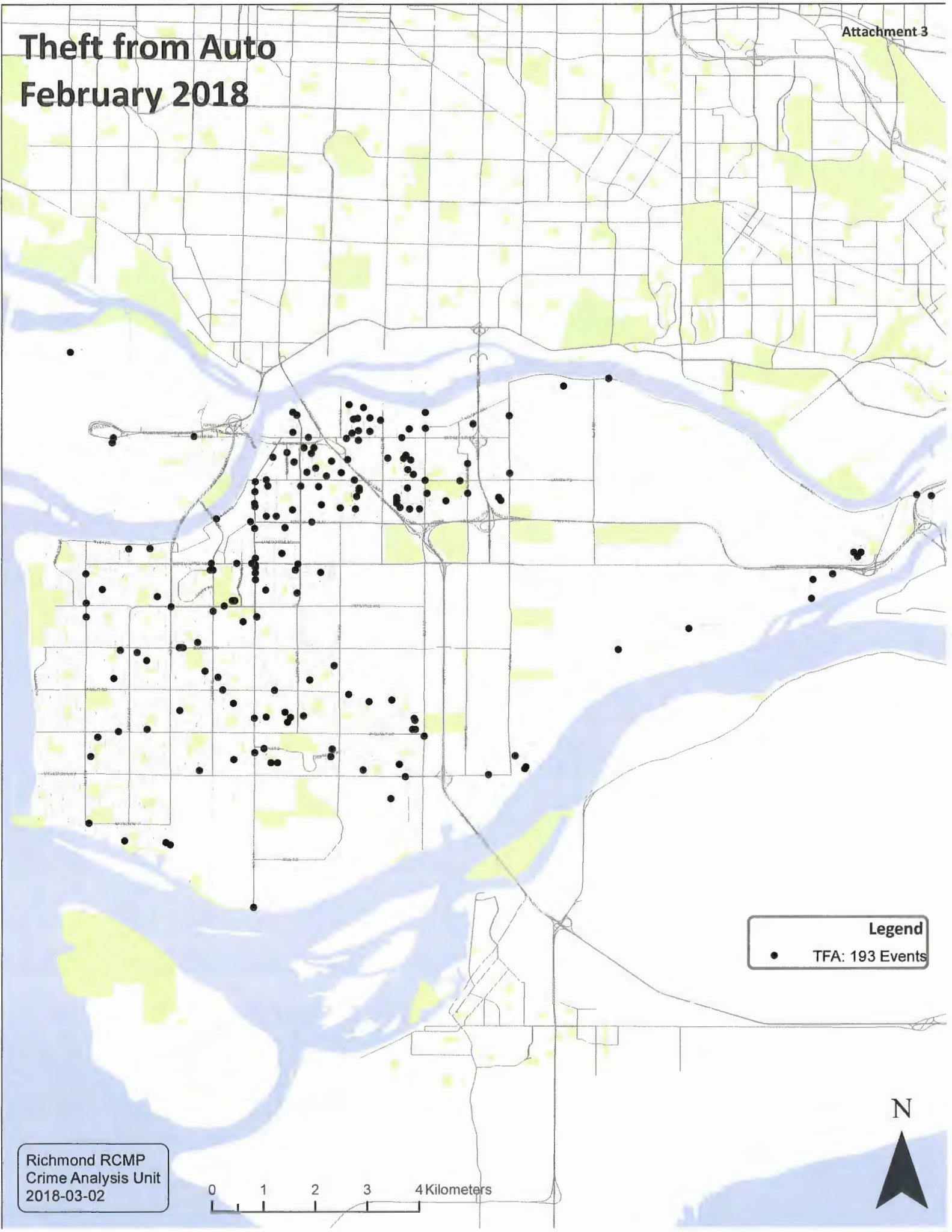
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Theft from Auto February 2018



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