



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** November 9, 2022

From: Dave Chauhan **File:** 09-5000-01/2022-Vol
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge 01




Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – October 2022

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – October 2022”, dated November 9, 2022, 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 Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Shooting

On October 2, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers responded to the 8000 block of Sunnymede Crescent for reports of shots fired. Upon arrival, police located two men suffering from gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to hospital, where one man was pronounced deceased. Police believe the shooting was targeted. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team is investigating.

Fatal Collision

On October 3, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers responded to the area of Russ Baker Way and Inglis Drive for a motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle and a transport bus. The motorcyclist sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Richmond RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team is investigating.

Hit and Run

On October 5, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers attended the area of No. 1 Road and Tucker Avenue for reports of a struck pedestrian. An 11-year-old boy had been struck by a vehicle while in a marked crosswalk. The driver had also hit another vehicle before fleeing the scene. Police issued a public appeal for witnesses the following day. The incident remains under investigation.

Sexual Assault

On October 29, 2022, the Richmond RCMP received a report of a sexual assault at a bus stop near the 7600 block of Abercrombie Drive. Police immediately conducted patrols in the area but did not locate the suspect. The Richmond RCMP also issued a media release with a suspect description. The incident remains under investigation.

Pedestrian Safety

The Richmond RCMP, in partnership with ICBC, recognized October as Pedestrian Safety Month. As nearly half of all crashes with pedestrians happen between October and January, volunteers and police officers conducted increased pedestrian public education and awareness initiatives throughout the month, including the distribution of safety reflectors. Approximately 3,000 safety reflectors were distributed as part of this safety initiative.

Analysis of Police Statistics

Arson

In October 2022, there were 10 reported arsons, which is up one incident from the previous month and up five incidents from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the expected range.

Suspects have been identified in two of the events reported this month. The incidents remain under investigation

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 20 assault serious events in October 2022, which is up 54 per cent from the previous month and up 43 per cent from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is above the expected range.

To date, suspects have been identified in 75 per cent of the incidents. Two of the assaults reported this month were stranger assaults; these events did not result in significant injuries.

Auto Theft

In October 2022, there were 33 incidents of auto theft, which is a 38 per cent increase from the previous month and is a 43 per cent increase from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range.

Drugs

In October 2022, there were 28 drug files, which is up 56 cent from the previous month and down 18 per cent from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

Mental Health

There were 208 mental health-related incidents in October 2022, which is an eight per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 21 per cent decrease from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the expected range.

There were 73 police apprehensions this month and the average hospital wait time was 98 minutes; both of these statistics are within the expected ranges.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 16 break and enters to residences in October 2022, which is a six per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 43 per cent decrease from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the expected range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In October 2022, there were 27 break and enters to businesses, which represents a seven per cent decrease from the previous month and is an eight per cent increase from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the expected range.

Robbery

There were no robberies in October 2022, which is down six incidents from the previous month and down four incidents from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is below the expected range.

Sexual Offences

In October 2022, there were 23 sexual offence files, which is almost double the number reported the previous month and is a 44 per cent increase from October 2021.¹ No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is above the expected range.

Suspects have been identified in 87 per cent of the incidents reported this month.

Shoplifting

There were 81 reported shoplifting thefts in October 2022, which is a two per cent decrease from the previous month and is an 88 per cent increase from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the expected range.

¹ The Sexual Offences category comprises a range of offences including: sexual assault, sexual interference, making and distributing child pornography, possessing and accessing child pornography and indecent acts/exposing.

Theft from Automobile

There were 115 theft from automobile incidents in October 2022, which is down 12 per cent from the previous month and down three per cent from October 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the expected range.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2018 and October 31, 2022.² A “hate crime” refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime as per the *Criminal Code* carries a higher threshold and usually involves one or more criminal offences. A “hate incident” may be motivated by the same factors as a hate crime, but does not reach the threshold of being a criminal offence. The one incident reported this month was related to the use of racial slurs.

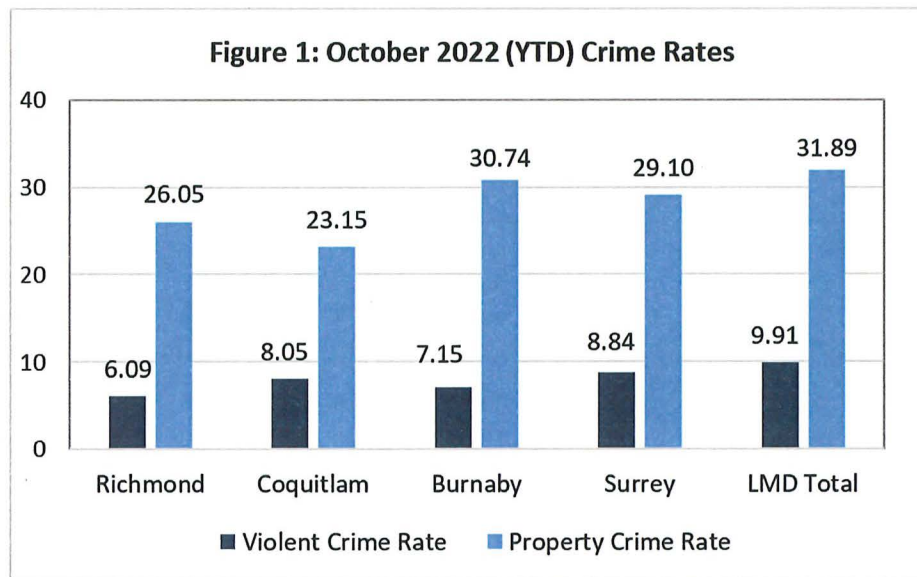
Table 1 – Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents			
Year	Hate Crime Files	Hate Incident Files	Total
2018	19	4	23
2019	11	9	20
2020	21	13	34
2021	19	29	48
2022 (YTD)	7	18	25

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.³ In October 2022, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate and the second-lowest property crime rate.

² The BC Hate Crimes Unit uses the terms hate-motivated crime and hate-motivated incident.

³ Crime rate is year to date (YTD) and calculated per 1,000 people.



Block Watch

At the end of October 2022, the Block Watch program had 303 groups totaling 7,044 participants. Currently, the program includes 443 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 and the availability of volunteers.

During the month of October, volunteer highlights included:

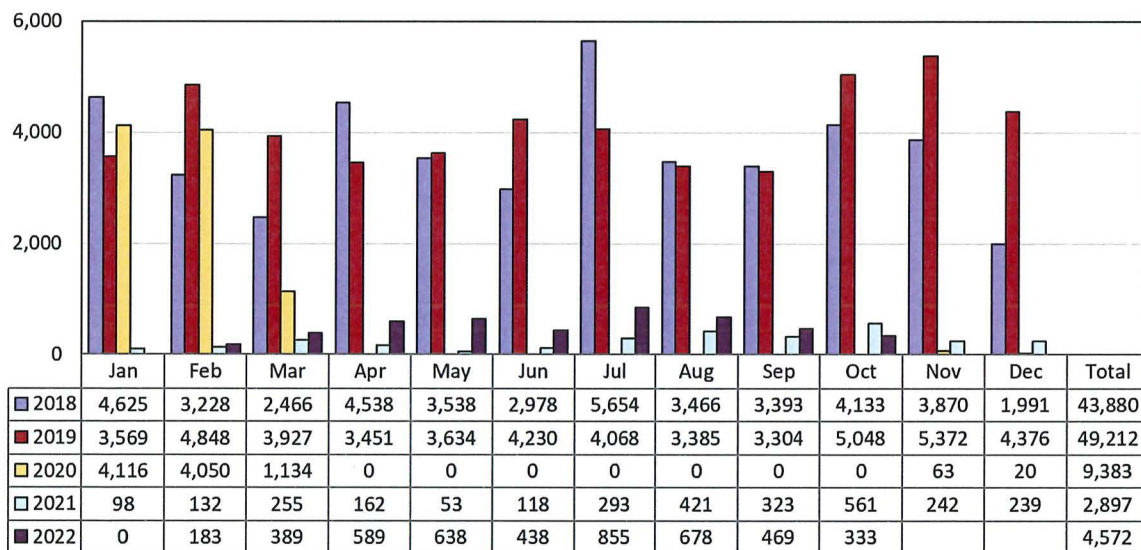
- The deployment of 10 volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 46 hours.
- There were three Distracted Driving deployments which resulted in 24 information letters.
- A total of six Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 225 information letters.
- There were 23 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 333 information letters were distributed.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,009 vehicles and 62 information letters were issued.
- October 4 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Pedestrian Safety Blitz at Lansdowne Mall and distributed 644 safety reflectors.
- October 8 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Red Serge Showcase at Aberdeen Mall in support of the Christmas Toy Drive. A total of \$600 was raised at the event.

- October 19 – In partnership with ICBC and Richmond-Fire-Rescue, volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Pedestrian Safety Blitz at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. A total of 700 safety reflectors were distributed.
- October 21 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a “Hate has no Place” event at the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet. Approximately 300 people were in attendance.
- October 21 – Volunteers were conducting a Lock Out Auto Crime deployment in the 7700 block of Moffatt Road when they discovered a stolen vehicle. The incident was reported to police for investigation.
- October 22 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Red Serge Showcase at Lansdowne Mall in support of the Christmas Toy Drive. A total of \$2,370 was raised at the event.
- October 27 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in a Pedestrian Safety Blitz at the Brighthouse Canada Line station and distributed 1,553 safety reflectors.

Lock Out Auto Crime

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.⁴

Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

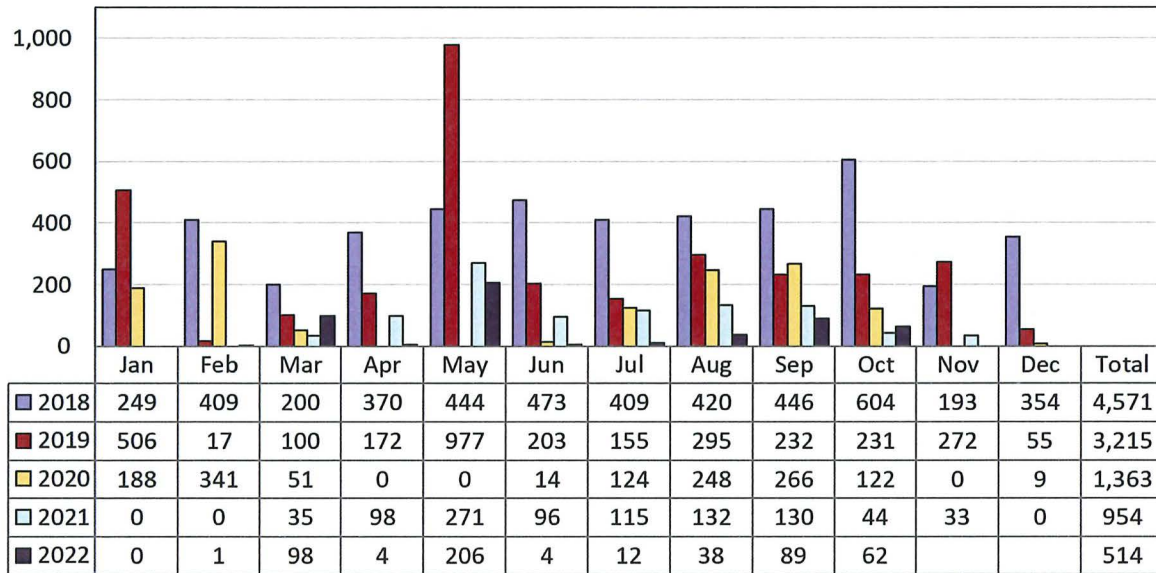


⁴ Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices. Letters are only issued to vehicles displaying security vulnerabilities; whereas previously, notices were issued to all vehicles. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of letters issued.

Speed Watch

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

Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Hate Has No Place Campaign
- Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- Place of Worship Patrols
- Red Serge Showcase
- Special Post Incident Community Engagement Event

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. Table 2 compares statistics for October 2022 to both August 2022 and September 2022. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022
Distracted Driving	51	45	66
Driver License	162	200	190
Impaired	44	39	52
Intersection Offences	46	36	38
Moving Infractions ⁵	76	90	65
Speeding	83	123	145
Seatbelts	20	23	22
Vehicle Related ⁶	51	139	138
Other ⁷	2	8	5
Total	535	703	721

Victim Services

In October 2022, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 68 new clients and attended five crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 101 files. In October, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, family conflict and cyber fraud.

Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP 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 October, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 42 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 17 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.
- The first term of DARE began for the 2022-2023 school year. A total of 30 DARE classes in six schools were delivered this month.

⁵ Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁶ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

⁷ Other refers to miscellaneous charges including failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In October 2022, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including a hit and run involving a child and a sexual assault. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the expected ranges, with the exception of robberies and residential break and enters which were below the expected ranges, and sexual offences and serious assaults, which were elevated.

In October, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including a month-long Pedestrian Safety campaign. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
- 2: Crime Statistics
- 3: Crime Maps
- 4: Crime Prevention Newsletter

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

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.

Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

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.

OCTOBER 2022 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.

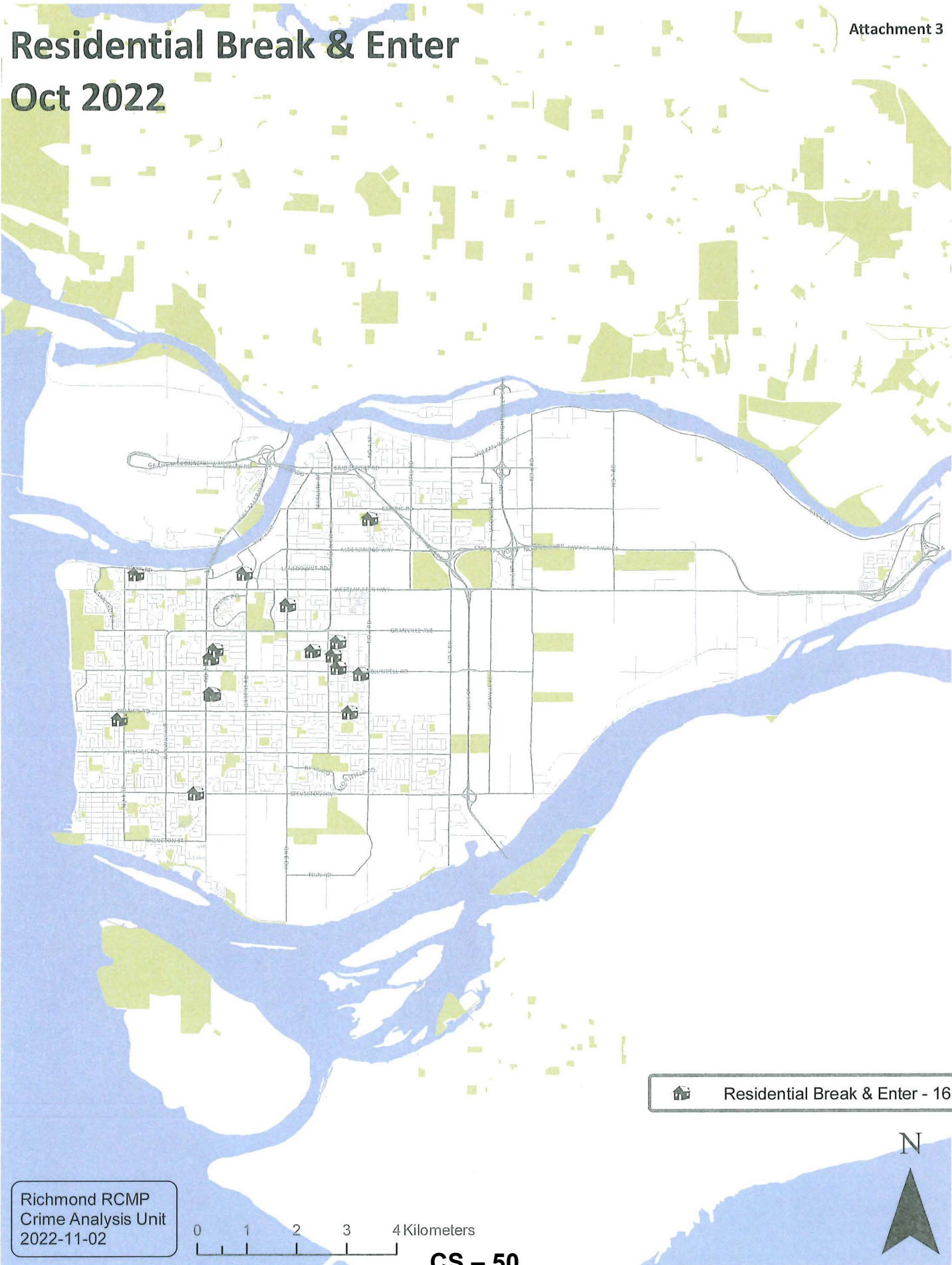
The 5 year average range data is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red**. If the current monthly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

Mental Health file query has been updated to capture all types of mental health study flags versus one type. Mental health study flag file numbers have been updated for the last five years. This change does not impact mental health apprehension numbers or hospital wait times.

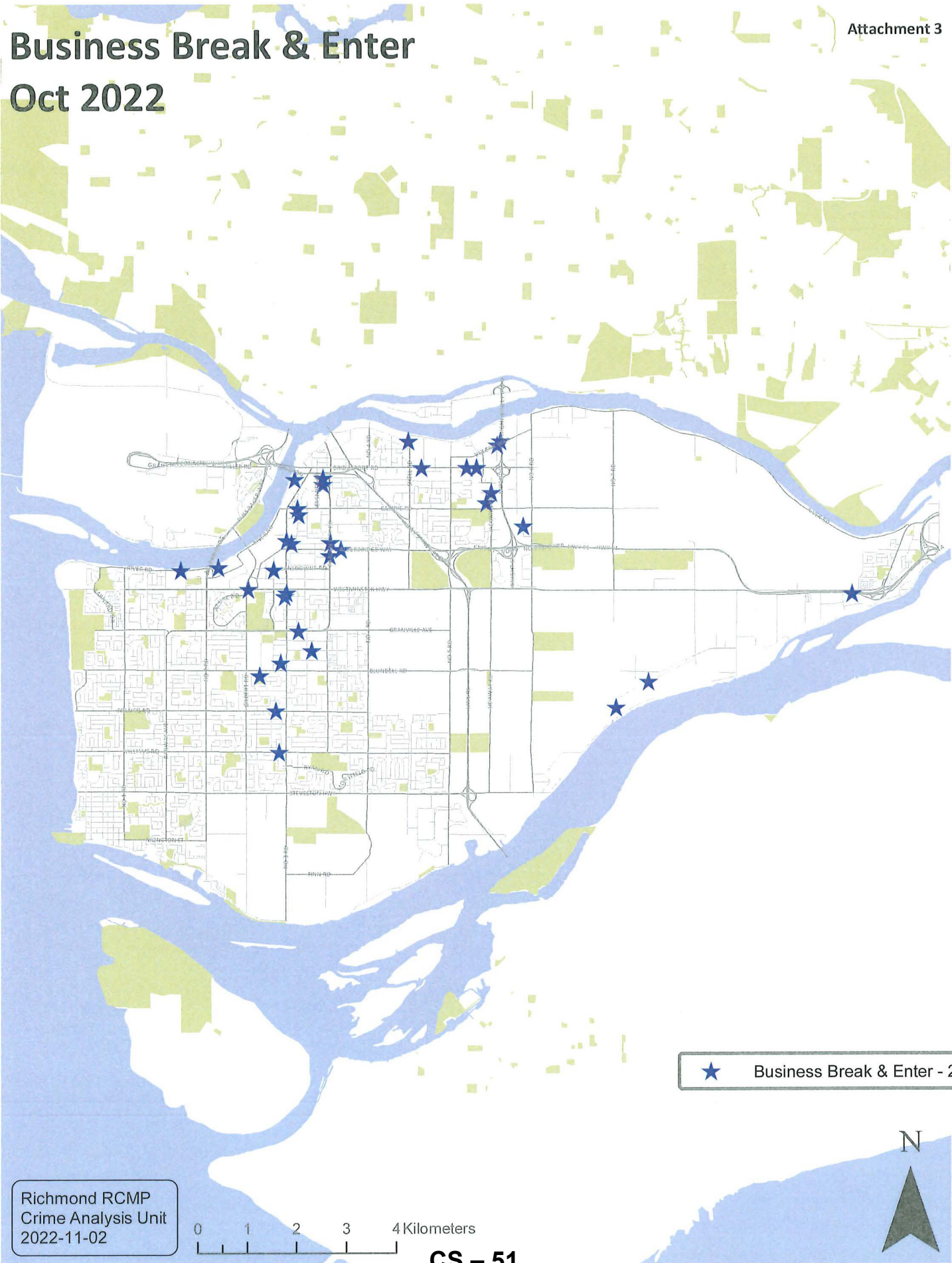
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Oct - 22	October		2021	2022	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	126	132.2	120-144	1437	1383	-4%	-54
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	0	6.6	5-9	46	52	13%	6
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	45	50.6	45-56	466	491	5%	25
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1430, 1420</small>	20	13.6	12-16	151	176	17%	25
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1345, 1330, 1356, 1310, 3450/55/56</small>	23	14.0	11-17	197	175	-11%	-22
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	645	653.2	559-747	5273	5726	9%	453
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	27	35.6	23-48	281	301	7%	20
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	16	49.4	35-64	274	251	-8%	-23
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178</small>	33	28.2	23-34	215	216	0%	1
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	115	182.8	135-230	1353	1167	-14%	-186
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	96	75.4	56-94	574	881	53%	307
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143*</small>	81	67.6	51-84	578	692	20%	114
Fraud <small>UCR 2160 (all), 2165, 2166</small>	73	79.4	72-86	720	679	-6%	-41
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	286	192.0	169-215	2443	2508	3%	65
Arson <small>UCR 1629, 2110</small>	10	5.2	1-10	59	78	32%	19
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1057	977.4	904-1051	9156	9623	5%	467
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	28	48.8	20-78	352	428	22%	76
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	208	262.4	208-317	2498	2317	-7%	-181

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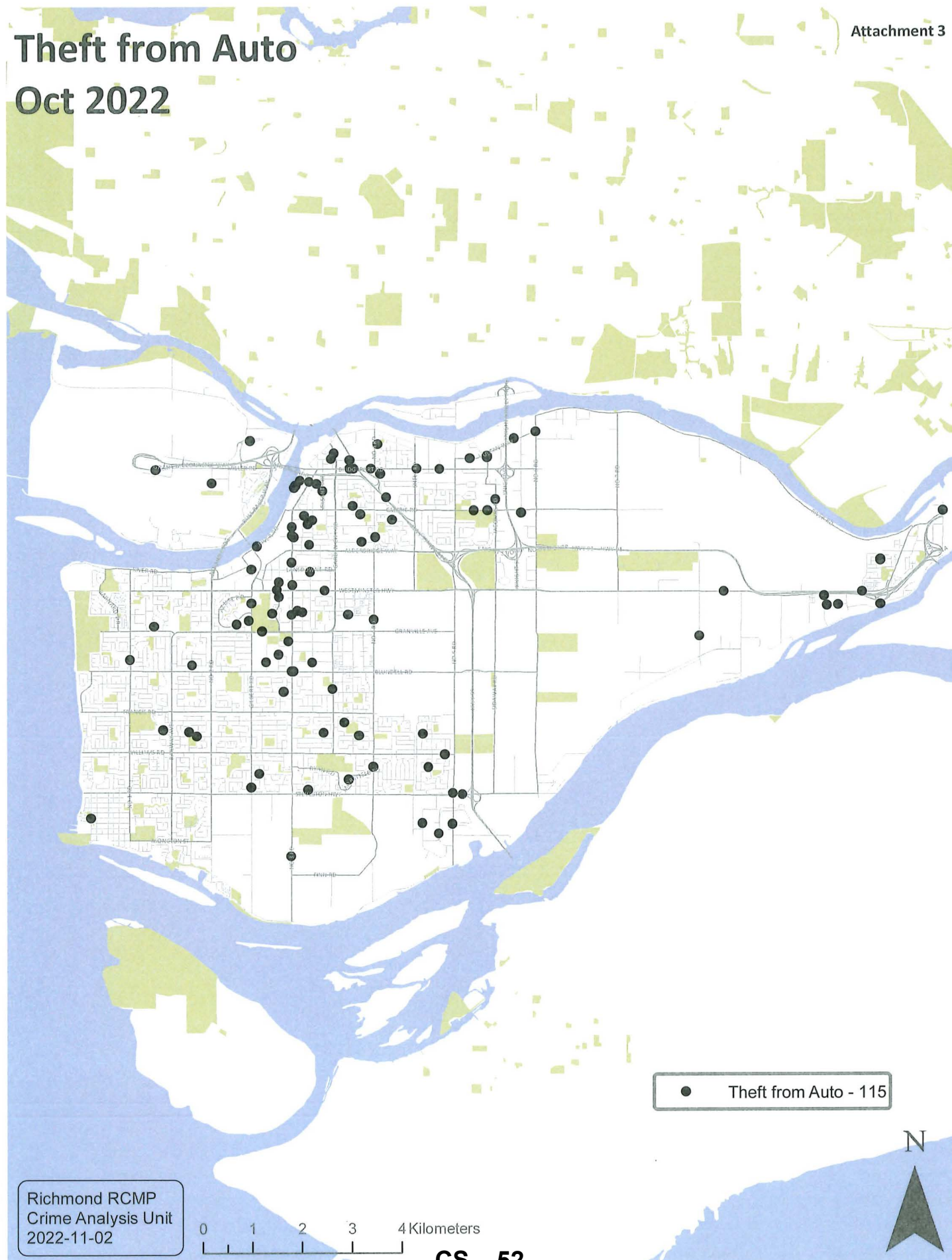
Residential Break & Enter Oct 2022



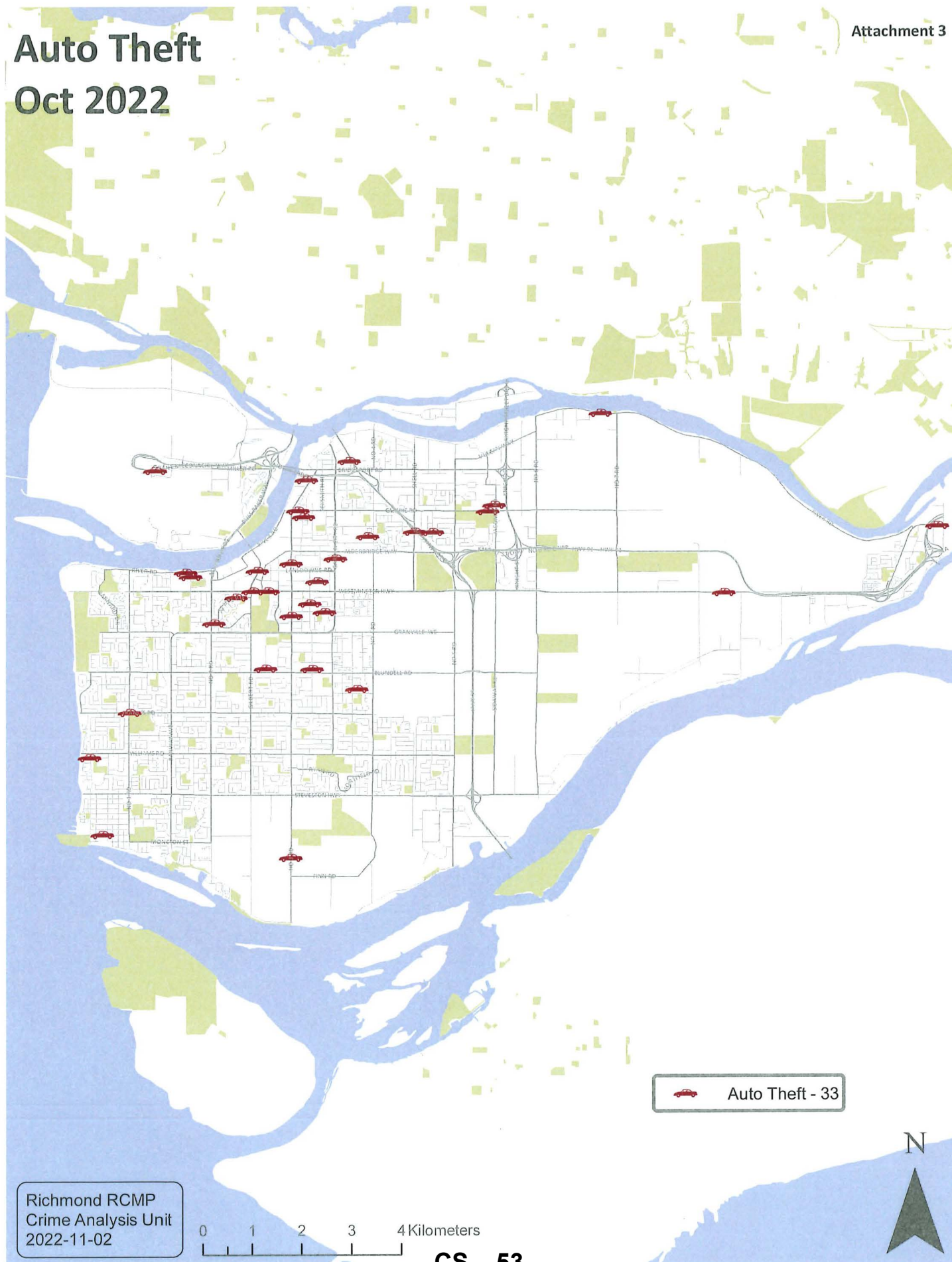
Business Break & Enter Oct 2022



Theft from Auto Oct 2022



Auto Theft Oct 2022



CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Decorating for Home Security

The holidays are fast approaching! You may be putting up decorations in preparation for the day. So while you are decorating why not make some crime prevention improvements to your home as well? You can make improvements to the interior and exterior of your home. These improvements can make a huge difference in crime prevention and safety.

Interior

The interior of your home is important to make improvements for home security. If you are away from home, consider adding timers to your lights. The timers will turn on your lights at a certain time. So from the outside, it will look like someone is home turning on the lights. If possible, set your timer to turn on the lights at times when you would be home. Another addition you can make, if you do not have one already, is to add a peephole to your front door. A peephole is important to have because you can see whoever is on the other side of the door without having to open your door. This is especially important during Halloween because kids will be ringing the doorbell. Some peepholes or doorbells are electronic and can be connected to your phone. You can see who is at the door from anywhere as long as you have an internet connection. Lastly, take any tools that you may have left outside and move them inside your garage or home. If tools or materials are left outdoors, thieves can steal it, or use it to break into your home.



Exterior

An exterior change you can do is to trim the trees or hedges in front of the house so thieves won't be able to hide or use it as cover to break into the house. They can also use the cover to hide from the police. In addition to trimming the trees and hedges, consider installing brighter lights and/or motion sensor lights. By brightening your home, you and your neighbours are able to see the house and surrounding areas better. Thieves will not be able to stay hidden if your house is lit up. Motion sensor lights can be another option. The lights will come on when it senses movement nearby so you will know when to check outside. When putting up decorations, do not run wires through your home to outdoor decorations. A thief will be able to gain access via the open window if you were to run wires from the interior to the exterior. It is also important to remember to not leave any valuables in your car. Electronics, keys, garage remotes, or bags are valuables you should remove from your car because some of these valuables may provide thieves with an access into your home.



CITY OF RICHMOND CRIME PREVENTION **NEWSLETTER**

HATE HAS NO PLACE

In 2020 and again last year, Richmond City Council declared, “Racial and discriminatory actions have no place in Richmond, and they have no place in our society.” At the same time, Richmond RCMP declared that “Hate has no place in our community,” and pledged that all reported incidents involving hate motivated undertones would receive full attention and oversight.

Richmond RCMP and the City of Richmond are calling upon members of the community to get more involved. They are calling on victims and witnesses to **report racially motivated incidents directly to police as they occur.**

Officer-in-Charge of the Richmond RCMP, Chief Superintendent Dave Chauhan says “All too often we are learning of hate-motivated incidents through second-hand reports in the news and on social media. But in order for our investigators to give these allegations the fulsome attention they deserve, we need to speak directly to victims and witnesses. We need people to come forward to police in the first instance,” says Chief Superintendent Chauhan.

City of Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie echoes this call-to-action saying, “Racial and discriminatory action have no place in Richmond nor in our society, and they will not be tolerated. Unfortunately, such attitudes exist and are in direct contradiction to the spirit of inclusion we uphold. I urge residents to stand together to address and condemn all forms of discrimination and racism. If you experience or witness a hate incident, do not hesitate to contact the RCMP.”

Richmond RCMP recognizes that in some instances ‘hate incidents’ do not involve a criminal offense or meet the definition of a ‘hate crime’ under the Criminal Code. A racist, homophobic or other abhorrent comment, or a rant to a stranger, are examples of this. Although this may not meet the threshold of a criminal offense, this type of behaviour has a negative effect on our community, and it needs to stop! To this end, Richmond RCMP will continue to conduct fulsome investigations on these matters, seeking to understand the root cause of this behaviour and engaging appropriate community partners, if required.

Posters are in City of Richmond facilities, such as libraries, community centres, and other highly visible locations. These posters will remind people that “Hate Has No Place” in Richmond, and will encourage victims and witnesses to report hate incidents to police directly. Anyone interested in getting a poster for their business or community group can email Richmond_diversity@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.



“By learning of these incidents as they occur, and by speaking directly to the victims and witnesses, our investigators will be able to act more quickly in efforts to stop this harmful behaviour in our community,” says Chief Superintendent Chauhan.

“Hate has no place in Richmond.”

Block Watch Parties - Thanks for the Invite!



After a two - year hiatus, neighbours were eager to reconnect and meet new neighbours. We're happy to see and be a part of the grand return of Block Watch parties in the community. This summer we got to enjoy some time with the local residents. We were able to celebrate with these groups at their Block Watch parties. It was rewarding to see neighbours bond with one another and kids having fun with their friends and our officers. Different Block Watch groups organized different events to bring the neighbourhood together. Some groups asked for our team and volunteers to come and help register their bikes for Project 529. While other groups invited us to have fun at their barbeque or potluck. It was amazing to see these communities come together. We wanted to share and celebrate the coming together of neighbours through our newsletter. Thank you for sharing this experience with the Block Watch team, RCMP volunteers, and the Community Engagement Team from the RCMP!



To start a Block Watch Group

Interested in starting a Block Watch group? Let us tell you a little about Block Watch! Block Watch is a program that brings the police and the communities together. This program helps you build connections and relationships with people in your neighborhood and the police while striving for the common goal of crime prevention.

Select a Captain/Co-Captain

- ◇ Each Captain/Co-Captain must submit an application and complete a Police Information Check

Recruit and build your group

- ◇ Recruit homes that are near to you. To build an effective Block Watch, try to involve 50-75% of households in your area. We will provide you with recruitment packages.

Complete activation of your team

1. **Complete** Block Watch Captain/Participant training - Register as many of your group as you can for a virtual training session.
2. **Submit** your participating household list.
3. **Qualify** for Block Watch street signs once above steps are completed.

If you are interested in creating a Block Watch group in your area, email us your name and address at blockwatch@richmond.ca or call 604-207-4829.

BUSINESS LINK

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NEWSLETTER

Windows

A break and enter to your business can be costly. A common area that thieves will try to get into your business are the windows. Thus, it is important for businesses to secure the windows and make it tougher for thieves to break in. There are different ways a thief can enter the business through the window. Some examples are thieves using their body or tool to pry open a window, an object thrown to break the glass, or an unlocked or opened window. Luckily, there are some ways to secure the windows.

Security Film

Security film provides an invisible shield for the windows. If shattered, the glass will be held together by the film. The thief will need a few more strikes to enter the business. By increasing the time needed to break in, the crime is no longer quick and easy.

Thicker Glass

Having thicker glass can protect your business because the thickness provides greater resistance. There are also many options of security glass that can provide your business with the high level of protection, making it harder to enter the business.



Glass Break Alarm

A glass break detector alerts you when it picks up the sound of breaking glass. When your security system is armed and it senses the glass break, it will set off an alarm and notify you of a break-in.

Security Cameras

Security cameras can be an additional deterrence to crime and tool to aid in investigations because it may capture evidence of break and enters. If the video footage is clear and visible, it can provide valuable information to the police for investigation such as a possible image of the suspect, time of the crime, and how it happened.



Please help by reporting any suspicious behaviour: RCMP
Non-Emergency line **604-278-1212**.
If you witness a crime in progress, dial **9-1-1**.

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

