



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee


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**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 23, 2016  
**From:** Rendall Nessel, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2016-Vol  
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01  
**Re:** **RCMP's Monthly Report - May 2016 Activities**

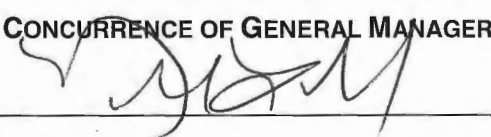

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### Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – May 2016, Activities" dated June 23, 2016 from the *Officer in Charge*, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

  
Rendall Nessel, Superintendent  
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment  
(604-278-1212)

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## Staff Report

### Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Noteworthy Files and Activities
2. Auxiliary Constables
3. Block Watch
4. Community Police Stations and Programs
5. Crime Prevention Unit
6. Crime Statistics Analysis
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section and Programs

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

Below is the RCMP's monthly report for May 2016.

#### 1. Noteworthy Files and Activities

##### *Robbery*

April 26, 2016 - Officers responded to a residence in the 8000 block of Williams Road to a report of a robbery. The 78 year old victim was in her residence when the suspect entered the home, produced a handgun, and stole the woman's purse, car keys and car. The vehicle was recovered near a business complex the next day.

April 27, 2016 - A gray Acura sedan was reported stolen from a local auto dealership in the 4700 block of Garden City Road. The vehicle was, shortly thereafter, observed being driven in an erratic manner near the area of No. 4 Road and Blundell Road. The driver was reportedly observed pointing a firearm at the occupants of a nearby vehicle. Patrols in the area failed to locate the suspect. The missing vehicle was later observed in Vancouver and linked to multiple crimes in that municipality. A suspect from Calgary was subsequently arrested in Vancouver.

May 10, 2016 – Crown Counsel approved 6 charges, in conjunction with the 3 Richmond RCMP investigations, against the suspect. A 36 year old accused male was charged with the following offences: break and enter, robbery, use imitation firearm while committing an offence, assault with a weapon, and possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

### *Fatal Motorcycle Accident*

May 3, 2016, 2:30 p.m. – Richmond RCMP responded to a report of a serious vehicle accident involving a Harley Davidson motorcycle and New Flyer bus. The motorcyclist sustained critical injuries and was rushed to hospital where he passed away due to his injuries. The collision is being investigated by the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services (ICARS) and the BC Coroner's Service.

### *We Chat /iTunes Card Warning*

We Chat is one of the world's most widely used communication apps. Criminals use this app to initiate contact with users who are subsequently victimized through fraud and extortion.

A recent emerging trend involves the use of iTunes cards as a form of payment. In many scenarios a deal is struck on We Chat resulting in the item being purchased with an iTunes account. The criminals create an iTunes account using a stolen or fraudulently acquired credit card. The iTunes card is then deposited or transferred to other accounts and used to purchase merchandise that can be resold for cash.

The following was circulated through local media:

Any demands for payment in the form of iTunes cards should be an automatic red flag. A healthy dose of scepticism can make the difference in protecting oneself from being scammed or extorted.

The following tips can be useful universally with We Chat or other messaging apps:

- Be cautious about accepting communications using We Chat or other messaging platforms, especially when a companionship website is involved.
- Do not engage in the sharing of explicit photos.
- Monetary demands using iTunes cards are highly suspicious.
- Do not give into monetary demands and do not make any payments.
- Contact Richmond RCMP at 604-278-1212 or email at [Richmond\\_Tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Richmond_Tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

### *Retail Theft*

Richmond RCMP report that there is a thriving industry selling stolen merchandise. A recent trend is surfacing where criminals are focusing on stealing products listed on their "shopping list". Through the adoption of scouts, lookouts, and counter-surveillance, thieves are looking for retail store vulnerabilities.

Currently the most popular items that are being stolen:

Razor blades	Video Games
Shampoo	Movie/videos (Blu-ray)
Beauty creams	Bedding
Toothbrushes	Small kitchen appliances
Batteries	

Products are sold on the internet, to rival retailers or openly through flea markets. The RCMP has communicated this information to educate and assist the general public to make informed decisions.

The following information was circulated through the local media:

- Be smart when shopping for items, especially if the seller has multiple items that are new and in original packaging without corresponding receipts.
- Conduct business in public areas like food courts or coffee shops and ask lots of questions. These areas are inclined to have video surveillance around to better protect both the buyer and seller.

## 2. Auxiliary Constables

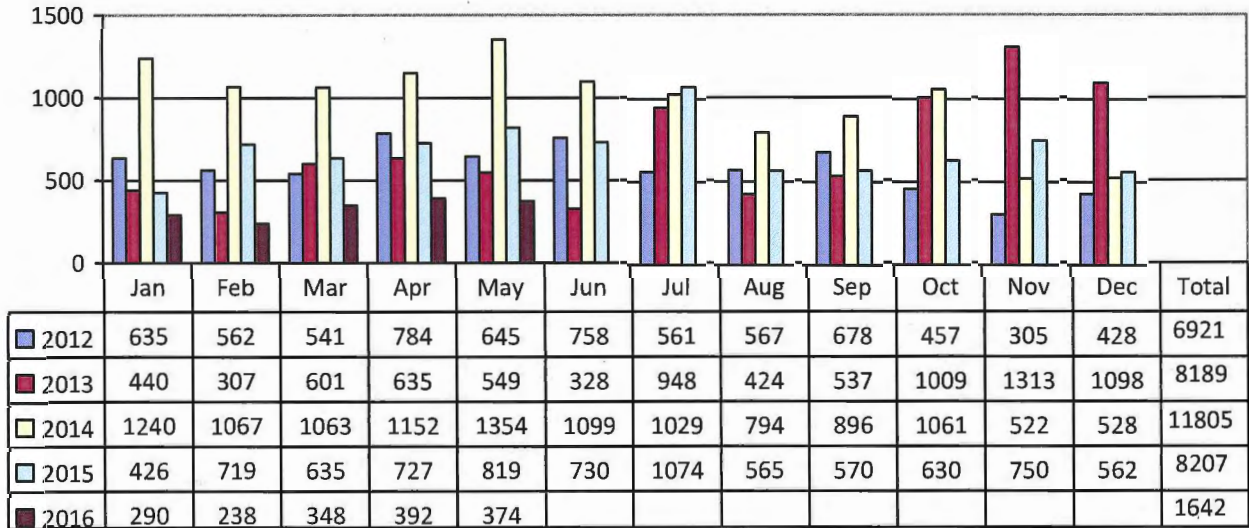
At the end of May 2016, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 39 auxiliary constables who provided 374 volunteer hours in May. This is a reduction of hours by 54% from 2015 and 39.5% from 2014.

### *Policy Update*

No update has been received on the current national policy review of the RCMP Auxiliary Constable program.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2012 to 2016.

**Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours**



*Auxiliary Constables Activities:*

- Crime Watch – provided support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Home Security Checks – attended residences that have been referred by regular members or through Victim Services to conduct a security assessment of the residence.
- Mobile Command Unit “Pop-Up Detachment” – assisted regular members and volunteers to promote community engagement and crime reduction initiatives in identified neighborhoods.
- Night Markets – assisted by providing a police presence at these events on weekends.
- Pathways Initiative – provided support and positive police interactions to clients having mental health issues at Pathways Clubhouse.
- Pedestrian Safety – assisted Road Safety Unit members with targeted enforcement to promote safety and awareness in high-pedestrian traffic areas.
- Project 529 – in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Unit and volunteers, Auxiliary Constables participated in training initiatives and delivery of this program to the public. Project 529 addresses bike theft through an active online bike registry.
- Public Works Open House – participated in hosting a police information booth during this annual City of Richmond event. The booth promotes crime prevention and community policing programs.
- School Visits – provided safety lectures while attending elementary school spring fairs.

- School Sports Events – participated in school events promoting Police awareness and communication through sports.
- SOS Children’s Village Walk/Run – hosted an RCMP display and information booth allowing interactions with families and youth at this fundraising event.
- Speed Watch – in conjunction with Crime Prevention Unit, Road Safety Unit, and Community Police Station volunteers, the Auxiliary Constables assisted during “Project SWOOP”. The program provided a day-long Speed Watch and Distracted Driving campaign. Speed Watch was conducted in local school zones.
- Steveston Market - assisted with traffic control that encouraged pedestrian safety at this popular event in Steveston Village.

### 3. Block Watch

#### *Block Watch Activities:*

The Block Watch Program continues to be reviewed. An email alert system is currently undergoing changes through the streamlining of message delivery. This change is currently evolving in response to feedback from the community. In addition the Block Watch brochure (**Attachment 2**) was revised and is now available online:

[http://www.richmond.ca/shared/assets/Block\\_Watch\\_Brochure\\_May\\_201644417.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/shared/assets/Block_Watch_Brochure_May_201644417.pdf)

- Alerts – In May 2016 there were 21 residential and 4 business burglary email alerts sent to the community. These emails inform both residential and business owners that a break and enter has occurred and provide appropriate crime prevention measures.
- In addition on May 10, 2016, at the request of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, a City Watch email alert was sent to commercial recipients informing them that local businesses were receiving fraudulent phone calls from an international company purporting to be the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.
- Also an email alert was sent informing residents of a Project 529 registration event being held on May 12, 2016.
- An email alert was sent informing residents the Richmond RCMP would be at Garden City Park on May 19 displaying their Marine Vessel, Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Service and Explosive Disposal Unit.
- At the end of May 2016, there were 5,516 registered email recipients receiving City Watch residential break and enter email alerts. 1,004 registered businesses received City Watch commercial break and enter email alerts.
- Block Watch Group – a new group started in May 2016 in the Seaton Road and Seagrave Road area.
- Block Watch – at the end of May 2016, the Block Watch program had 419 groups containing 9,760 participants. Currently the program contains 558 captains having increased by 3 captains, 2 groups and 6 participants during the last month.

- Block Watch Training sessions are scheduled for Captains in June of 2016.
- Crime Maps – which is a program that is maintained by Block Watch, received 1,888 page views in May 2016, which averages to 60 average page views per day.

#### 4. Community Police Station Programs

##### *Community Police Station Activities:*

- Bike to School Week - Speed Watch was conducted at Walter Lee Elementary School before and after school to ensure student safety.
- Cambie Youth Day – Six volunteers attended and wore the fatal vision goggles to show the students the impact of impairment on walking a line and shooting basketballs. The goggles simulate the effects of alcohol consumption on physical skills. Students experienced the effects by participating while wearing the goggles.
- 'E' Division Youth Summit at Entertainment Boulevard –Nine volunteers assisted a Crime Prevention member at this event.
- Island Bike Tour - Volunteer bike patrol members met with the organizer to plan the route of this event at the Cambie Community Centre. The event is scheduled for June 12, 2016. Volunteers will be assisting cyclists by providing safety at key traffic locations.
- Police Week at Garden City Park – 11 City Centre volunteers attended and challenged the Richmond Fire Rescue team to a friendly game of basketball.
- Project SWOOP – was held at South Arm Community Police station. In attendance at this all day event were 28 volunteers who participated in a Speed Watch enforcement initiative. The Road Safety Unit, Crime Prevention members and two Auxiliary Constables checked 4,173 vehicles and issued 174 warning letters.
- SOS Event at the Richmond Oval – 5 City Centre volunteers assisted the Crime Prevention Unit at this event.

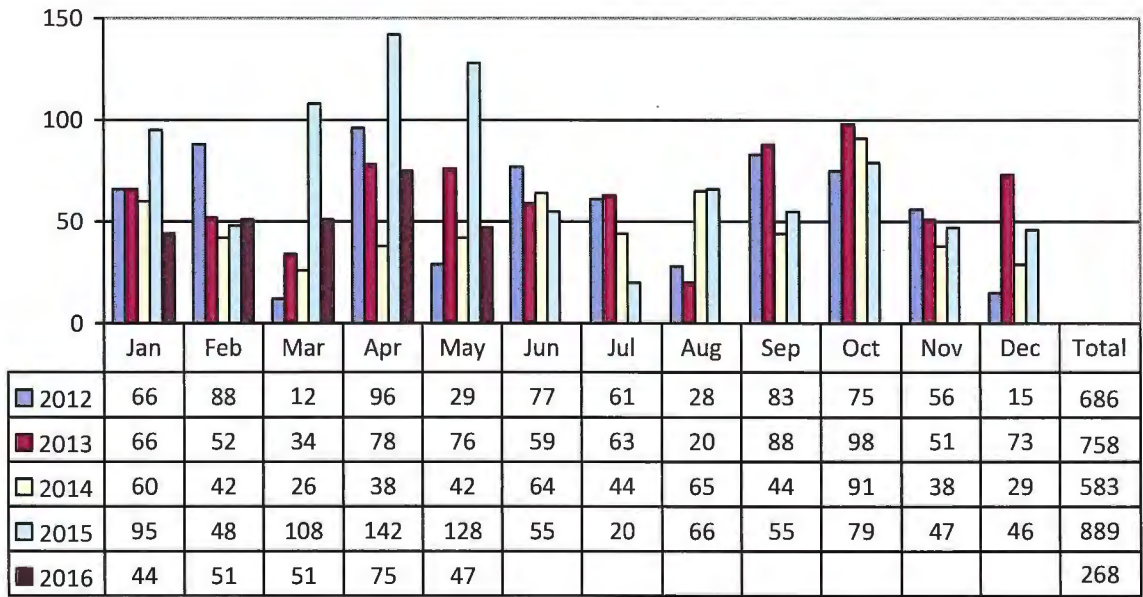
##### *Year by Year Comparison*

At the end of May 2016, 47 Distracted Driver letters were sent. This is a reduction of 63% from May 2015. This reduction occurred as volunteers were redeployed to address theft from vehicle crimes. Theft Lock Out Auto Crime notices were distributed resulting in a 74% increase over May 2015 notices. There were 2677 notices issued from this extraordinary effort in May 2016.

*Distracted Drivers*

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent to registered owners.

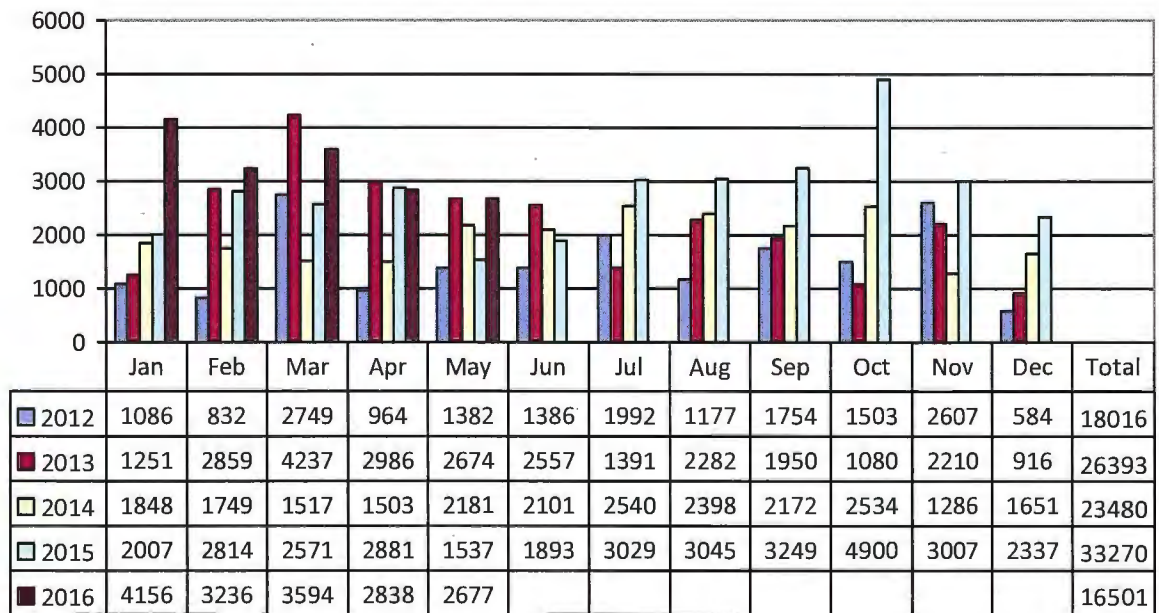
**Figure 2: Distracted Driver Letters Sent**



*Lock-Out Auto Crime*

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

**Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**

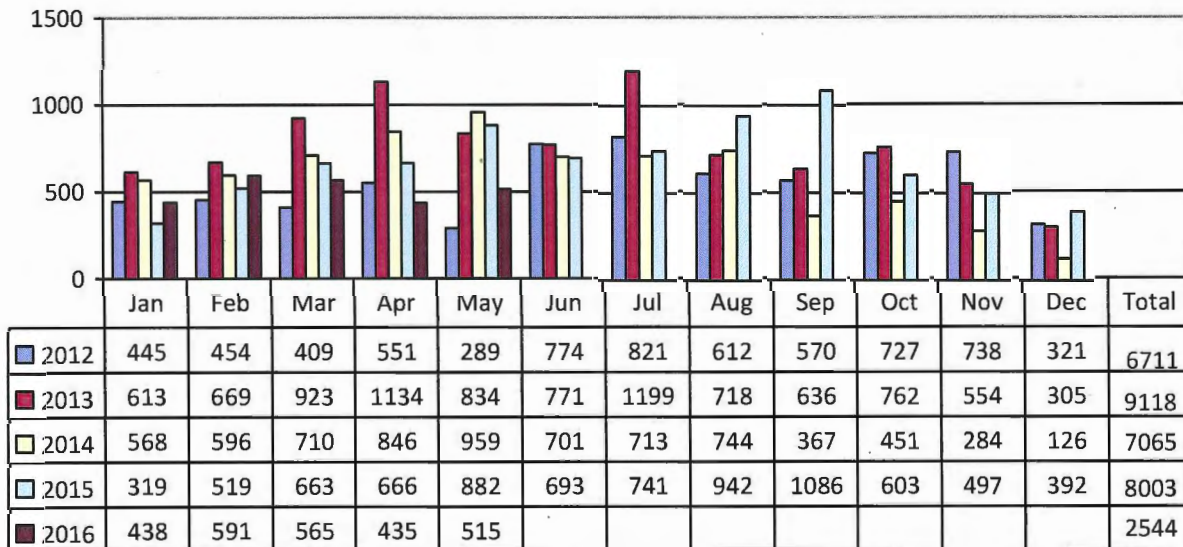




*Speed Watch*

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent to registered owners.

**Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent**



5. Crime Prevention Unit

*Police Week May 15-21, 2016*

National Police Week began in Canada in 1970 as a way to connect with communities and increase awareness regarding police services. The event offers police the opportunity to highlight the importance of this role in the safety and security of Canada and Canadians, at home and abroad.

This year, to observe National Police Week, the Richmond RCMP hosted several community events throughout the City, including:

- Bike registration events at the Olympic Oval and Steveston Park.
- Police event at Garden City Park during which specialized police equipment was displayed by the Emergency Response Team, Explosives Disposal Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, and Transit Police.
- Guns vs. Hoses basketball game between the RCMP and Richmond Fire Rescue at the Garden City Park basketball courts.

The event was well attended by the community where information related to various crime prevention programs was distributed. In addition hundreds of bikes were registered against theft. RCMP members, support personnel, and many valued volunteers helped to make these events a huge success.

## 6. Crime Statistics Analysis

### *Arson*

In May 2016 there were 14 incidents of arson which was last at this level in 2009. This increase can be attributed to an increase in garbage can fires, youth and mischievous events. Investigators expect that the number of fires will decrease next month.

### *Assault with Weapon*

In May 2016 there were 17 assaults with a weapon. This is an increase of 42% from May 2015. This increase appears to be a random occurrence but will be monitored closely.

### *Drugs*

In May 2016 there were 71 drug incidents. This is an increase of 4.4% from May 2015.

### *Residential Break and Enter*

In May 2016 there were 38 Break and Enters which is a decrease of 40% from May 2015. Residential break and enters remain below average and are currently at a 20% decrease when compared to last year.

### *Sexual Assault*

There were 9 sexual offences in May 2016 which is an 80% increase from May 2015. Sexual assault levels in 2015 were comparatively low to the five year average which may explain this month's increase.

### *Shoplifting*

Shoplifting is currently being monitored as a crime reduction initiative priority. This crime has increased across the lower mainland indicating a larger trend impacting the Richmond area. In May 2016 there were 80 incidents which is a 100% increase from May 2015. This can be attributed to several factors:

- The new McArthurGlen outlet mall has added additional retail space to the area which may be responsible for a 10% increase from the previous year.
- Additional files are being generated due to dedicated crime reduction projects focused on this issue.

- The trend also appears to indicate that this crime is being committed by individual shoplifters as opposed to organized groups. This could also be attributed to an increase in reporting by local businesses. Traditionally there has been significant under reporting of small items such as food and personal items. It appears that more events are being reported by businesses victimized by these crimes.

### *Theft from Auto*

Auto theft numbers remain within the 5 year average range since April 2016. This trend appears to be continuing. Police crime reduction initiatives have attributed to this decrease with enforcement projects and crime prevention targeting effected areas.

### 7. 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 provide May 2016 data as compared to the previous two months.

The Moving Violations category includes infractions such as "unsafe lane change" and "unsafe passing". The Vehicle category includes infractions such as "no insurance", "no lights" and other motor vehicle regulation defects. The Other category includes miscellaneous charges such as "fail to remain at the scene of accident", "failing to stop for police" and other motor vehicle infractions.

Violation Tickets issued for the following infractions:

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>March 2016</b>	<b>April 2016</b>	<b>May 2016</b>
Distracted Driving	358	101	64
Driver License	164	107	165
Impaired	33	29	38
Intersection offences	139	117	113
Moving Violations	153	122	143
Speeding	236	185	220
Seatbelts	49	13	19
Vehicle Related	99	58	73
Other	17	16	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1248</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>858</b>

Notice and Orders issued for the following infractions:

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>March 2016</b>	<b>April 2016</b>	<b>May 2016</b>
Distracted Driving	25	7	9
Driver License	20	24	24
Intersection	41	25	38
Moving Violations	56	70	52
Speeding	50	55	92
Seatbelts	1	7	5
Vehicle Related	77	87	95
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>315</b>

Parking and Bylaw Tickets:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Act</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Apr 2016</b>	<b>May 2016</b>
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	10	10	15
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Municipal Bylaw offence	0	1	0

#### 8. Victim Services

- In May 2016 Richmond RCMP Victim Services provides on-going support to 63 clients and attended 12 crime/trauma scenes. The unit maintains an active caseload of 140 on-going files.
- In addition Victim Services provides on-going emotional support to victims of family crises, threatening behaviour, medical related sudden deaths and a fatal vehicle accident. Some cases were referred for long term assistance.
- Victim Services responded to a fatal accident involving a bus and a motorcycle. Some of the witnesses were teenagers and have required ongoing support from the program.
- Victim Services is providing support for a sudden death of a person who was the caregiver of a vulnerable person. The deceased had passed for two days prior to being discovered. The vulnerable person was found to be safe and uninjured.

#### 9. Youth Section

*Youth Week May 1 – 7, 2016*

Youth Week is a provincial celebration held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of excitement and celebration intended to build a strong connection between young people and their communities, profile issues, accomplishments and diversity of youth across the province. As part of BC Youth Week, the City of Richmond and Community Associations host a number of free events for youth 13-18 years of age. These fun and interactive events are a great way for

youth to spend time with friends in a safe and friendly environment. The event provides an opportunity to celebrate being a youth in Richmond.

Richmond Youth Section attended a number of events, including the U Rock awards on May 2, 2016 at the Gateway Theater. Constable Adriana Peralta of Richmond RCMP Youth section received an asset champion award for her dedication and commitment to building developmental assets while inspiring, mentoring and making a difference in the lives of youth.

### *Youth Academy*

On May 16, 2016 - Constable Janice Xia from Richmond RCMP Youth Section provided a presentation to the Richmond School Board, regarding the RCMP Youth Academy program. Students assisted in the presentation by sharing their experiences from the academy.

The RCMP Lower Mainland Youth Academy is a formalized partnership between the Coquitlam, Burnaby, North Vancouver, Surrey and Richmond RCMP Detachments and their respective School Districts. The Academy is held annually and is designed to provide interested youth with an opportunity to experience police training and partake in police work simulations.

The RCMP Youth Academy is traditionally held during Spring Break. This year the Academy was held between March 24, 2016 to April 1, 2016 at the Stillwood Camp and Conference Centre south of Cultus Lake, B.C. The eight-day program accommodates up to 50 students from grades 11 and 12. Candidates are chosen based on a stringent selection process conducted by schools, districts and detachments. Students with an aspiration for a career in policing are often chosen for the program.

The Academy is not for the faint of heart. The 50 students representing five school districts take part in activities from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The schedule is gruelling, yet past youth cadets will state that it was one of the best experiences of their life. There are significant references made to the diversity of activities and experience provided.

The week-long itinerary is split into three parts: physical training, police drills, and police theory. A career in law enforcement work is very demanding and no two days are ever completely the same. Students are involved as observers and role-players with several mock scenarios including: domestic violence, break and enter crimes, traffic violations, arrests, searches and even court proceedings. Each troop of 10 is also exposed to a night scenario which extends late into the night.

### *School Lock Down Protocols*

Youth Section Team Leader Corporal Dave Edge continued to work with the School District managers to enhance Lock Down and Hold Secure protocols.

### **Financial Impact**

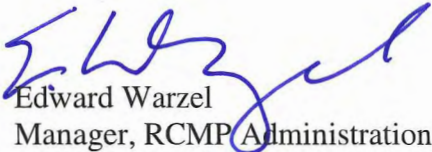
None.

June 23, 2016

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### **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 Definition
- 2: Block Watch Brochure May 2016
- 3: Crime Statistics
- 4: Crime Maps

Auxiliary Constables

- The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community policing activities related to public safety and crime prevention.
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm)

Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: [blockwatch@richmond.ca](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm)

Difference Maker Project

- The Difference Maker Project is an off-shoot of the School Sports Programs. Elementary school students are mentored by teachers, police officers and community ambassadors. This activity aims to encourage social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth through community projects.

Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm)

Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

#### Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit
- [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm)

#### 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.





# Richmond Block Watch



**BLOCK WATCH**®

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Safe Communities**

## What is required of Block Watch Volunteers?

- Each block area will require a Block Captain and, ideally, a Co-Captain to assist.
- Depending on the size of the complex or neighbourhood, several Captains or Co-Captains may need to be recruited.
- All Captains and Co-Captains will undergo a security check by police in advance of attending the free training session and crime prevention workshop.
- The Block Watch Program Application form can be obtained from one of our Community Police Stations or online at [www.richmond.ca/blockwatch](http://www.richmond.ca/blockwatch).
- Block Watch does not require a lot of your time nor is it a major responsibility. It is easy to organize.
- It is not necessary to be home all the time to be a Block Watch Captain or Co-Captain.
- There are no patrols – just go about your daily life.

## How do I get involved?

To get involved in an existing Block Watch group in your area, or if you are interested in starting a Block Watch group for your area, contact the Block Watch office at 604-207-4829 or email [blockwatch@richmond.ca](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca).

## Richmond Block Watch

For more information, please contact:

### Richmond Crime Prevention

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Email: ..... [blockwatch@richmond.ca](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)

**RCMP (Emergency).....9-1-1**

RCMP (Non-emergency)..... 604-278-1212

To leave a tip on any crime, please email  
[Richmond\\_tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Richmond_tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Or to remain anonymous, call  
Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)  
or visit [www.solvecrime.ca](http://www.solvecrime.ca)

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May 26, 2016

# Block Watch

## Safe Communities, One Block at a Time

### What is Block Watch?

Block Watch is a free community based program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. It aims to get citizens involved in preventing crime at the local level. The ultimate success of Block Watch depends largely on a commitment to cooperate between area residents and the police – and more importantly, between residents themselves.



**A healthy community is everyone's responsibility.**

### How does it work?

Your neighbours know who you are, what type of vehicle you drive, and may be the first to notice a suspicious person at your door or window. A police officer patrolling your community may not recognize a stranger in your yard – but your neighbour will.

By simply getting to know the neighbours around you, you'll be able to recognize someone or something that's suspicious. When neighbours work together, they can combat crime in their area in the most effective way – before it starts. Block Watch encourages active participation in crime prevention.



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### Benefits

As part of the program, you can learn:

- How to make your home less inviting as a target for thieves;
- How to participate in an engraving program to mark your valuables;
- How to recognize and report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood;
- How to increase your personal safety;
- How to prevent auto crimes; and
- What's happening in community crime prevention through our newsletter.





## May 2016 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents are included.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above average, it will be noted in **red**, while below-average numbers will be noted in **blue**.

Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in **red**, while decreases of more than 10% are **blue**. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Offences).

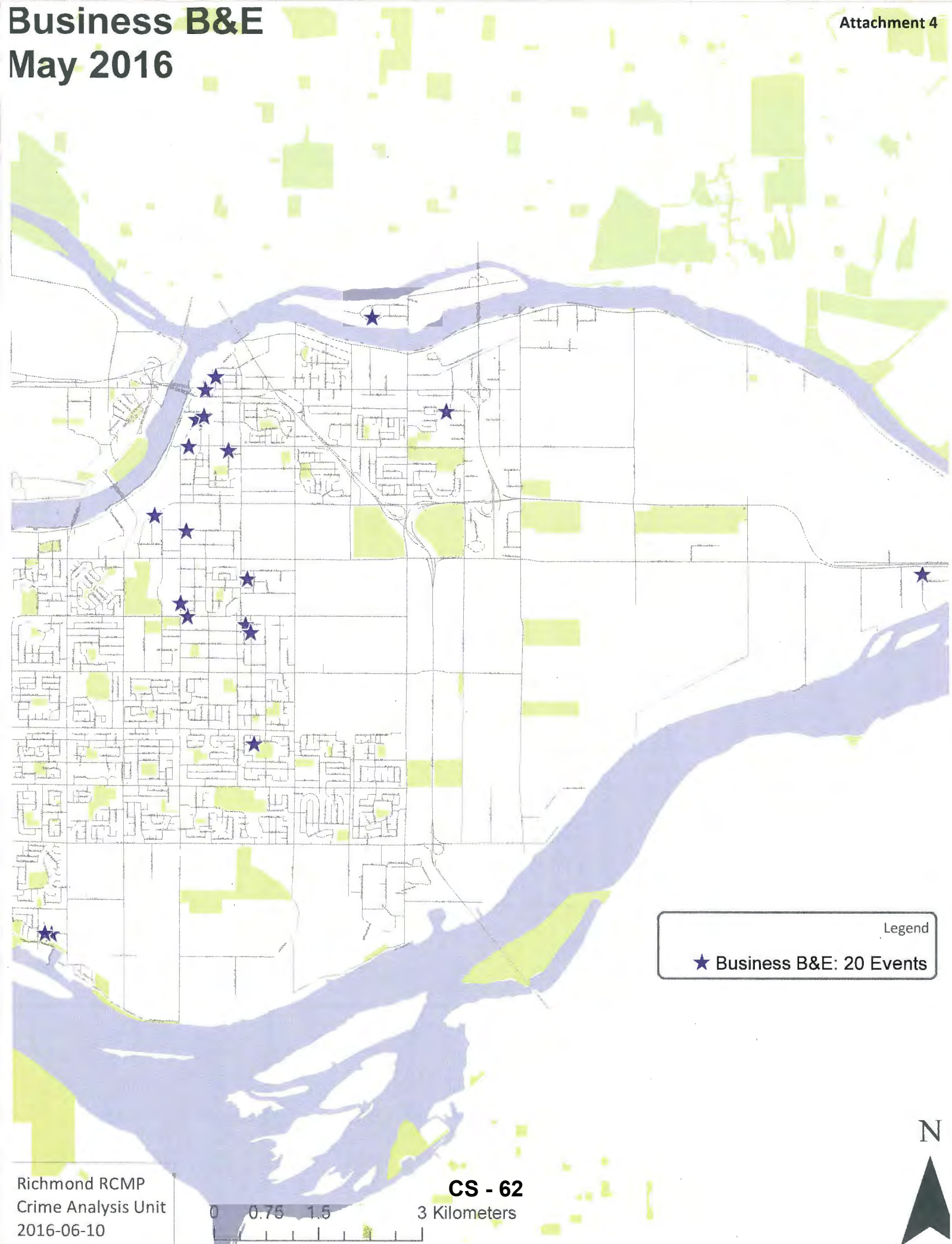
	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	May-16	May		2015	2016	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>153</b>	<b>109.4</b>	<b>86-132</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>121</b>
<i>Robbery</i>	5	9.8	2-17	28	43	53.6%	15
<i>Assault Common</i>	44	40.6	34-47	185	213	15.1%	28
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	<b>17</b>	9.8	8-12	48	54	12.5%	6
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	9	6.2	4-9	18	31	72.2%	13
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>727</b>	<b>623.6</b>	<b>535-712</b>	<b>3373</b>	<b>3577</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>204</b>
<i>Business B&amp;E</i>	<b>20</b>	30.2	27-33	161	130	-19.3%	-31
<i>Residential B&amp;E</i>	<b>38</b>	54.6	44-65	342	273	-20.2%	-69
<i>MV Theft</i>	29	22.4	15-30	136	149	9.6%	13
<i>Theft From MV</i>	211	177.2	111-243	936	1152	23.1%	216
<i>Theft</i>	118	114.2	101-127	672	513	-23.7%	-159
<i>Shoplifting</i>	<b>80</b>	53.2	38-69	223	365	63.7%	142
<i>Fraud</i>	<b>54</b>	44.2	40-48	273	246	-9.9%	-27
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>226</b>	<b>199.8</b>	<b>179-221</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Arson - Property</i>	<b>14</b>	4.2	2-7	21	25	19.0%	4
<b>SUBTOTAL</b> (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	<b>1106</b>	<b>932.8</b>	<b>821-1045</b>	<b>4793</b>	<b>5134</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>71</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>57-78</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>56</b>

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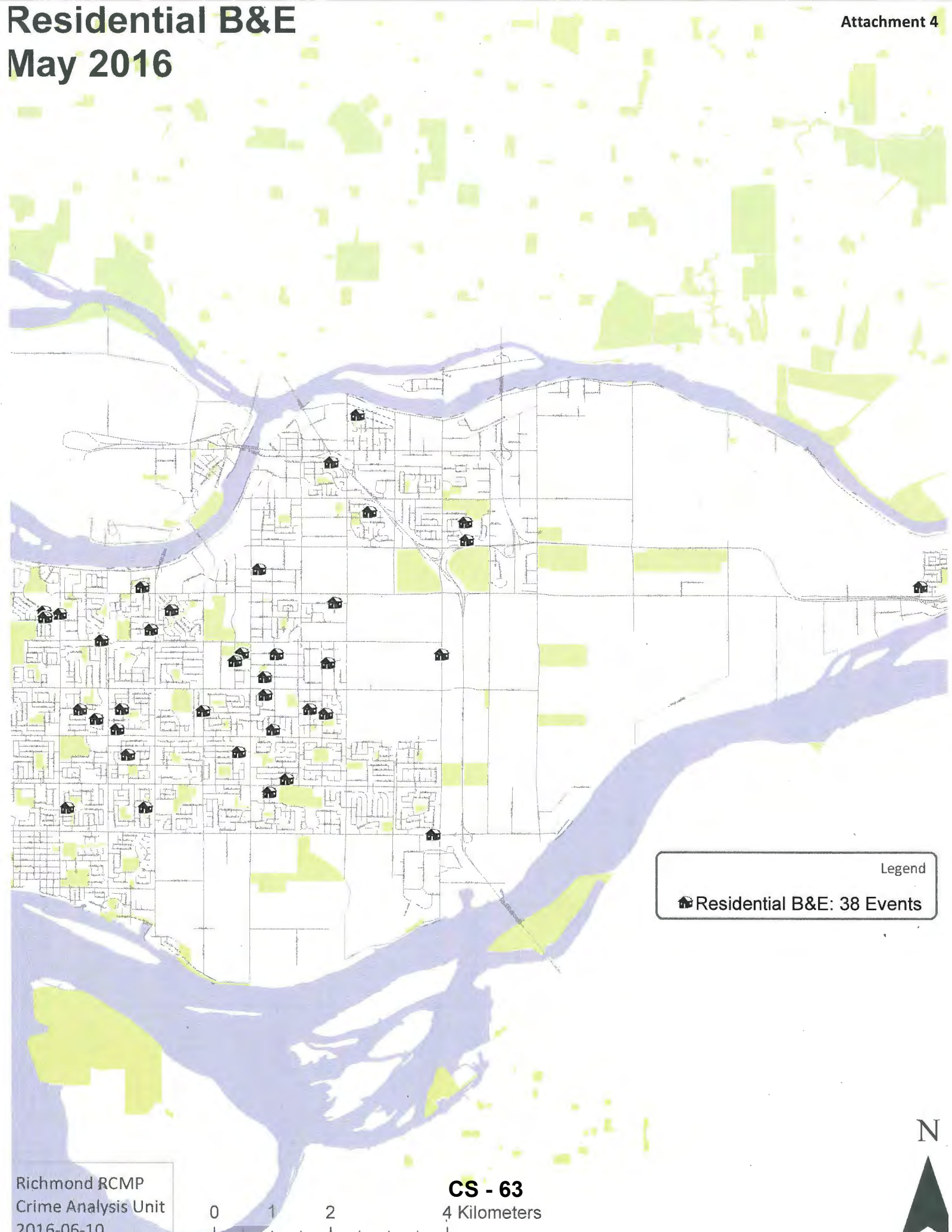
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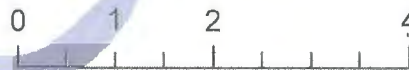


# Residential B&E May 2016



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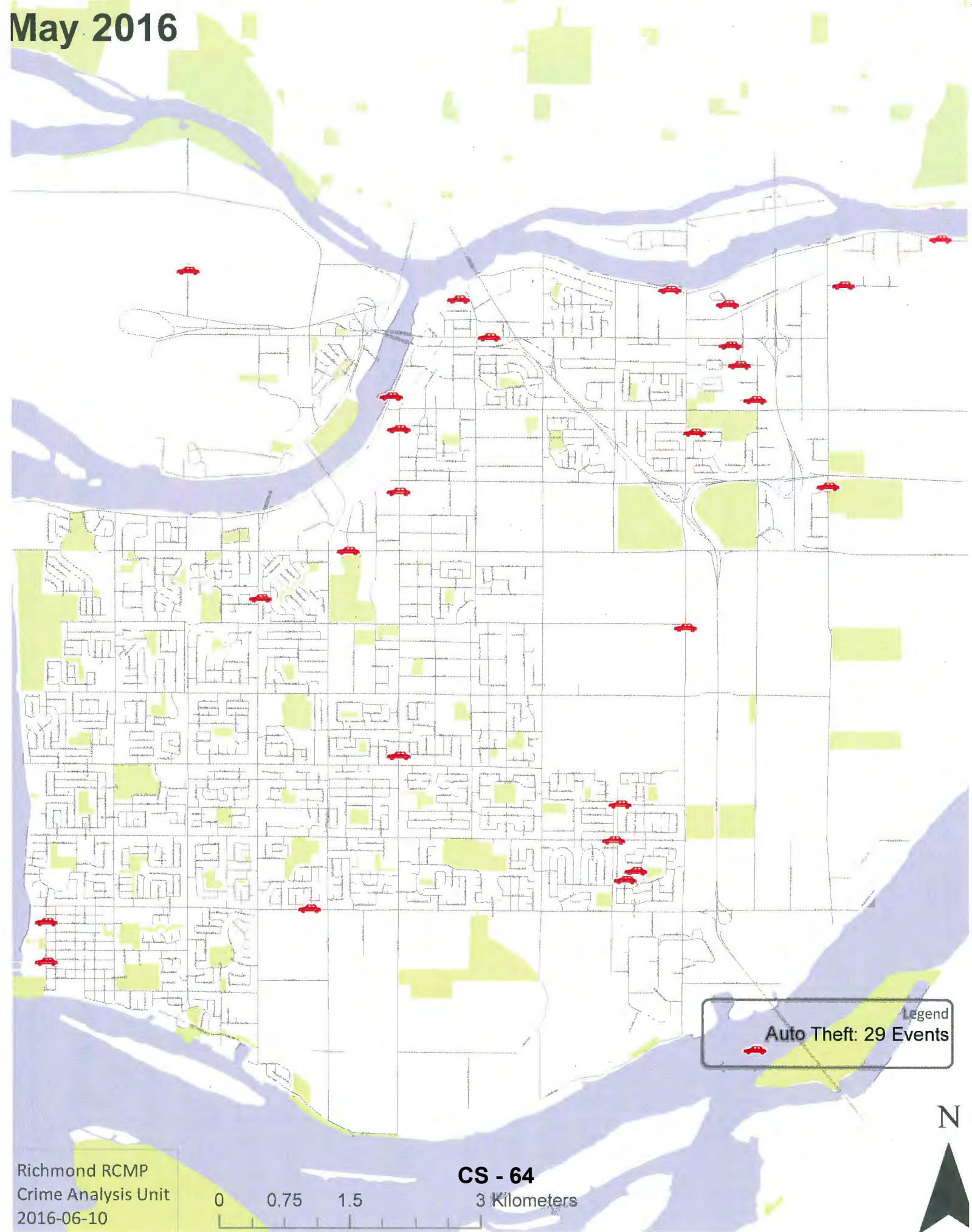
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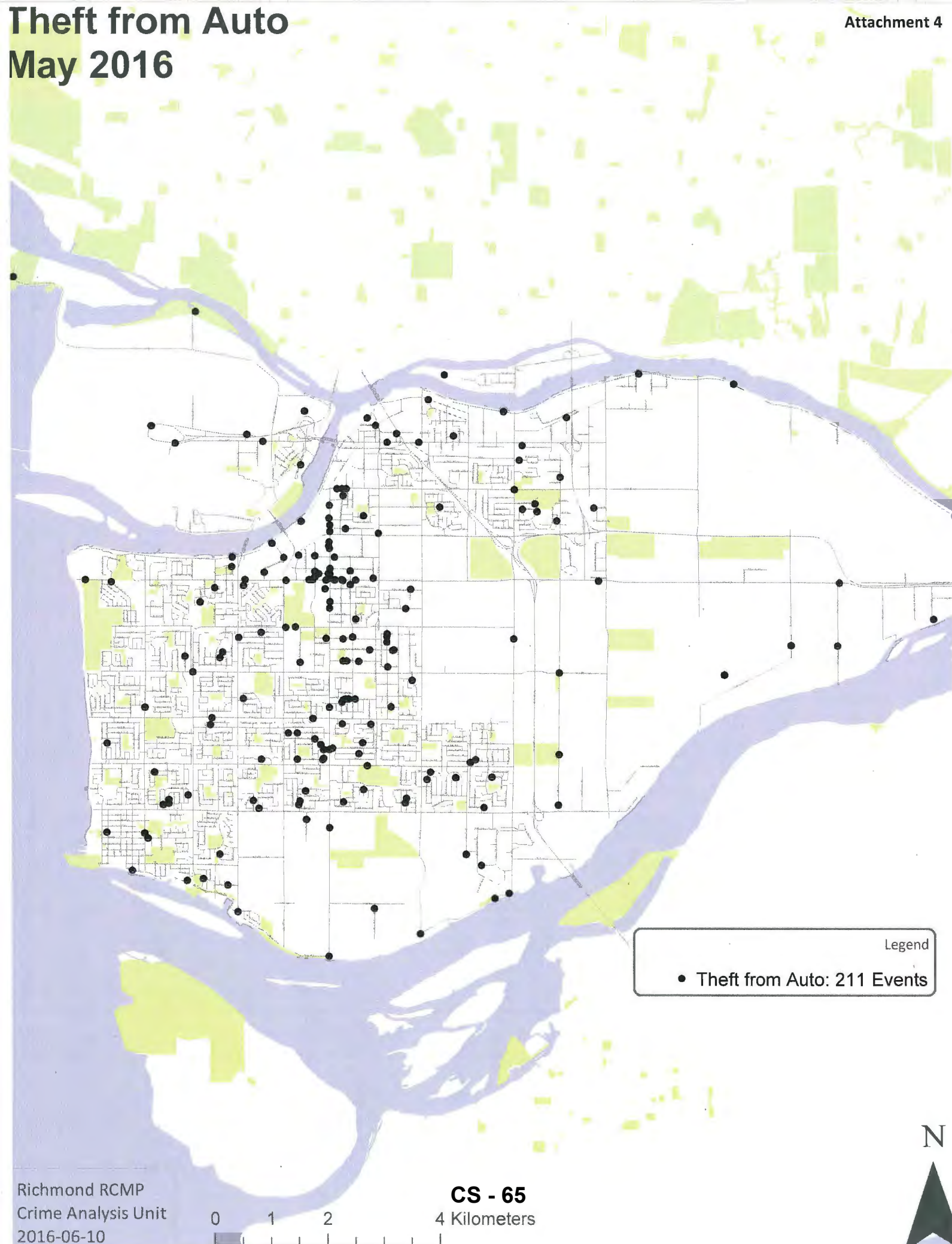
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# Auto Theft May 2016



# Theft from Auto May 2016



Legend  
• Theft from Auto: 211 Events

