



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** August 14, 2023
From: Dave Chauhan **File:** 09-5000-01/2023-Vol
 Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge 01
Re: Richmond RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June and July 2023

Recommendation from the OIC

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June and July 2023”, dated August 14, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

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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 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 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.

1.4 Leverage a variety of approaches to make civic engagement and participation easy and accessible.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Doors Open Richmond

On June 3, 2023, the Richmond RCMP hosted a Doors Open Richmond event at the City Centre Community Police Office. Approximately 2,000 people were in attendance for the event, which featured opportunities to engage with police and volunteers, and a variety of police vehicles, including the "Fraser Guardian" boat, were on display.

Assault

On June 7, 2023, the Richmond RCMP received a report of an assault with a weapon in the area of Seacote Road and King Road. A female victim was grabbed from behind by a male suspect who brandished a knife. A driver who witnessed the ensuing struggle stopped to provide assistance, and the suspect fled the scene. The incident remains under investigation.

Fraud

On June 20, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release providing information and prevention tips concerning a fraud trend targeting seniors. The “grandparent scam” includes high-pressure tactics to trick victims into sending money to help a family member in trouble. Recently, digital manipulation has been used to improve the authenticity of the voice on the phone.

Unfounded Animal Cruelty

On June 23, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising of mischief to a residence following unfounded animal cruelty complaints. Due to ongoing harassment faced by the resident, the Richmond RCMP placed officers outside of the home to preserve public safety and inform the public that no animal abuse had occurred.

OIC Commendations

In June 2023, an OIC Certificate of Recognition was issued to a local taxi driver who assisted in locating a high-risk, missing elderly female. After reading a fan-out about the missing person, the man realized he had driven past her near a river. The man quickly notified police at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), who located the missing person.

Canada Day

On July 1, 2023, the Richmond RCMP participated in Canada Day celebrations at the Steveston Salmon Festival. In addition to conducting proactive patrols at the event, police officers participated in the parade and provided photo opportunities while dressed in Red Serge. The event also featured crime prevention and diversity and inclusion resources.

Yankee 30 Youth Partnership Car

On July 6, 2023, the Richmond RCMP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, officially launched the Yankee 30 Youth Partnership Car. This joint initiative involves police officers from Richmond RCMP’s Youth Section working alongside youth probation officers and social workers to support at-risk youth.

Cryptocurrency-related Robberies

On July 19, 2023, the Richmond RCMP and Delta Police issued a public warning following a multi-jurisdictional robbery trend. High-value cryptocurrency investors have been robbed in their homes after suspects gained access by posing as delivery personnel or persons of authority. The media release also featured crime prevention information.

Homicide

On July 27, 2023, the Richmond RCMP officers responded to the 8000 block of Minler Road for reports of a shooting. Upon attendance, police located a critically injured man, pronounced

deceased, at the scene. Police believe the incident was targeted and connected to the BC Gang Conflict. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team is investigating.

Analysis of Police Statistics

Arson

In June 2023, there were three reported arsons, which is an increase of one incident from the previous month and a decrease of two incidents from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of arsons in June 2023 was within the average range.

In July 2023, there were eight reported arsons, which is an increase of five incidents from the previous month and a decrease of two incidents from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 23 serious assault events in June 2023, which is a five per cent increase from the previous month and is more than double the number of incidents reported in June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of serious assaults in June 2023 was above the average range.

Approximately one-quarter of assaults in June 2023 were domestic in nature. There were three stranger assaults in June 2023, including the incident discussed in the Activities and Noteworthy Files section of this report. The other two incidents involved youth suspects and the use of bear spray.

There were 21 serious assault events in July 2023, which is a nine per cent decrease from the previous month and a nine per cent decrease from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the average range.

Approximately one-quarter of assaults in July 2023 were domestic in nature. There were two stranger assaults this month, including one incident where a suspect male was apprehended under the *Mental Health Act*. The other incident involved a victim who was bear-sprayed while walking his dog.

Auto Theft

In June 2023, there were 15 auto theft incidents, which is a 29 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 17 per cent decrease from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of auto thefts in June 2023 was within the average range.

In July 2023, there were 28 auto theft incidents, which is an 88 per cent increase from the previous month and a 75 per cent increase from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

Drugs

In June 2023, there were 70 drug files, which more than double the number of incidents reported the previous month and is a 37 per cent increase from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of drug incidents in June 2023 was above the average range.

In July 2023, there were 69 drug offences, which is a one per cent decrease from the previous month and more than double the number of incidents reported in July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is above the average range.

Approximately 77 per cent of the files in June 2023 and 81 per cent of the files in July 2023 occurred at YVR. These increases in drug incidents have been attributed to processing a backlog of drug exhibits originating as Canada Customs seizures at YVR.

Mental Health

There were 238 mental health-related incidents in June 2023, which is a 20 per cent increase from the previous month and a three per cent decrease from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of mental health-related incidents in June 2023 was within the average range.

There were 233 mental health-related incidents in July 2023, which is a two per cent decrease from the previous month and a two per cent increase from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is below the average range.

In June 2023, there were 68 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 93 minutes; these statistics were within the average ranges. There were 87 police apprehensions in July 2023, which is within the average range. The average hospital wait time increased 116 minutes, which is a 25 per cent increase from the previous month and is the longest wait time recorded this year. This increase has been attributed to six files with exceptionally long wait times.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 30 break and enters to residences in June 2023, which is a 43 per cent increase from the previous month and a 30 per cent increase from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of residential break and enters in June 2023 was within the average range.

There were 38 break and enters to residences in July 2023, which is a 27 per cent increase from the previous month and more than double the number of incidents reported in July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In June 2023, there were 25 break and enters to businesses, representing a 32 per cent increase from the previous month and a 17 per cent decrease from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of commercial break and enters in June 2023 was within the average range.

In July 2023, there were 24 break and enters to businesses, representing a four per cent decrease from the previous month and an 11 per cent decrease from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is below the average range.

Robbery

There were three robberies in June 2023, which is a decrease of six incidents from the previous month and represents no change from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of robberies in June 2023 was within the average range.

There were six robberies in July 2023, which is double the number of incidents reported the previous month and represents no change from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Suspects have been identified in two-thirds of the incidents reported in June and July. A handgun was used in two of the robberies reported in June 2023, and bear/pepper spray was used in half of the robberies reported in July 2023.

Sexual Offences

In June 2023, there were 21 sexual offence files, which is a 13 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 19 per cent decrease from June 2022.¹ No patterns or trends were identified. The number of sexual offences in June 2023 was within the average range.

In July 2023, there were 25 sexual offence files, which is a 19 per cent increase from the previous month and a 39 per cent increase from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is above the average range.

Suspects were identified in 57 per cent of the offences reported in June 2023. One-third of the incidents were related to indecent acts/individuals exposing themselves. Suspects have been identified in 64 per cent of the offences reported in July 2023. Approximately one-third of the incidents were sexual assaults.

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.

Shoplifting

There were 131 reported shoplifting thefts in June 2023, which is a 79 per cent increase from the previous month and is more than double the number reported in June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of shoplifting thefts in June 2023 was above the average range.

There were 122 reported shoplifting thefts in July 2023, which is a seven per cent decrease from the previous month and an 88 per cent increase in July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Shoplifting thefts have been increasing across Lower Mainland jurisdictions. Inflation and labour shortages have been identified as potential driving factors.

Theft from Automobile

There were 116 thefts from automobile incidents in June 2023, which is a 17 per cent decrease from the previous month and a five per cent increase from June 2022. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of thefts from automobiles in June 2023 was within the average range.

There were 93 thefts from automobile incidents in July 2023, which is a 20 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 27 per cent increase from July 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the average range.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

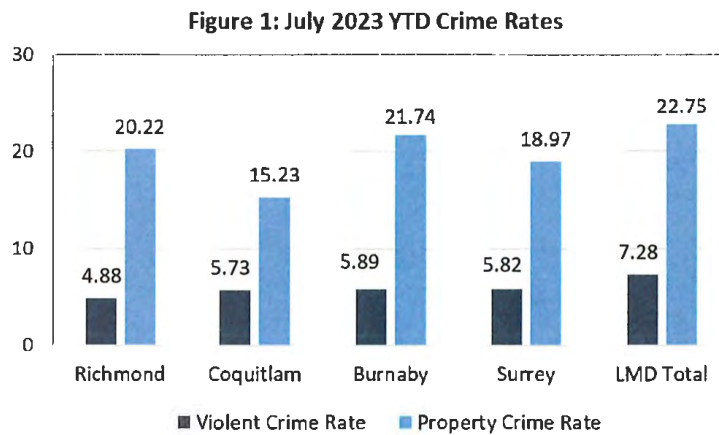
Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2019 and July 31, 2023.² A “hate crime” refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime, as per the *Criminal Code*, carries a higher threshold 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. There were three incidents reported in June 2023; one involved racist graffiti, and the other two were related to the use of derogatory racial comments. Two events were reported in July 2023; one involved racist and homophobic graffiti and the other was related to online threats against the LGBTQ+ community.

Table 1 – Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents			
Year	Hate Crime Files	Hate Incident Files	Total
2019	11	9	20
2020	21	13	34
2021	21	24	45
2022	8	26	34
2023 (YTD)	1	13	14

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

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.³ In July 2023, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate. The property crime rate for Richmond was below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of June 2023, the Block Watch program had 305 groups and 443 captains and co-captains, totalling 7,069 participants. In June 2023, there were two new group training sessions, which were attended by a total of 17 new participants.

At the end of July 2023, the Block Watch program had 306 groups, totalling 7,079 participants. Currently, the program includes 442 captains and co-captains. This month, there was one new group training session.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Richmond Detachment’s policing services by providing various crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to improve 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 June, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of two volunteer bike patrols, totalling 10 hours and three volunteer foot/van patrols, totalling six hours.

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

- A total of 18 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 670 information letters issued.
- There were 31 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, resulting in 744 information letters issued.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,885 vehicles, resulting in 85 information letters issued.
- June 2 – Volunteers participated in “Go by Bike Week” hosted by HUB Cycling and promoted the Project 529 Bike Registry. A total of 17 bikes were registered at the event.
- June 3 – Volunteers participated in Doors Open Richmond events at the City Centre Community Police Office and Brighthouse Fire Hall. In addition to assisting with ICBC’s road safety booth, volunteers shared crime prevention resources and information on the Community Safety Mobile App.
- June 7 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Coffee with a Cop Event at the McDonalds on Alderbridge Way.
- June 15 – Volunteers assisted police officers with the South Arm Community Block Party. The event featured the Spot the Target initiative and Mountie cut-outs for photos.
- June 21 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Coffee with a Cop Event at the McDonalds in Ironwood.
- June 25 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in the annual Burkeville Daze event and showcased police vehicles and ATVs. Crime prevention programs were also featured, including the Project 529 Bike Registry.

During the month of July, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of two volunteer bike patrols, totalling 20 hours and two volunteer foot/van patrols, totalling five hours.
- A total of 17 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 701 information letters issued.
- There were 19 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, resulting in 453 information letters issued.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 2,131 vehicles, resulting in 136 information letters issued.
- July 1 – A total of 43 volunteers participated in the 76th anniversary of the Steveston Salmon Festival. In addition to conducting foot and bike patrols, volunteers assisted at the crime prevention booth and promoted the Community Safety App and Hate Has No Place campaign. The event also raised approximately \$2,000 for “Cops for Cancer.”
- July 19 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Richmond Pentecostal First Responders Youth Camp, which featured making cards for the “Think of Me Campaign” and presentations to attendees.⁴
- July 21 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Garratt Neighborhood Party, which included a crime prevention booth and the Spot the Target initiative.

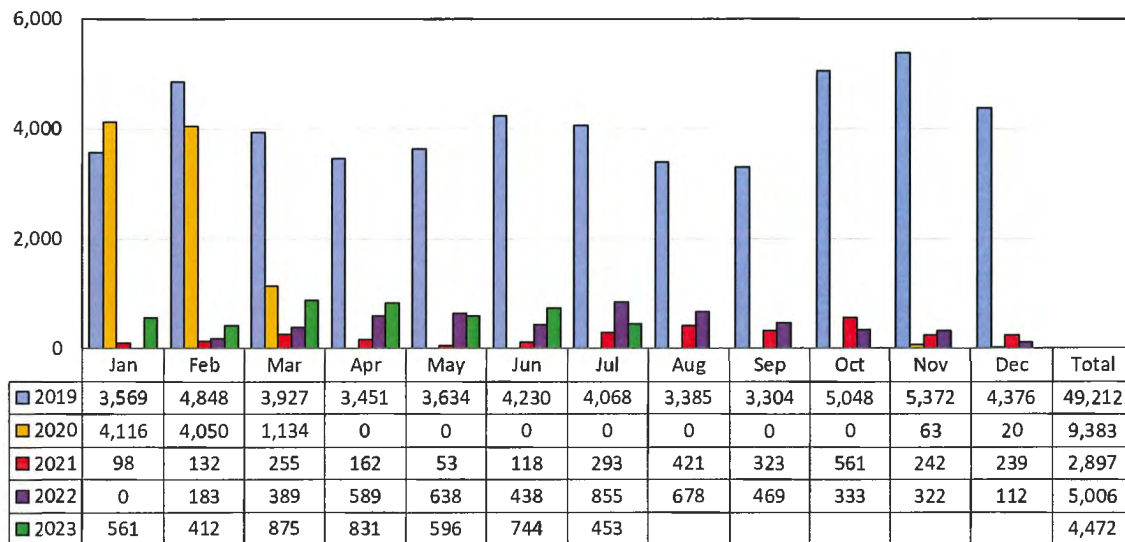
⁴ The Think of Me Campaign uses cards illustrated by children, which contain depictions of what children would like drivers to think about when they are driving in school zones and in the community.

- July 23 – The “Cops for Cancer” charity car wash was cancelled to prevent water use during water restrictions; however, police and volunteers still conducted community outreach at Lansdowne Mall. Tours of police vehicles were provided, and volunteers provided demonstrations of Fatal Vision goggles.⁵
- July 26 –Volunteers provided a car seat safety clinic at Touchstone Family Services, which included the participation of 13 attendees.

Lock Out Auto Crime

Figure 2 provides a yearly comparison of the number of vehicle notices issued.⁶

Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



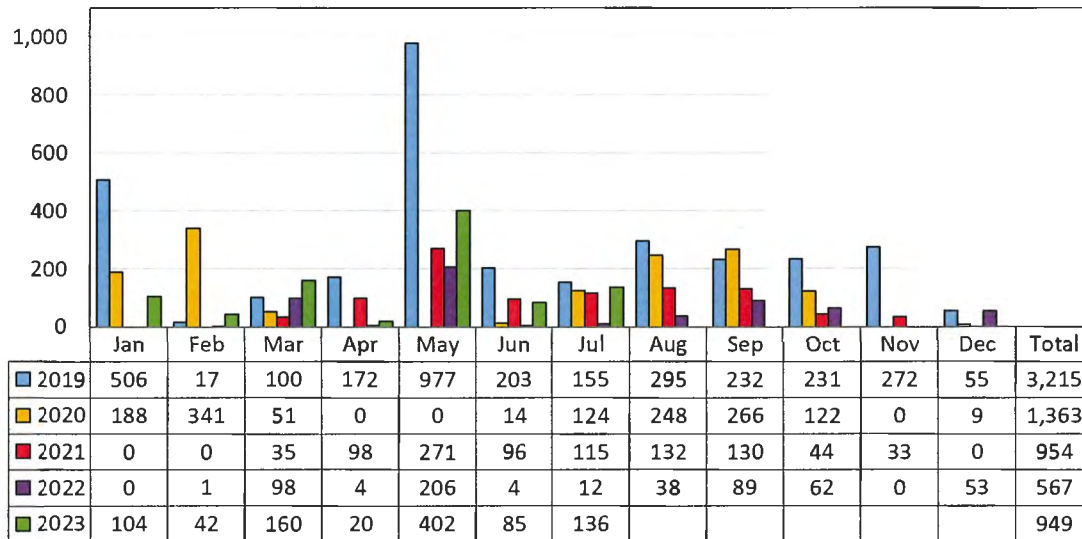
⁵ Fatal Vision Goggles simulate the effects of alcohol impairment and help increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.

⁶ 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 June and July, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Business Outreach
- Canada Day
- Coffee with a Cop
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Doors Open Richmond
- Dolphin Classic Basketball Tournament
- Place of Worship
- Project 529
- Pride Walk

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 July 2023 to both June 2023 and May 2023. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Distracted Driving	104	130	106
Driver License	186	210	226

Infraction	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Impaired	22	36	41
Intersection Offences	51	55	45
Moving Infractions ⁷	93	75	105
Speeding	339	167	198
Seatbelts	21	20	21
Vehicle-Related ⁸	153	133	132
Other ⁹	9	10	27
Total	978	836	901

Victim Services

In June 2023, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 59 new clients and attended seven crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit maintained an active caseload of 83 files.

In July 2023, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 62 new clients and attended three crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 93 files. In June and July, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, property crimes and family conflicts.

Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies contributing to safe and healthy behaviours essential to developing productive and civic-minded adults. In June and July, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 55 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 74 visits at elementary schools, including visits at schools which were in session for summer school.
- DARE concluded the final term of the 2022-2023 school year, with classes delivered to elementary school students in 14 classes. Police officers presented certificates at six DARE graduations.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section attended multiple summer camps throughout the city and engaged with youth attendees. This included the First Responder Youth Camp at Richmond Pentecostal Church, where police presented on various topics, including internet safety.

⁷ Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁸ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

⁹ 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 June and July 2023, the Richmond RCMP conducted several noteworthy investigations and activities, including a stranger assault, Canada Day events and the launching of the Yankee 30 Youth Partnership Car. Police statistics for June and July indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for serious assaults, shoplifting thefts and drug offences, which were elevated in June 2023, and sexual assaults, shoplifting thefts and drug offences were elevated in July 2023. Commercial break and enters and mental health-related incidents were notably below the average ranges in July 2023.

In June and July, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued promoting crime prevention and road safety initiatives. 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.

JUNE 2023 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

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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**.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	June - 23	June		2022	2023	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	176	137.0	119-155	801	935	17%	134
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	3	4.8	2-8	31	22	-29%	-9
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	49	48.8	39-58	280	299	7%	19
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1431</small>	23	14.4	11-18	98	125	28%	27
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1432</small>	21	16.4	10-23	102	117	15%	15
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	666	536.8	507-566	3333	3867	16%	534
Business B&E <small>UCR 1111</small>	25	26.2	20-33	201	155	-23%	-46
Residential B&E <small>UCR 120-2</small>	30	23.6	18-29	180	136	-24%	-44
Auto Theft <small>UCR 135 1-10</small>	15	19.6	16-23	129	129	0%	0
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 21 2142</small>	116	133.6	115-152	736	823	12%	87
Theft <small>UCR 1111</small>	107	78.0	66-90	488	669	37%	181
Shoplifting <small>UCR 1112</small>	131	67.4	43-92	386	582	51%	196
Fraud <small>UCR 2000</small>	83	68.2	60-76	406	490	21%	84
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	269	215.4	175-255	1309	1568	20%	259
Arson <small>UCR 2000</small>	3	5.2	3-7	33	32	-3%	-1
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1111	917.8	880-956	5448	6370	17%	922
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	70	48.2	40-56	306	261	-15%	-45
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	238	252.6	224-282	1418	1441	2%	23

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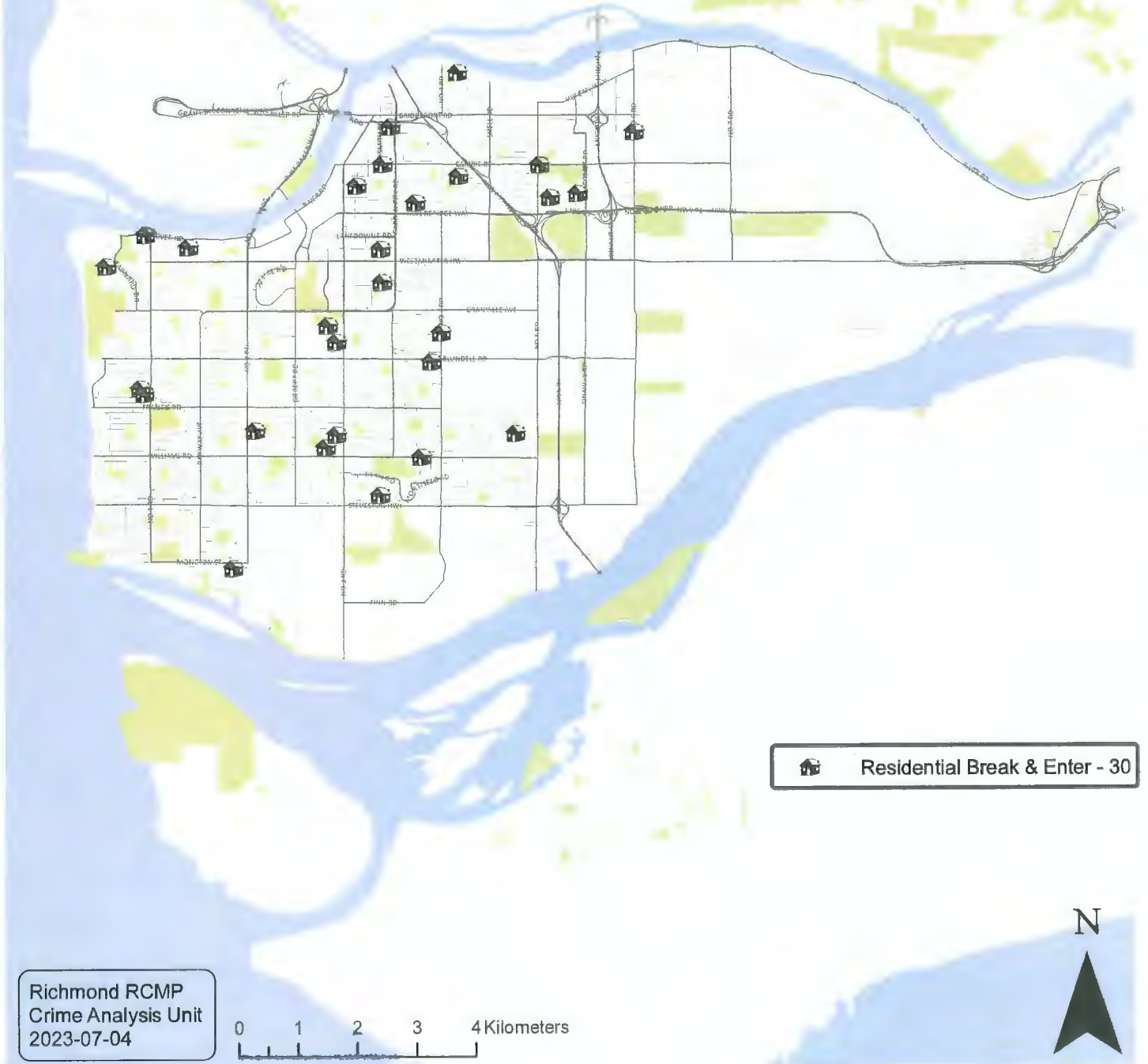
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	July - 23	July		2022	2023	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	157	146.6	130-163	953	1092	15%	139
Robbery <small>UC</small>	6	7.4	5-10	37	28	-24%	-9
Assault Common <small>UCR</small>	49	48.8	43-54	335	348	4%	13
Assault Serious <small>UCR</small>	21	20.2	15-25	121	146	21%	25
Sexual Offences	25	18.6	12-25	120	142	18%	22
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	699	580.6	531-630	3886	4566	17%	680
Business B&E <small>UCR</small>	24	28.8	25-32	228	179	-21%	-49
Residential B&E	38	33.0	15-51	197	174	-12%	-23
Auto Theft	28	22.6	18-28	145	157	8%	12
Theft from Auto	93	119.4	92-147	809	916	13%	107
Theft	134	83.8	56-112	589	803	36%	214
Shoplifting	122	64.2	50-79	451	704	56%	253
Fraud	79	77.8	73-83	475	569	20%	94
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	273	241.2	196-286	1612	1841	14%	229
Arson	8	6.4	4-9	43	40	-7%	-3
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1133	968.8	910-1028	6457	7503	16%	1046
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	69	41.4	27-56	339	330	-3%	-9
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	233	261.4	244-279	1646	1674	2%	28

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Residential Break & Enter June 2023



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Business Break & Enter June 2023



★ Business Break & Enter - 25

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0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers



Theft from Auto June 2023



● Theft from Auto - 116

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Auto Theft June 2023



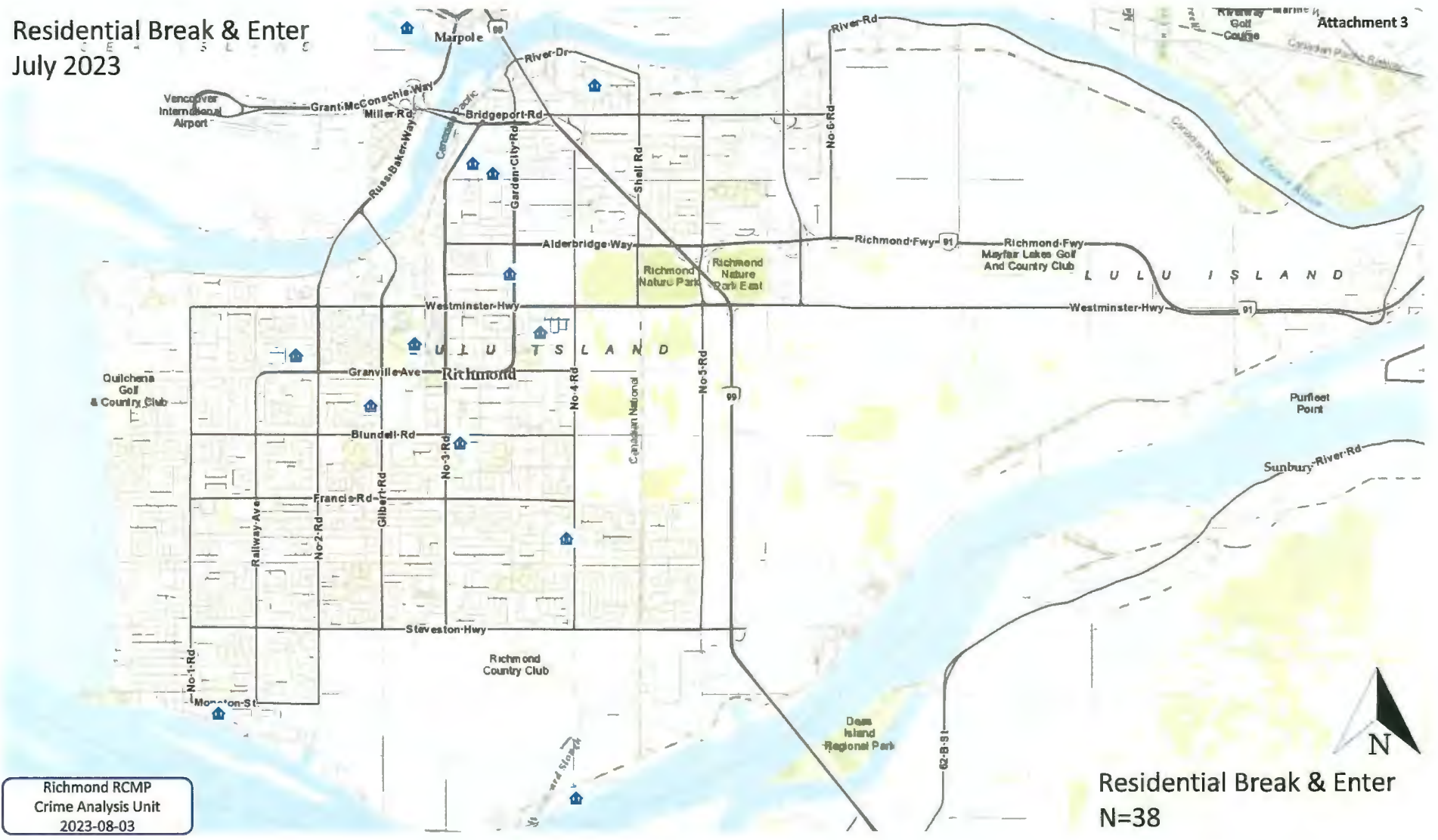
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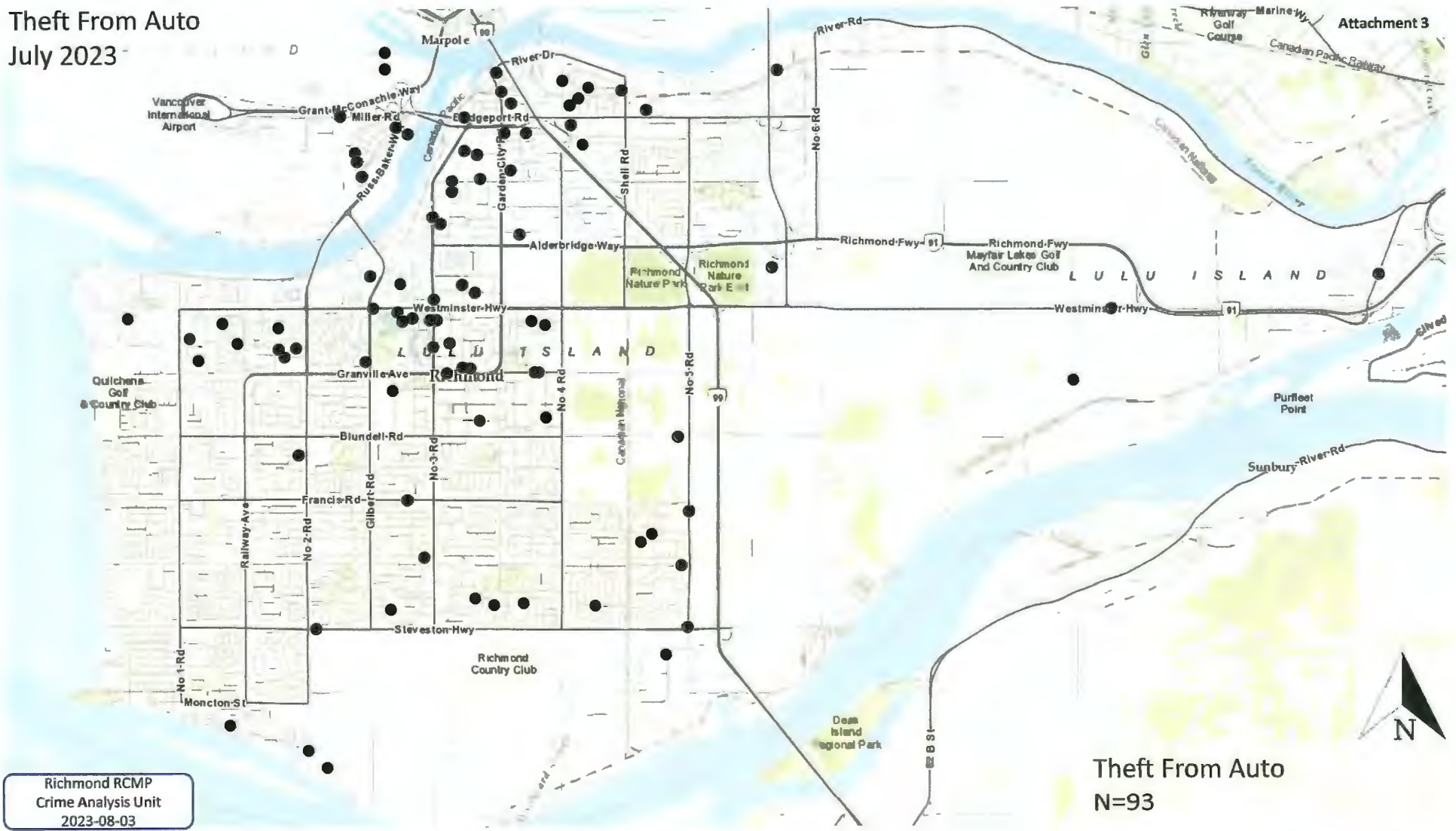
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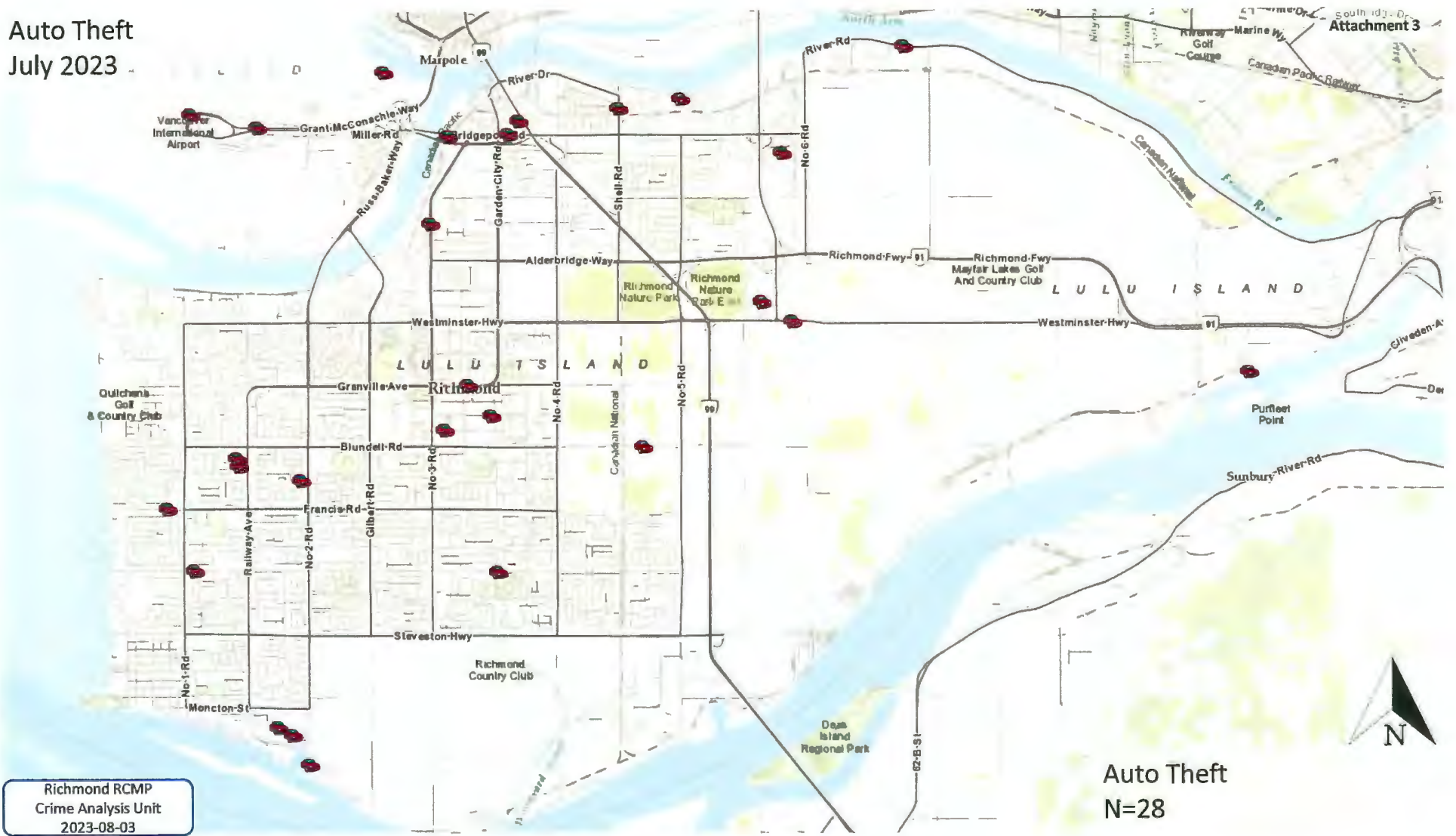


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Theft From Auto
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CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Online Travel Fraud Prevention

Planning for a trip and booking through an online travel agency? Thanks to the internet and online booking technology, you now have the option to take control and handle all the logistics of your trip. Before booking online, make sure you know what the advantages and disadvantages of booking online.

Advantages:

- Instant access to competitive prices for airline and hotel comparisons to find one that best suits your needs and wants.
- Have full control of your travel that matches your preferences and budget.
- Flexibility to make last minute changes should you wish to leave earlier or stay longer at one place.

Disadvantages:

- Could be a big hassle to deal with any issues that may arise during your trip, e.g. flight cancellations.
- Possible hidden fees required on top of booking fees.
- Reliability and accuracy of information online can sometimes be questionable which leads to disappointment and dissatisfaction.

Things to Consider when Booking Online:

- Make sure to read the fine print so you're clear about what you're actually getting. Read the refund or exchange policy carefully to avoid being stuck paying a significant fee for changes or cancellation.
- Be aware of travel phishing scams. If the price is too good to be true, it probably is a scam and they are going after your money as well as your personal and financial information. Do not fall for scam sites that lures you in with crazy deals.
- After booking on a third-party site, be sure to check with the hotel or airline directly to ensure there is a record of your online booking.
- Be mindful of currency exchange rates when booking online.

Online booking not only changed the travel agents landscape, travel-related cybercrime also increased immensely. Many rogue websites and apps trick people into thinking they are booking directly with the hotel or airline of choice. Instead, victims are entering all their personal, financial and travel documents information on a phony website where criminals collect their information for other fraud purposes.

Watch out for fake or deceptive ads, or fraudulent websites that look legitimate. When in doubt, do not book online and contact the company directly on the phone to check if the website is legit or book over the phone.



CITY OF RICHMOND CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

Home Security Checklist for the Summer

For many people, summer is the time to go on vacation. Whether you are leaving the house for a short or long period of time, preparing your home for vacation is a must-do to protect your home and valuables. When you go on vacation, the last thing you want to hear is someone telling you your house was broken into or discovering your home was broken into when you return. Ask yourself these questions to secure your home for summer vacation.



Are your points of entry secured?

- Before you leave, check **ALL** doors and windows to make sure everything is closed and locked, including the ones on the second floor.
- Make sure all keys are accounted for. Do not leave out any spare or hidden keys, put them in a secure location inside your home.

Is someone watching over your home?

- Ask a trusted friend, neighbour, or family member to look after your home. Have them pick up the newspaper and mail. They can also move the car once in awhile to make it look like someone is home.
- Look to join or create a Block Watch group in your neighbourhood! You can find a trusted neighbour to help with house sitting. They are also the closest people to your home so they may see or hear things, alert you, and the police.

Did you set up your home security system?

- Double check your cameras, alarms, and home security systems to see that they are working and you are able to access them.
- Install security cameras around your home. Security cameras alert you when someone is in the frame. If something were to happen, the camera gathers evidence and provides details to the police to use in their investigations.
- Set timers for your lights and have them turn on at times when you are usually home.

Did you take inventory of your household items and valuables?

- Vacation time is a perfect time to remind yourself to do an updated inventory on household items, valuables, bikes, appliances, jewellery, or valued items. Look for serial numbers and identifying features on items.
- Put away any tools or items that are left outside. Thieves can use these tools or items to break into your home. Put away any objects they may use as a surface to climb onto your home.

Are you ready for vacation?

Checking off all these different things will give you the peace of mind that your house is secured. Enjoy your summer knowing you have made adjustments to your home to make it harder for thieves to break in.



Eventful Season

The warm weather has been eventful for us because we were able to organize and attend a few community events. We went out to a few communities in Richmond and set up pop-up detachments for people to learn more about Block Watch and crime prevention. We hosted our first Shred-a-Thon event! We partnered with Richmond Centre for Disability to raise awareness for their program and ways to prevent identity and mail theft. We provided valuable crime prevention tips against identity theft and mail theft to people who came to check out our booth.

We also attended two neighbourhood parties at Richmond Baptist Church. Richmond RCMP's Community Engagement Team were invited to deliver a safety talk to the neighbourhood. Many kids and adults got a chance to spin Safety Bear's safety wheel to win prizes! In addition, people participated in Spot the Target and learned more about how to prevent theft from auto.

Our own Block Watch groups are also hosting parties for their groups and neighbourhoods this summer. These parties are strongly encouraged as they bring the neighbourhood closer together. It allows neighbours to talk to those that live around them, learn more about their community, and crime prevention. We want to thank all the volunteers and the public for their help and participation.



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 neighbourhood 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 groups 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


Shoplifting Prevention

Summer time is a season for businesses to hire seasonal staff to help with the growing demand of customers and back to school sales. Seasonal staff will not have the same knowledge as the regular staff so it is important to train them to know how to handle shoplifting and what to do when they see the crime happening. Below are some training material to be aware of when training seasonal staff to better prepare them against shoplifters.

A basic but effective crime prevention tactic is to instruct all employees to greet the customers as they walk into the store. By engaging with the customers, it shows that the staff acknowledges their presence and it sends a message to the customer that the employees are watching them. Regularly check in with the customers and ask if they need help. If shoplifters feel they're being watched, it's less likely they will try to steal.

Recognizing the signs of a shoplifter is another skill owners and managers should teach their employees. People will not tell you they are thieves verbally but through body language you can make an educated guess that the person is a shoplifter. Thieves avoid eye contact, appear nervous, and look at the staff instead of the products. They pick up random items and wear bulky clothing to conceal any items they pick up. These signs suggests that the person is waiting for an opportunity to commit a crime. Shoplifters may also work in pairs or groups. One person acts as a distraction so another person can escape. Shoplifters take advantage of the lack of supervision around the store. Thus, it is important for owners and managers to have the right amount of people working. When possible, schedule the right amount of staff so that there are enough eyes and ears in the business.

Lastly, it is important for managers and owners to educate their employees on what to do when they see someone shoplift. Educate staff to know the policies of the company on how staff are expected and not expected to act when faced with shoplifters. Another important part of education is to have emergency contact numbers visible and available for all staff to see. Knowing what to do and who to call allows staff to be comfortable dealing with shoplifters.



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