




City of Richmond

Report to Committee

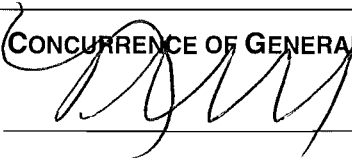


To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 4, 2015
From: Rendall Nessel, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2015-Vol
 Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01 (15.14)
Re: RCMP's Monthly Report - May Activities

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – May Activities," dated June 4, 2015 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.


 Rendall Nessel, Superintendent
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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This report supports Council's 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 2015 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Updated Charges for Novid Dadmand

After a lengthy and complex investigation, the charges against Richmond resident Novid Dadmand have been updated. Dadmand was originally charged in 2014 with numerous offences including sexual assault. On April 28, 2015, Dadmand was indicted in BC Supreme Court on 8 counts – 7 counts of sexual assault and 1 count of break and enter. A publication ban is in effect for this matter, which is before the courts. There will be no media availability and no further information provided.

Police Respond to Stabbing

On May 19 after 2:00 pm, the Detachment responded to the area of Minoru Boulevard and Granville Avenue for a report of an injured man. Two males were involved in an altercation near the Richmond Public Library which resulted in a stabbing. The victim, a young male, was discovered near City Hall and was transported to the local area hospital by the BC Ambulance Service.

The assailant fled the area and there is no description of the suspect. The police are currently reviewing surveillance video and other investigational leads. This does not appear to be a random event. The Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS) and the Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) is assisting with the investigation.

Richmond RCMP Investigating the discovery of a Body

The Detachment responded to the discovery of a body in the 10,000 block of Woodhead Road just after 3:30 pm on May 19. The death does not appear to be a random attack and considered suspicious. The Detachment has contacted the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) to assist with the investigation.

Mail Thieves Caught in Richmond

On May 22 at approximately 4:00 am, the Detachment responded to a suspicious occurrence at the 8,000 block of General Currie Road. A suspect was observed damaging a community mailbox and stealing the mail. A beige late 90's model Mercedes Benz was observed fleeing from the area. The RCMP was able to swiftly contain the vehicle and safely arrest the two occupants. Stolen mail was recovered. Two suspects have been arrested for theft – a 28 year old male and a 21 year old female. Both are well known to police.

10 Year Old Boy Gets His Wish

Mike Cui, a 10 year old boy from Richmond who attends Tait Elementary School, sent the Detachment a video. The 10 year old expressed his wish to be a police officer, drive a police car and arrest bad guys. Mike is a special boy. He has Down syndrome and works with a full time educational assistant. Each day, he works hard to improve his language and increase his learning.

The Detachment thought it would be most special to grant his wish and had an authentic RCMP uniform made. On May 22, Mike was named 'Honorary Chief for the Day' and a small ceremony was held at his school before his peers. Mike wore his uniform, marched in and inspected a small group of police officers from Richmond. The event was attended by Alexa Loo, City Councillor.

Police Forced to Discharge Firearm at a Dangerous Dog.

On May 29 at approximately 8:00 am, the Detachment responded to the 9000 block of Walford Street for a report of a break and enter in progress. A home owner was startled to find an unwanted male in his residence. The suspect described as a south Asian male in his 30's wearing a black jacket and carrying a large black duffle bag fled once discovered. Police quickly established a containment field and officers scoured the area looking for the suspect. The Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS) was contacted for their assistance in the search.

At approximately 9:00 am two of the officers were alerted to a large black duffle bag matching the description of the bag carried by the suspect. It was located in a fenced yard in the 3,000 block of Garden City Road. The property had a 'beware of dog' sign posted and the officers made cautionary noises in an attempt to rouse a dog or dogs before retrieving the evidence. The officers received no feedback and attempted to retrieve the duffle bag. The officers were confronted by 2 pit bull-like dogs and hastily exited the area, narrowly escaping. In the process, one of the officers discharged his firearm once, wounding one of the dogs as it closed in on him. The officers were shaken but uninjured. The wounded dog was transported to a local area veterinary hospital for treatment.

An investigation into this incident has been initiated. The home owner of the break and enter was extremely scared, but luckily unharmed. The RCMP was unable to apprehend the suspect in this case but the Detachment Property Crime Unit is investigating further. The discharge of a firearm is very serious and will be fully investigated.

Seeking Assistance to Identify a Deceased Male (1976)

On June 23, 1976, crew members from the Government dredging vessel Samson V found a man's body floating in the south arm of the Fraser River near the No. 4 Road dyke. The Richmond RCMP responded and initiated an investigation to identify the deceased man and to determine the cause of his death. The male was described as: light-skinned of Aboriginal descent, blue eyes and gray hair, late 40s to early 50s, 5'9" tall and 170-200 pounds. He was wearing size 36 jeans, two pairs of socks (green nylon and gray wool) and a single size 9 leather slip-on boots.

Medical evidence suggested that he underwent spinal fusion surgery somewhere in North America, perhaps during the 1960s. An autopsy revealed that the male's rear molars were missing. The pathologist determined that cause of death was due to drowning and there was no indication of foul play.

Files relating to missing males around the time were cross-referenced but no matches were found. Fingerprint and dental record matching have been unsuccessful. The file remains open and investigators are seeking the public's help for any information that may assist in identifying the male. Information and enquiries have been directed to Corporal Bob Basanti in the Serious Crime Unit.

Community Policing

Auxiliary Constables

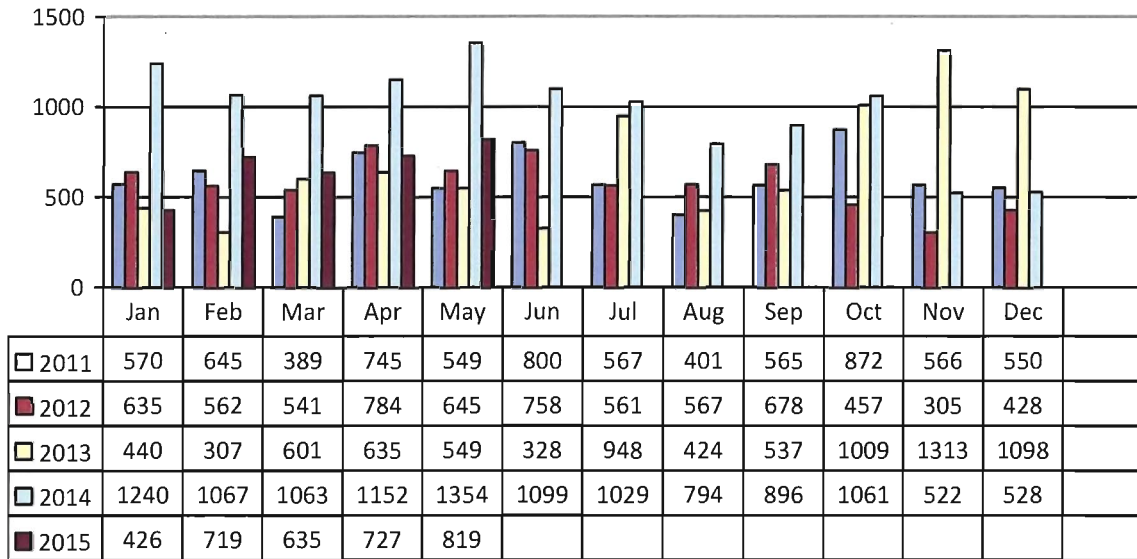
The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention.

Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

Total Auxiliary Constable volunteer hours include community policing activities as well as hours spent in training, court, ride-along and call-outs. As of the end of May 2015, Richmond Detachment's complement of Auxiliary Constables is 29. The Auxiliary Constables volunteered 819 hours during the month of May.

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

Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours



Activities for May 2015 include:

- Crime Watch – provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Youth Programs – participated with RCMP officers in the “Difference Makers” initiative to promote youth leadership and mentoring to foster social responsibility. Participated in school sports events at elementary schools.
- Heart & Stroke Big Bike – assisted the Detachment’s Road Safety Unit in escorting the ‘Big Bike’ throughout the streets of Steveston Village for this annual fundraiser event.
- Chinese Christian Mission Safety & Living Fair – provided information on Crime Prevention programs.
- Police Week – organized and participated in events throughout the week. Events participated in were: Tourism Safety, ‘Cram the Cruiser’, Youth Safety, Cops for Cancer and Random Acts of Kindness.
- Works Yard Open House – participated in an RCMP display and information booth.
- Night Markets – provided support to RCMP officers in providing a uniformed presence.
- SOS Childrens’ Village Run/Walk – participated in an RCMP display and information booth.
- Project ‘SWOOP’ – assisted volunteers and the Detachment’s Road Safety Unit at this all day campaign for Speed Watch and Distracted Driving.
- Robbery Prevention Training – Auxiliary Constables presented training sessions to the City of Richmond’s Community Services staff.

- Citizens Crime Watch – Auxiliary Constables conducted a training session for volunteers to continue to expand the Crime Watch program.
- Ride Alongs - provided support to RCMP officers with Traffic and General Duty shifts.

Block Watch/Business Link

Activities for May 2015 include:

- Alerts/Letters - There were 56 residential and 18 business break and enter email alerts and 235 residential and 22 business letters sent during this period to registered Richmond residents and businesses. These emails and letters informed home and business owners that a break and enter had occurred, provide crime prevention information, and direct residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.
- Block Watch - As of the end of May, there are 9,422 Block Watch participants in 404 groups with 543 Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains. This is an increase of 43 Block Watch participants, 3 groups. An in-active Block Watch group on Bates Road has been re-established with a new Captain.
- Residential break and enter email alerts – at the end of May there are 5,064 registered email addresses which is an increase of 101 Richmond residents registered in May.
- Commercial break and enter email alerts – at the end of May there are 1,057 registered email addresses which is an increase of 12 Richmond businesses registered in May.
- Crime Maps – during May there were 1,787 page views with 36.22% being new visitors to the Criminal Activity Maps web pages.

Community Police Stations

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

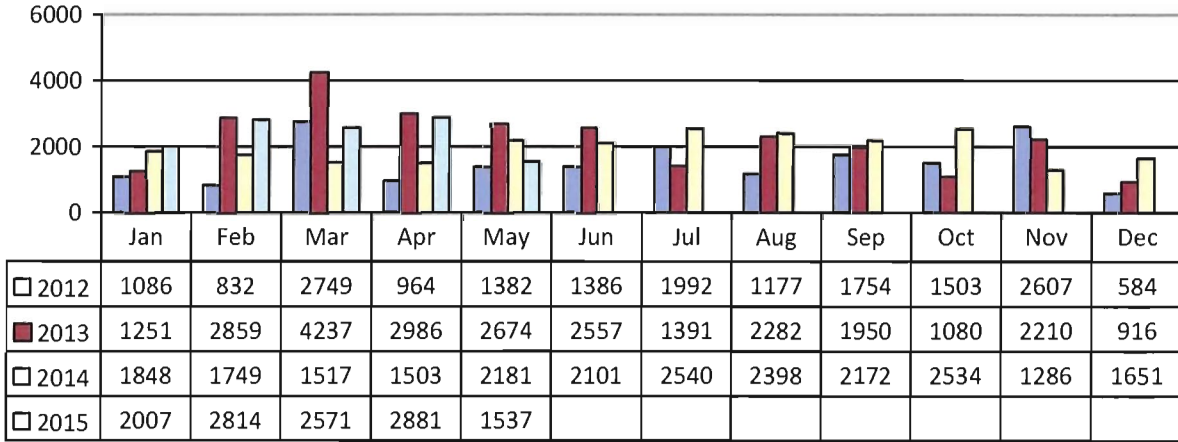
In partnership with ICBC, these programs involve volunteers patrolling city streets and parking lots for automobile security vulnerabilities and stolen vehicles. Under the Lock-Out Auto Crime Program notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues, if any, need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and its contents safe.

Inspection criteria include:

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

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

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

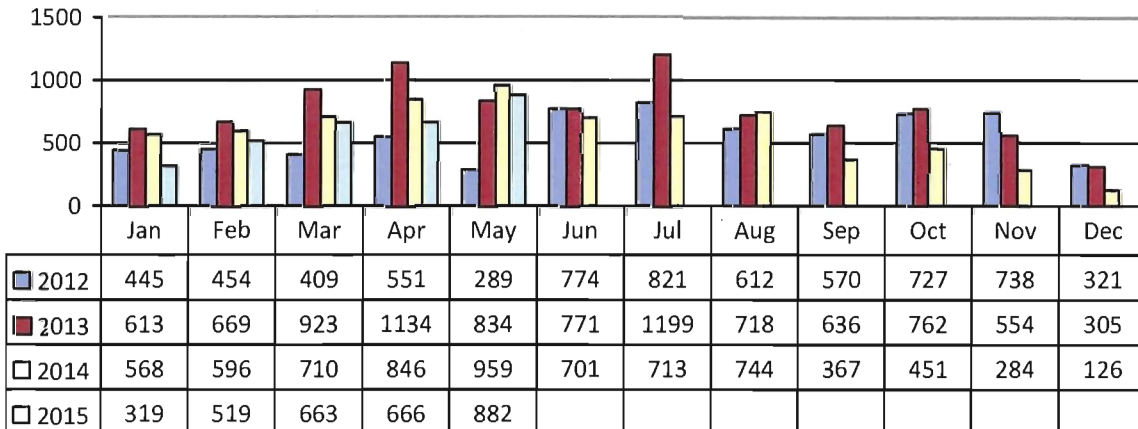


Speed Watch Statistics

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and on roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed. The volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the vehicle’s registered owner when there is an infraction. The letter includes the date, time, location and what the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket.

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

Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent

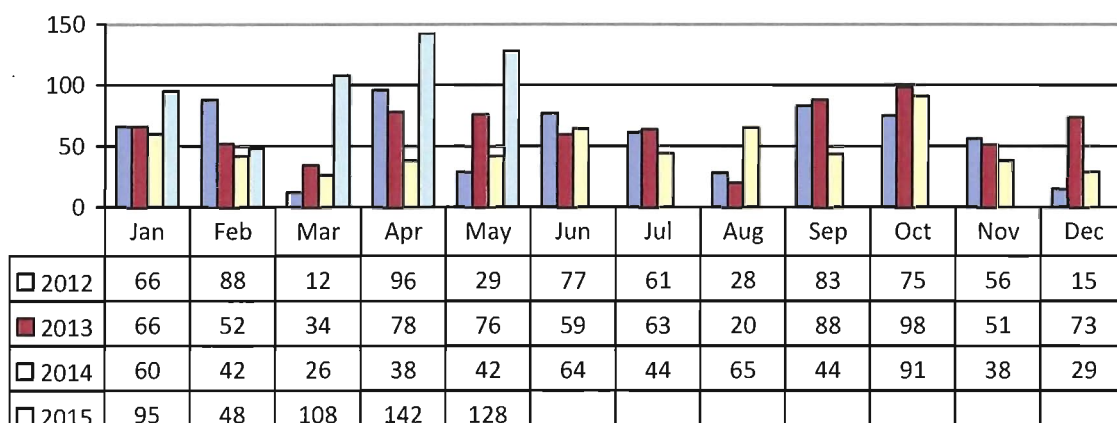


Distracted Drivers Statistics

While volunteers are performing bike/foot patrols or Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones, using other electronic devices, reading a newspaper, shaving or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is sent a letter with the date, time and location of the observed offence. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount the fine would be had the driver received a violation ticket.

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

Figure 4: Distracted Drivers Letters Sent



Volunteer Foot/Van Patrol and Bike Patrol Program

In May 2015, there were 7 foot/van patrols, totaling 36 hours and 8 bike patrols totaling 75 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions, general questions and minor vehicle collisions. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and used palm pilots to run license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. During the patrols, the volunteers visited local parks and schools to make sure these areas were safe and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

This month volunteers were busy with all of the events and activities such as training and Police Week.

Volunteer Highlights include:

- Six volunteers assisted the Economic Crime Unit on request by Corporal Lin to visit the Chinese medicine shops and gold exchanges along No. 3 road for public awareness relating to the Chinese artifacts. The volunteers visited 26 businesses. This scheme resurfaced in February 2015 when a foreign Chinese construction worker claimed that these figurines were priceless, gold artifacts. The last case was reported in 2010.

- Two classes were held with an instructor from ICBC, for training on the new Speed Watch and Stolen Auto Recovery / Lock Out Auto Crime apps.
- Cambie Community Centre Youth day was held on May 7. Over 200 students attended. The purpose of the event was to show the effects of drinking and driving.
- Three volunteers assisted the Economic Crime Unit and visited 15 more businesses along No. 3 Road.
- During Police Week May 11 to May 15, 30 station volunteers in total assisted in the events throughout the week.
- Station volunteers that reached 100 hours were given a ride along orientation by Auxiliary Constable Gary Chiu. The volunteers are given a tour of the Detachment and the ride along procedure is introduced. These volunteers are now able to go on a ride along.
- On May 23, Volunteer Bike Patrol annual refresher day was held at the South Arm Community Police Station. This is a training update on what to look for while they are on patrol as well as maintenance of the bikes.
- Crime Watch Training was held on May 24. Seven of the volunteers received training by Auxiliary Constable Dave Elder.
- Three volunteers assisted in the SOS Children's Village event. The volunteers ran the Crime Prevention Display as well as exhibit safety bear.
- Project SWOOP was held on May 26. This was an all day Speed Watch event in conjunction with the Road Safety Unit.
- On May 27, Vancouver Police Department presented on recruiting and life as a Vancouver Department Police Officer.
- A first aid course was held on May 30 that 23 volunteers participated in.
- The volunteer bike patrol went on a pre-ride for the Island Bike Tour in conjunction with the City of Richmond on May 31. The tour will be held in June.

Crime Prevention Section

Police Week was held from May 11 to May 15. Events took place each day for five days in five areas of Richmond. The objectives of this event are:

1. Celebrate and profile the work being done by local police in support of community safety.
2. Increase the positive public profile of Richmond Detachment and the members and volunteers.
3. Provide important information about the programs and services.
4. Highlight strategic relationships with many local partners.

Police Week Highlights Include:

- Five areas of Richmond visited over five days: Vancouver Airport International Departures, West Richmond Community Centre/Boyd Park, Hamilton Community Centre/Elementary School, Coppersmith Plaza and Lansdowne Centre.
- Partnerships included: Transit Police Service, Canadian Border Service Agency, US Customs Border Protection, Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, Tourism Richmond, YVR, Richmond Food Bank, City of Richmond, Richmond School District #38, Canada Safeway, Z95.3 Street Crew, Richmond Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance Service, Police Dog Services, Canada Post, Emergency Response Team, M&M Meats, Honour House, E Division Recruiting and the Explosive Disposal Unit.
- Events Included:
 - May 11 – 10 am – 4 pm – Travel Safety and Tourism Richmond.
 - May 12 – 10 am – 4 pm – ‘Cram the Cruiser’ (collecting food to support those in need).
 - May 13 – 12 pm – 4 pm – Youth.
 - May 14 – 10 am – 4 pm – Cops for Cancer.
 - May 15 – 10 am – 4 pm – Random Acts of Kindness.
- Thousands of personal connections made with the community.
- A large number of photos taken, Tweets and Facebook images liked.
- Several hundred swag items and informational packages distributed.
- Hundreds of youth engaged and future police officers cultivated.
- Approximately \$300 and a “police cruiser” of food donated to the Richmond Food Bank.
- Hundreds of vehicles washed and approximately \$2,000 raised in support of the Cops for Cancer Tour De Coast.
- Many dozens of ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ carried out by RCMP officers, volunteers and partners in conjunction with local businesses. Visitors were surprised with small gifts and/or kind actions.

*Youth Section**Constable Dandiwal Recognized*

Over the last several months, Youth Section member Constable Jagmeet Dandiwal and Serious Crime Unit member Constable Harb Sangha have participated in an anti-gang initiative delivered in partnership with various Lower Mainland police agencies and Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Constable Dandiwal volunteered his weekends to help deliver the program at the Gurdwara in New Westminster. His efforts were recognized by Assistant Commissioner Norm Lipinski at a ceremony at Green Timbers. Indicative of his results oriented attitude, Constable

Dandiwal did not attend the ceremony in order to pursue a property crime investigation spanning several break and enters and thefts that were committed throughout the Lower Mainland.

Hometown Heroes

Youth Section members Constable Janice Xia and Constable Tammy Walker delivered Richmond Detachment's contribution to the Hometown Heroes event held at McMath Secondary on May 22, 2015. The Hometown Heroes event introduced elementary students from Homma, Lord Byng, Diefenbaker, and Westwind to Richmond's emergency services community in a learning atmosphere. Students were organized in the McMath gymnasium and cycled through various stations set up by the Coast Guard, British Columbia Ambulance Service, Richmond Fire-Rescue, and Richmond RCMP Detachment. Students experienced multiple learning strategies produced by each agency, gaining important knowledge of the necessities of both personal and societal responsibilities related to each profession. Common public safety procedures and information were also highlighted and emphasized.

Police Week 2015

Constable Walker prepared Youth Section's contribution to Police Week 2015. This year, Youth Section assisted the Crime Prevention Unit with the delivery of a display in Hamilton on May 20, 2015. Constable Walker attended Hamilton Community Centre / School for Police Week Display – Youth Safety. Constable Walker set up the time slots for various grades to attend the stations. Such stations included the Emergency Response Team who had their armoured vehicle in attendance, as well as the Police Dog Section who had two members out and provided a demonstration. Both were a hit with students. Other stations included Richmond Fire, RCMP Boat and Command Centre. Positive feedback was received by the community.

Youth Mental Health

In the coming months, Constable Owen will undergo training and coaching to enhance the Detachment's capacity to respond to youth suffering mental health challenges. The training will also enable her to assist Constable Hall in her overall duty as the Detachment's Mental Health Coordinator.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)

DARE continued to be delivered to grade five students. The program will wrap up for the school year in June.

Difference Makers Pilot Project

On a number of occasions, Youth Section assisted Crime Prevention Unit Corporal Kevin Krygier with the delivery of the Difference Maker pilot program. This pilot initiative is operating at two secondary school and two elementary schools in Richmond. It has seen elementary school students, mentored by local secondary school kids and supported by RCMP members and Ambassadors, take on a "Difference Maker Project". The project engendered social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth. The pilot project wrapped up in May. Youth Section members joined Corporal Krygier and Richmond Councillor Alexa

Loo at the Richmond Olympic Oval for a celebration of the conclusion of the Difference Maker project. This event was attended by a large number of students from Mitchell Elementary School, Anderson Elementary School, and Cambie Secondary School.

Road Safety Unit

Name	Act	Example	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	754	755	918
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	462	433	425
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	55	25	55
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	14	15	17
MTT's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	1	1	0

Victim Services

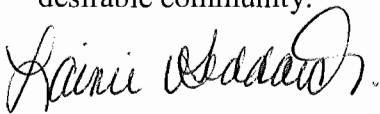
- During May, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 63 new clients and attended 20 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 195 on-going files.
- Victim Services provided on-going emotional support to help victims of assaults, threats and harassment, family dysfunction and many medical related sudden deaths. Referrals are provided for long term help.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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Att. 1: Crime Stats
2: Crime Maps



MAY 2015 STATISTICS

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

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

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-15	May		2014	2015	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	117	122.2	85-159	504	481	-4.6%	-23
<i>Robbery</i>	2	11.8	5-18	33	28	-15.2%	-5
<i>Assault Common</i>	42	44.0	34-54	174	187	7.5%	13
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	12	10.2	7-13	49	45	-8.2%	-4
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	5	5.2	2-9	41	21	-48.8%	-20
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	677	624.6	536-714	3472	3376	-2.8%	-96
<i>Business B&E</i>	35	34.0	24-44	149	162	8.7%	13
<i>Residential B&E</i>	63	48.6	36-61	352	341	-3.1%	-11
<i>MV Theft</i>	30	23.2	15-31	134	138	3.0%	4
<i>Theft From MV</i>	193	171.2	105-237	1167	936	-19.8%	-231
<i>Theft Other</i>	133	109.6	101-118	522	679	30.1%	157
<i>Shoplifting</i>	40	55.8	42-70	279	227	-18.6%	-52
<i>Fraud</i>	49	44.4	40-49	242	279	15.3%	37
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	235	192.6	180-205	843	945	12.1%	102
<i>Arson - Property</i>	5	5.4	2-9	25	21	-16.0%	-4
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1029	939.4	821-1058	4819	4807	-0.2%	-12
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	68	76.8	56-98	242	276	14.0%	34

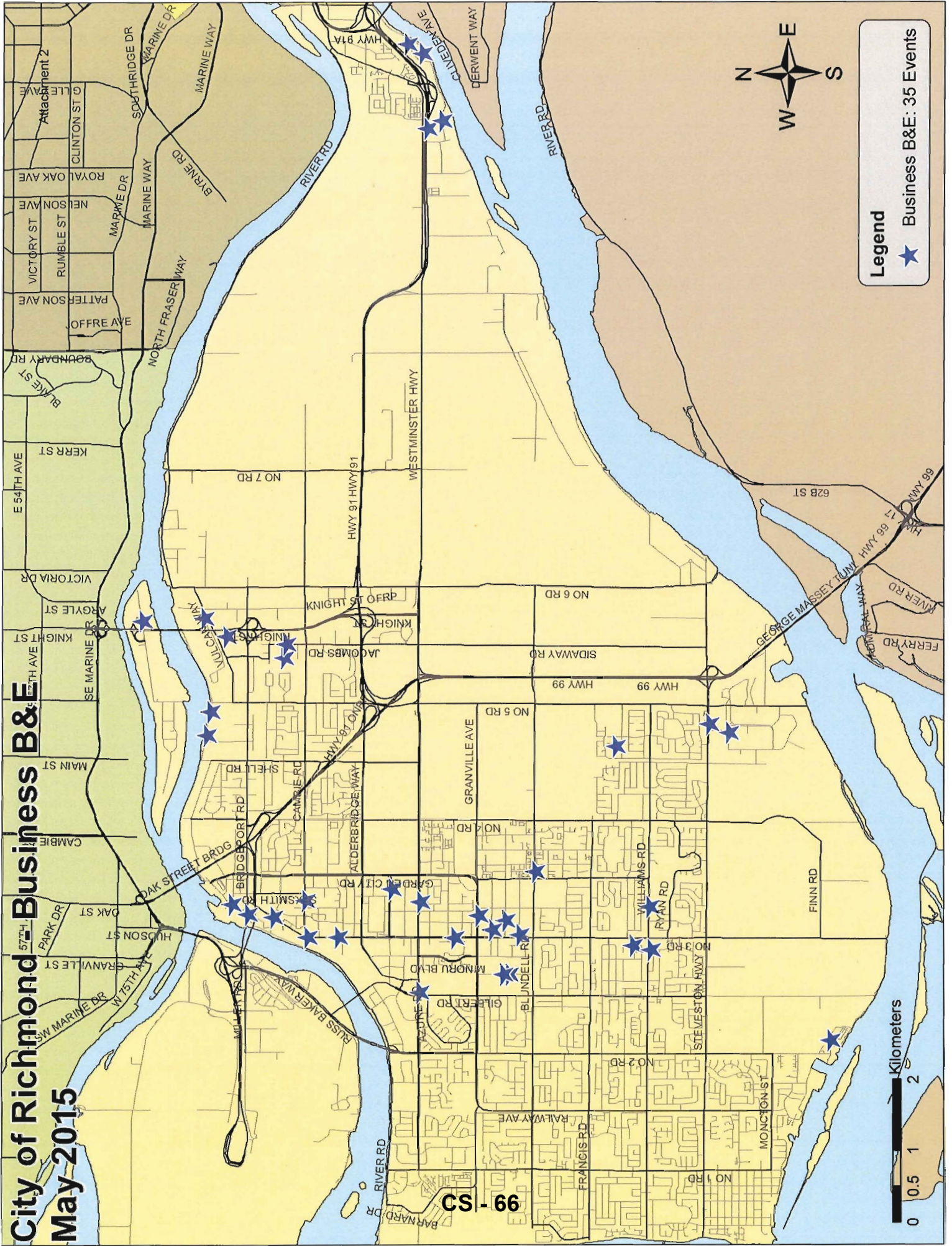
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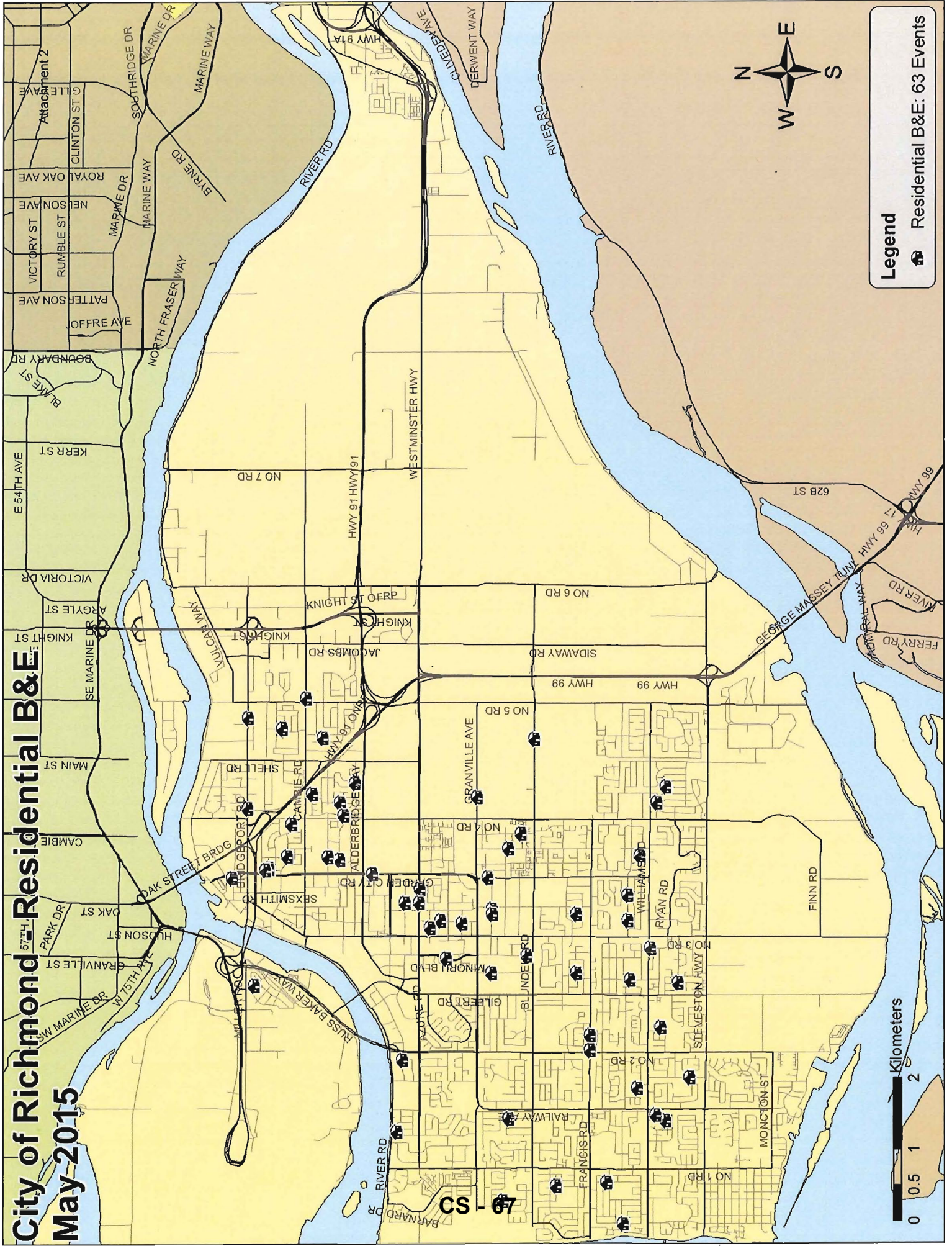
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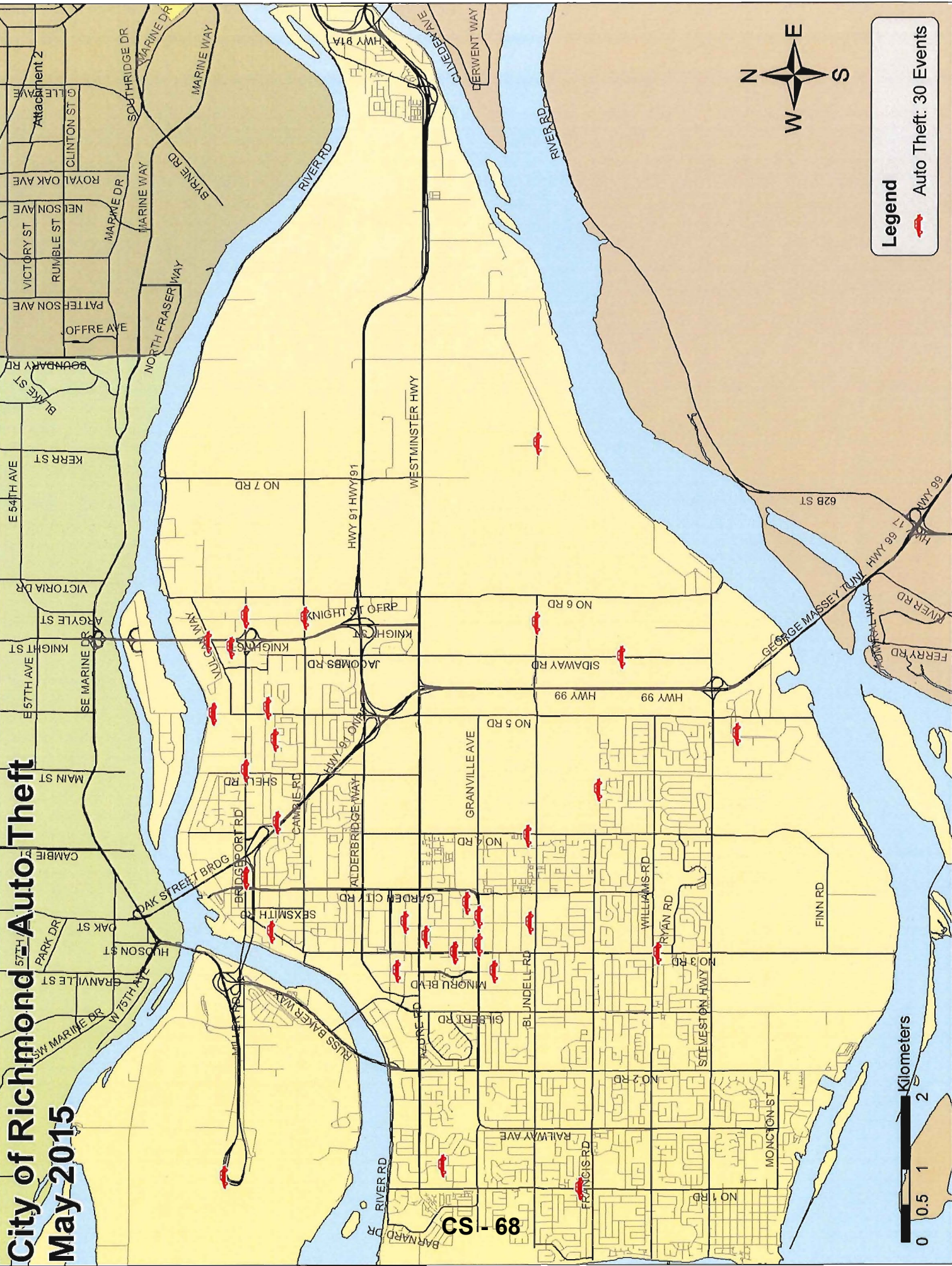


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City of Richmond - Residential B&E May 2015



City of Richmond Auto Theft
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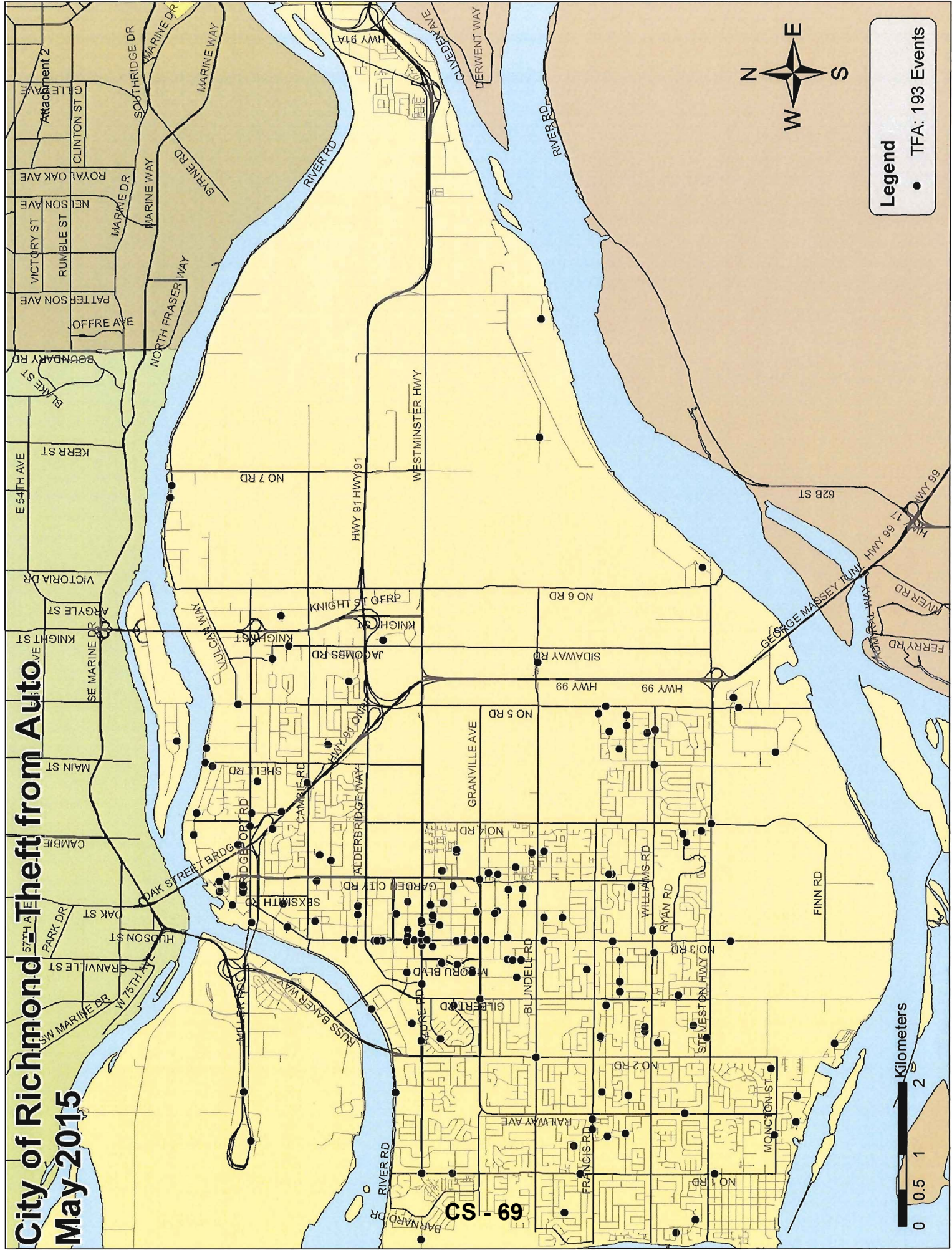
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Auto Theft: 30 Events

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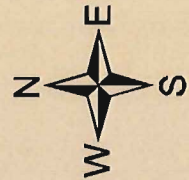
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City of Richmond Theft from Auto May 2015



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