



**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** October 9, 2019  
**From:** Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2019-Vol  
 Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01  
**Re:** **RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2019**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2019”, dated October 9, 2019, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

Will Ng  
 Superintendent, Officer in Charge  
 (604-278-1212)

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<b>REPORT CONCURRENCE</b>	
<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>	
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<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b>	

## Staff Report

### Origin

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

1. Activities and Noteworthy files
2. Analysis of Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Auxiliary Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

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

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

### Analysis

#### Activities and Noteworthy Files

##### *Property Crime Arrest*

On September 4, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers in the Property Crime Unit arrested a property crime offender after an investigation. The man is suspected in multiple break-ins spanning from August 2018 to January 2019. The suspect is currently facing 12 charges, including nine counts of break and enter to a dwelling house.

##### *Cyclist Hit and Run*

On September 7, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers responded to the intersection of Francis Road and Gilbert Road for reports of a collision between a vehicle and a cyclist. The vehicle, described as a blue SUV, did not remain at the scene. The cyclist was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The collision remains under investigation.

##### *Luggage Thefts*

On September 11, 2019, Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising the public of the arrest of a suspect in connection to a series of luggage thefts at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR). The suspect, a 26-year-old Vancouver woman, has been charged with seven counts of theft under \$5,000. The charges are in relation to luggage carousel thefts that occurred between July 12, 2019 and August 2, 2019 at the YVR Domestic Terminal Building.

### *Fatal Pedestrian Accident*

On September 16, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers responded to the scene of a pedestrian who had been struck by a vehicle. The collision occurred in the 8600 block of No. 3 Road. The victim, a man in his 80s, was taken to hospital but succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and has cooperated with police. The Richmond RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team is investigating the incident.

### Analysis of Police Statistics

In January 2019, important changes were implemented regarding the collection of Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data.<sup>1</sup> As a result of significant media attention in February 2017 regarding sexual assault reporting, the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) and the Police Information and Statistics Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police worked to develop recommendations for changes to police records methodology, with particular attention on classifying founded and unfounded cases. These changes will continue to impact police statistics across Canada with effects on various crime types, not only sexual offences. The new standards classify a case as founded unless there is evidence that the offence did not occur. As a result, there has been an increase in many police/crime statistics. This change creates numerous challenges when conducting comparisons with previous years' data. The information presented in this section must be evaluated within the context of this limitation. Further analysis continues to be provided throughout the year.

### *Arson*

In September 2019, there were four reported incidents of arson, which is up one incident from the previous month. The number of arsons this month is double the number of incidents reported in September 2018 and remains within the five-year average range.

### *Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were nine assault serious events in September 2019, which is up two incidents from August 2019. The number of serious assaults this month is up four incidents from September 2018 and remains within the five-year average range.

### *Auto Theft*

There were 30 auto theft incidents this month, which represents a 67 per cent increase from the previous month and a 23 per cent decrease from September 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is within the five-year average range.

### *Drugs*

In September 2019, there were 68 drug incidents, which is a seven per cent decrease from the previous month and a 33 per cent increase from September 2018. The number of drug offences

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada, <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>

this month is above the five-year average range. Year to date, drug offences are down 15 per cent when compared to the same period in 2018.

Of the total drug offences this month, 28 per cent involved the import/export of Cannabis and originated as Canada Customs detections at YVR.

#### *Mental Health*

There were 211 mental health incidents in September 2019, which is down one incident from August 2019 and represents 79 per cent increase from September 2018. For the ninth consecutive month, the number of mental health incidents is significantly above the five-year average range. Year to date, mental health-related files are up 46 per cent compared to the same period in 2018.

No patterns or trends have been identified. This month police apprehended 79 individuals. The number of police apprehensions has been trending upwards since June 2019. Hospital wait times were within the average range.

#### *Residential Break and Enter*

There were 47 break and enters to residences in September 2019, which is a 27 per cent increase from the previous month and represents a significant 60 per cent decrease from September 2018. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the five-year average. Year to date, there has been a 22 per cent reduction in residential break and enters compared to the same period last year.

#### *Commercial Break and Enter*

In September 2019, there were 44 break and enters to businesses, which represents a 47 per cent increase from August 2019 and an 83 per cent increase from September 2018. Commercial break and enters are above the five-year average range. Year to date totals, however, are down seven per cent from the same period in 2018.

A significant number of commercial break enters involved construction sites and residential parkades, which offenders targeted for access to mail, vehicles and storage lockers. Suspected offenders have been identified and investigations are ongoing.

#### *Robbery*

There were six robbery incidents in September 2019, which is double the number of incidents from the previous month. The number of robberies this month is two more incidents than were reported in September 2018 and is within the five-year average range.

#### *Sexual Offences*

There were 23 sexual offence files in September 2019, which represents a 27 per cent increase from the previous month and is more than two-and-a-half times the number of incidents recorded September 2018. This month's total is significantly above the five-year average range.

No patterns or trends have been identified. Year to date, sexual offences are up 59 per cent compared to the same period in 2018. Crime analysts have identified that this is likely due to CCJS scoring changes. The incidents this month include 13 sexual assaults, three indecent acts and two distribute image without consent incidents.

*Shoplifting*

There were 86 shoplifting thefts in September 2019, which represents a 12 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 72 per cent increase from September 2018. Reported shoplifting thefts have been above the five-year average range since March 2019.

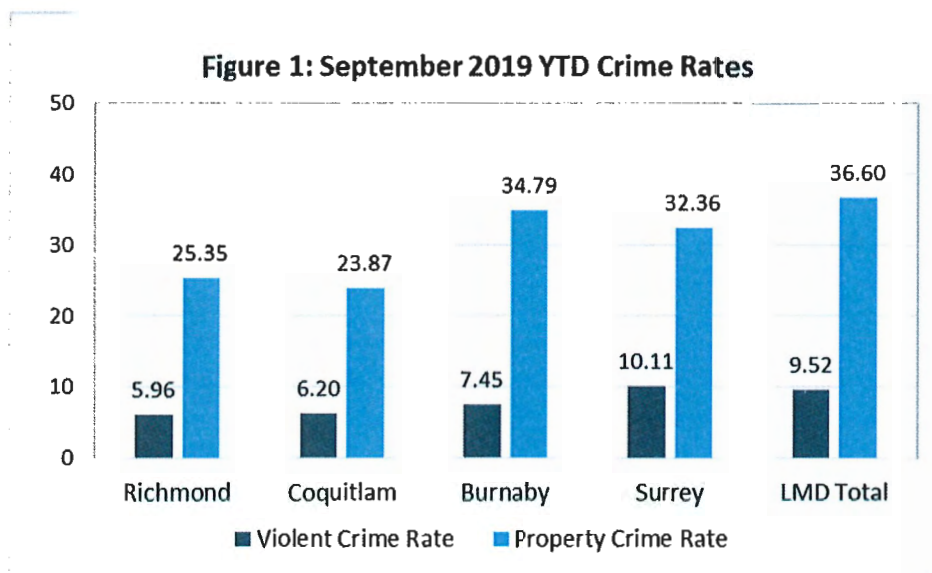
No patterns or trends have been identified and the increase is likely attributed to improved detection. This month the Prolific Offender Suppression Team conducted a Loss Prevention Project in central Richmond. This collaboration with local businesses and partner agencies occurred over a span of two days and led to 34 arrests.

*Theft from Auto*

There were 174 theft from automobile incidents in September 2019, which is an eight per cent increase from the previous month and a four per cent decrease from September 2018. The number of theft from automobile incidents this month is within the five-year average range. Year to date, there has been a 17 per cent decrease in thefts from automobiles compared to the same period in 2018.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).<sup>2</sup> Out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond has the lowest violent crime rate as well as the second lowest property crime rate.



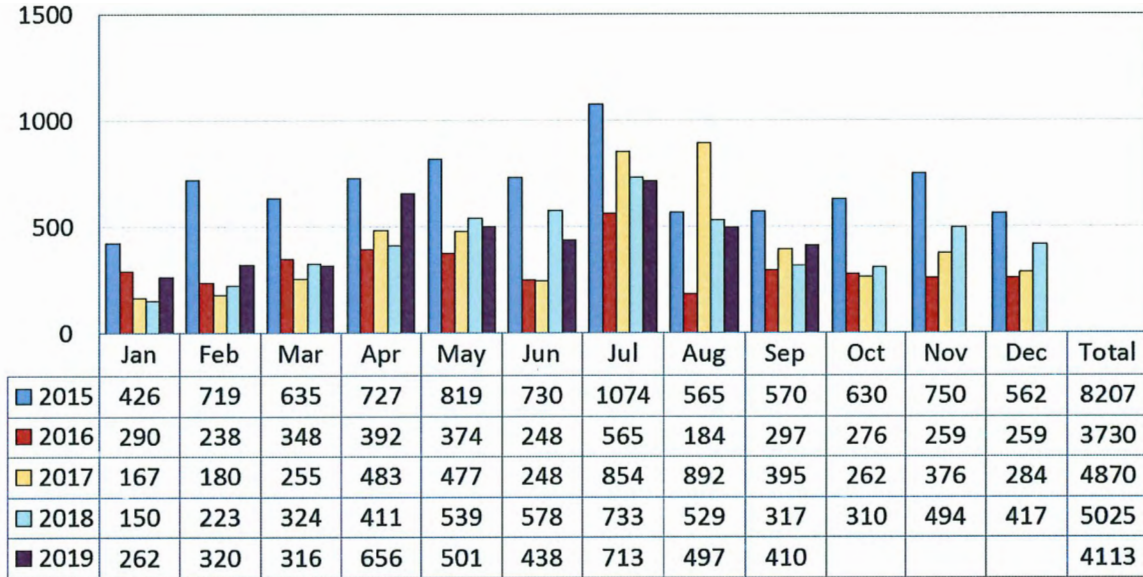
<sup>2</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2019 population projections)

Auxiliary Program

In August 2019, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 32 Auxiliaries.<sup>3</sup> Auxiliaries provided a total of 410 volunteer hours during the month of September.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided from 2015 to 2019.

**Figure 2: Auxiliary Volunteer Hours**



*Auxiliary Program Activities*

Auxiliaries attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and assist with community policing and crime prevention initiatives as well as traffic and crowd control. During the month of September, Auxiliaries participated in:

- Bait Car
- Crime Watch
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- Fox 80
- Home Security Checks
- NCAA Golf Tournament

Block Watch

At the end of September 2019, the Block Watch program had 398 groups totaling 8,572 participants. Currently, the program includes 545 captains and co-captains.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

<sup>4</sup> The variance from previous months' data is due to an ongoing database upgrade. Revised numbers will continue to reflect more accurate participation data.

### Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers.

During the month of September volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of 32 volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 212 hours and three bike patrols, totalling 20 hours.
- 47 Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 1,220 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 5,235 vehicles at various locations.
- September 12 – Three volunteers were accompanied by an RCMP member at the Hamilton Movie Night and provided crime prevention information at the Richmond RCMP table.
- September 12 – Three volunteers and an RCMP member conducted commercial break and enter outreach at five construction sites along No. 3 Road.
- September 13 – Two volunteers and three RCMP officers visited 30 businesses at the McArthur Glen Outlet Mall and conducted crime prevention outreach.
- September 17 – 16 volunteers and RCMP members in the Road Safety Unit and Crime Prevention Unit participated in a Distracted Driving Blitz. The deployments were in central Richmond and near YVR. A total of 18,932 vehicles were checked for distracted driving and 47 warning letters were issued.<sup>5</sup>
- September 18 – Two volunteers and three RCMP officers visited 30 businesses at the McArthur Glen Outlet Mall and conducted crime prevention outreach.
- September 19 – Three volunteers and three RCMP officers conducted commercial break and enter outreach in central Richmond. A total of 15 businesses were visited and were provided with crime prevention information.
- September 25 – 20 volunteers and RCMP members in the Crime Prevention Unit and Road Safety Unit conducted a Distracted Driving Blitz at multiple locations throughout Richmond. A total of 5,611 vehicles were checked for distracted driving and 107 warning letters were issued.<sup>6</sup>

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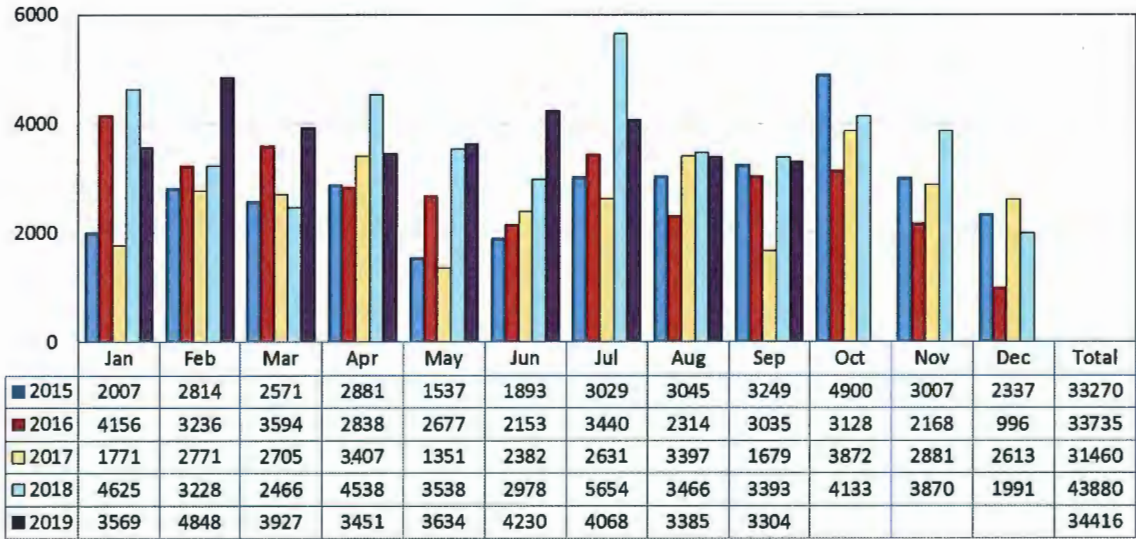
<sup>5</sup> Violation tickets were also issued and are captured as part of the monthly statistics in Table 1

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*Lock Out Auto Crime*

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

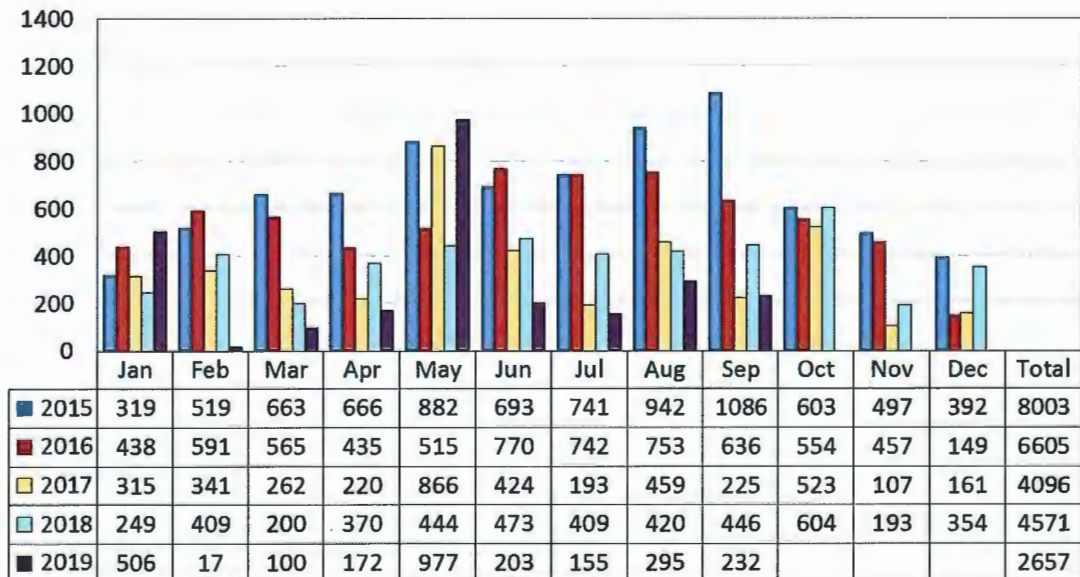
**Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



*Speed Watch*

Figure 4 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

**Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent**





Crime Prevention Unit

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

- ATV Patrols
- Break and Enter Outreach
- Broadmoor Patrols
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- Senior Safety Presentation
- Vulnerable Institution Patrols

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond’s roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. The following statistics compare September 2019 data to both July 2019 and August 2019.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 1: Violation Tickets Issued

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>July 2019</b>	<b>August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019</b>
Distracted Driving	133	155	192
Driver License	259	244	248
Impaired	38	56	38
Intersection Offences	112	78	82
Moving Violations <sup>7</sup>	220	232	237
Speeding	495	367	255
Seatbelts	8	6	6
Vehicle Related <sup>8</sup>	65	66	76
Other <sup>9</sup>	7	13	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,140</b>

Victim Services

In September 2019, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 51 new clients and attended 10 crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 146 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, family conflict and pedestrian-involved motor vehicle accidents.

<sup>7</sup> Moving violations refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

<sup>8</sup> Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

<sup>9</sup> Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

### Youth Section

The Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of September, Youth Section highlights include:

- On September 16, 2019, DARE classes commenced for the first term of the 2019-2020 school year.
- RCMP members in the Youth Section monitored traffic and conducted road safety enforcement at a number of elementary schools.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion**

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



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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs  
2: Crime Statistics  
3: Crime Maps  
4: 4th Quarter 2019 Crime Prevention Newsletter

#### 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)

#### 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)

#### Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

#### Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

#### Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

#### Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

## SEPTEMBER 2019 STATISTICS

### RICHMOND RCMP

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents and MHA-related calls for service are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type.

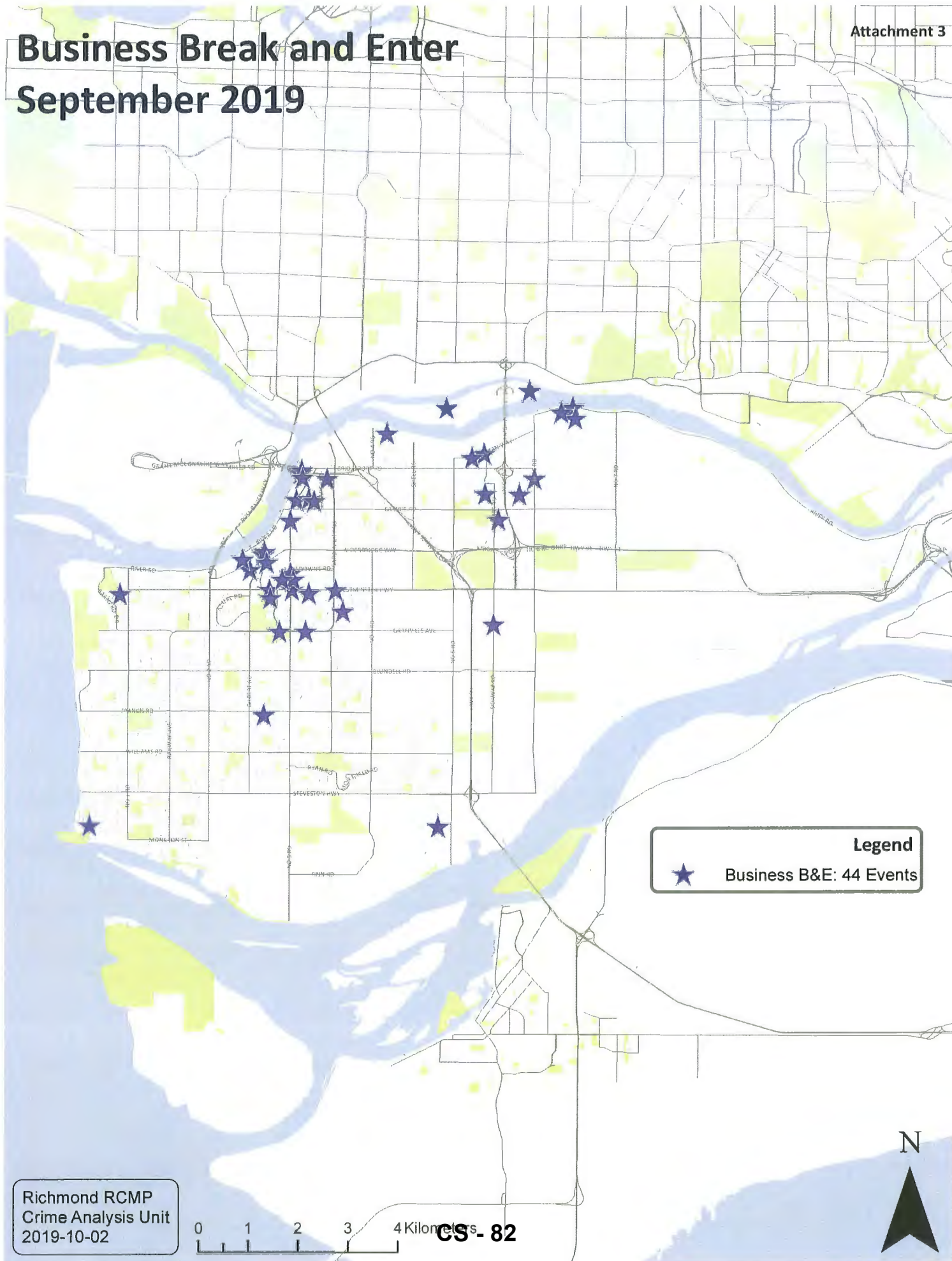
In 2019, changes were implemented regarding the collection of UCR data. The new standards provide much more stringent criteria to classify a file as unfounded. As a result, there will be an increase in many crime statistics, and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when comparing previous years' data. Full details on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey are available at Statistics Canada: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

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**.

Year-to-Date percentage change is used to numbers from the prior year, but the new CCJS/UCR standards reduce the utility of this metric. 2019 YTD numbers will be biased to increase from the 2018 totals, despite any positive police action.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Sep-19	September		2018	2019	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>136</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>100-123</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>324</b>
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	6	5.2	4-6	44	58	32%	14
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	44	39.8	32-48	352	467	33%	115
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410, 1420</small>	9	12.4	7-17	99	95	-4%	-4
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1245, 1330, 1356, 1310, 1450, 1550</small>	<b>23</b>	10.8	8-14	110	175	59%	65
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>680</b>	<b>645.8</b>	<b>585-707</b>	<b>5749</b>	<b>5740</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-9</b>
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	<b>44</b>	29.8	24-35	282	262	-7%	-20
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	47	60.4	35-85	568	443	-22%	-125
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178</small>	30	32.8	27-38	225	217	-4%	-8
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	174	178.4	146-211	1718	1434	-17%	-284
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	104	95.4	76-115	772	880	14%	108
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>	<b>86</b>	56.6	50-63	551	786	43%	235
Fraud <small>UCR 2100 (all), 2165, 2168</small>	74	66.6	53-80	653	647	-1%	-6
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>202</b>	<b>192.2</b>	<b>163-222</b>	<b>1654</b>	<b>1776</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>122</b>
Arson <small>UCR 1029, 2110</small>	4	3.8	2-6	22	28	27%	6
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>1018</b>	<b>949.6</b>	<b>866-1033</b>	<b>8394</b>	<b>8811</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>68</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>49-58</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-73</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>211</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>88-117</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>1657</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>520</b>

# Business Break and Enter September 2019



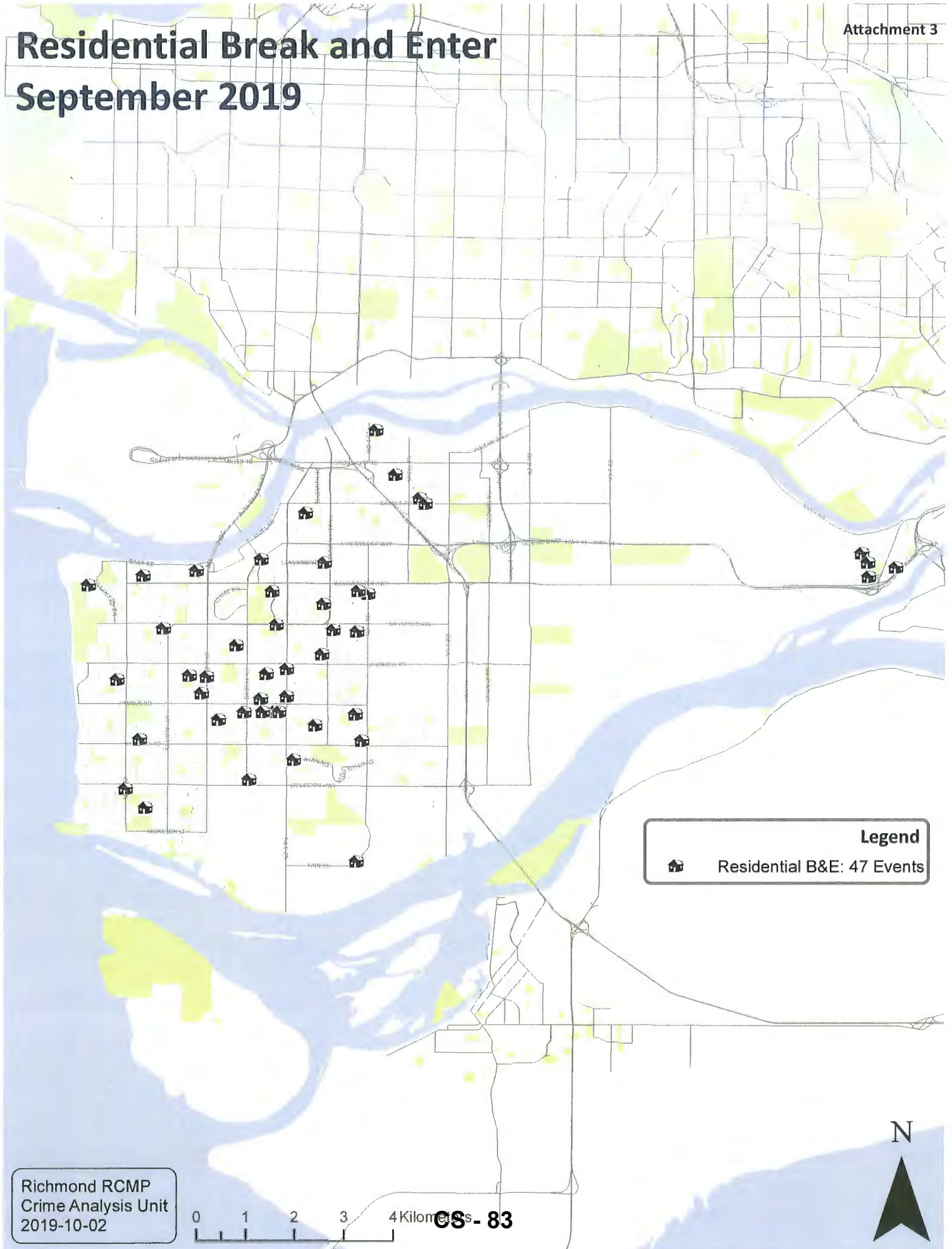
**Legend**  
★ Business B&E: 44 Events

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# Residential Break and Enter September 2019



**Legend**  
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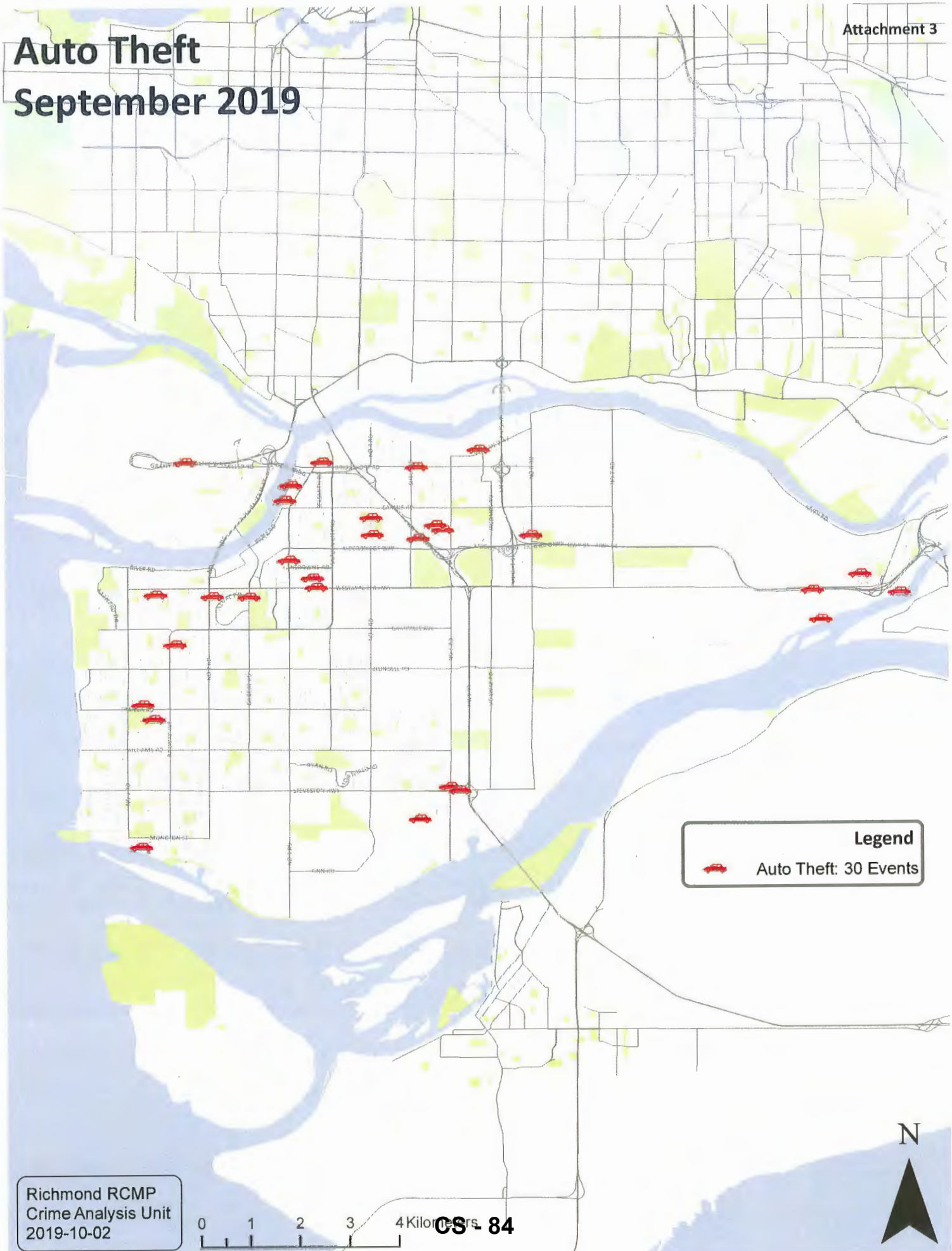
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# Auto Theft September 2019



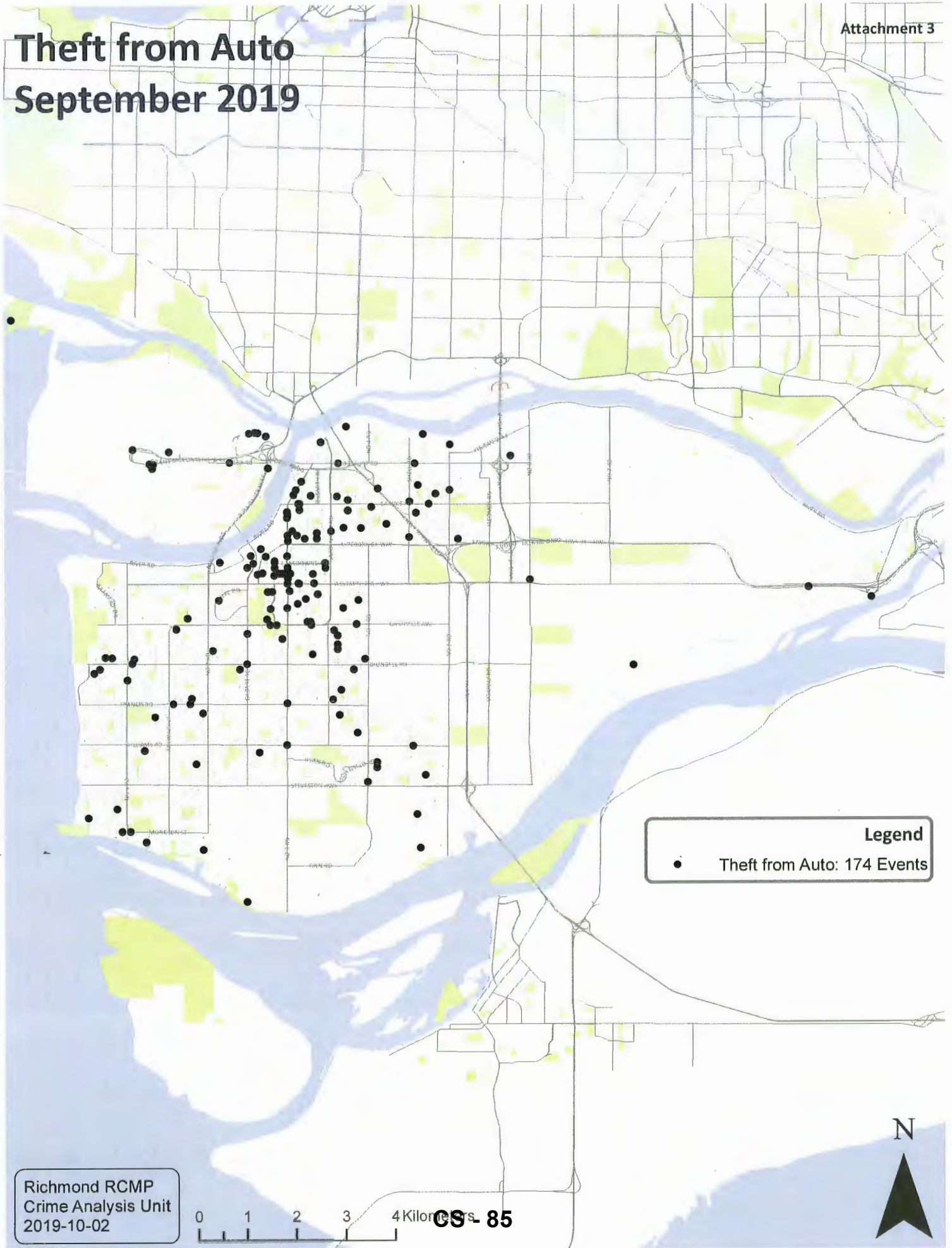
Richmond RCMP  
Crime Analysis Unit  
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# Theft from Auto September 2019



**Legend**  
● Theft from Auto: 174 Events

Richmond RCMP  
Crime Analysis Unit  
2019-10-02

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# CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER



## How to Prevent Mail Theft

- Do not send any money and/or cheques through the mail
- Have someone pick up your mail and newspaper if you are away on holidays
- Remember to pick up your mail on a daily basis to reduce the potential risk of theft
- Cancel or put a hold on mail when you are away for extended periods of time
- Do not use the red flags on a mailbox as this informs potential thieves that there is something to steal
- Have packages delivered to secure locations such as a workplace or a friend who is home, to be picked up at later time or date; ask Canada Post about FlexDelivery
- Install a security camera at your front door to be able to monitor both your mailbox and porch for theft of mail and parcels
- Do not schedule package drop offs for when you are not at the residence and sign up to receive alerts when packages have been delivered
- If you are a victim of mail theft, please be sure to report the incident to the Richmond RCMP and Canada Post

With holiday shopping starting, it is important to take precautions when making online purchases. These packages are being delivered to your home and if you are not able to receive them at the door, they can be seen as prime targets by thieves.

## Seasonal Safety Tips

Shopping season is full swing ahead to prepare for the holidays and this means it is important to be proactive in deterring thieves from targeting you, your vehicle, and your home. Avoid using public WIFI when shopping online as it requires you to disclose sensitive information such as your bank account and credit card. Do not buy from sites that you have never heard of before and if you do, read the reviews first. Beware of places that have deals that seem too good to be true as they most likely are.

When heading out to the mall, do not leave any holiday purchases in your vehicle in plain view and do not regularly drop off packages to your vehicle while shopping. Thieves don't know what is in the trunk unless you show them.

It is always nice to go away during the winter holidays, but do not post on social media that you are gone or indicate so on your voicemail message at home. Only tell a trusted family or friend you are going so they are able to check



up on your house. Even if you stay home for the holidays, you can still be a target of theft unless you take precautionary measures to protect your home. Remove ladders after decorating, turn the porch light on at night to make your home more visible, and dispose of any boxes that once contained high value products such as laptops and TV at the recycle depot. Do not just leave them outside your house. Be sure to document all purchases and gifts by recording serial numbers and keeping receipts.

## Pedestrian Safety

- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Be more alert at night as you are less visible to drivers
- Make eye contact with drivers before stepping into the road
- Always use crosswalks and follow pedestrian signs and traffic signals
- Try to wear bright colours to be seen easier by vehicles
- Always walk with small children and hold their hand while crossing the street
- Remove headphones while crossing the road and only wear one ear while walking
- Reflectors are available for pickup at our local Community Police Offices

With kids back to school and Halloween on the fast approach, it is important to have a conversation with your children about being safe. Fall and winter bring rain and potentially snow which can impact visibility.



## Summer Fun in the Sun

This past Quarter has been a busy one for the Block Watch Program!

During the summer months, there were 20 Block Watch parties. These events brought neighbours together that all have the collective goal of keeping the streets of Richmond safe. Many of the parties allowed children the chance to test out police cars and even wear a vest just like the real Police officers. Some had kids corners setup with activities like sidewalk chalk drawing, bean bags toss game, street hockey and giant Jenga blocks.

Overall, it was a very successful summer filled with laughter and delicious food enjoyed by everyone!



### To start a Block Watch group:

#### 1. Select a Block Captain and a Co-Captain

- ◇ Each Captain/Co-Captain must submit an application and be deemed a suitable candidate by passing a Criminal Record Check.

#### 2. Recruit and build your group

- ◇ Recruit homes on your side of the street, across the street and behind you. Try and get at least 10 households to participate.

#### 3. Captain and Co-Captain must complete a Captains training session

#### 4. Setup 1st Block Watch group meeting/training session with participants

#### 5. Activation of your group

- ◇ Submit a participating household list of your group then a Block Watch street sign will be provided and activation is complete.

### Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility!

### Stay CONNECTED!

Email your name and street address to [blockwatch@richmond.ca](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca) to receive break and enter alerts that occur in your neighbourhood.

Visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/richmondblockwatch>

### Contact Numbers

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

RCMP (non-emergency) ..**604-278-1212**

Visit [www.richmond.ca/crime](http://www.richmond.ca/crime) for neighbourhood crime information and [www.richmond.ca/homesafety](http://www.richmond.ca/homesafety) for home security tips.

If your home has been broken into, **DO NOT** touch anything and call the Police non-emergency line at **604-278-1212**. If a suspect is present, call **9-1-1**.

Report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

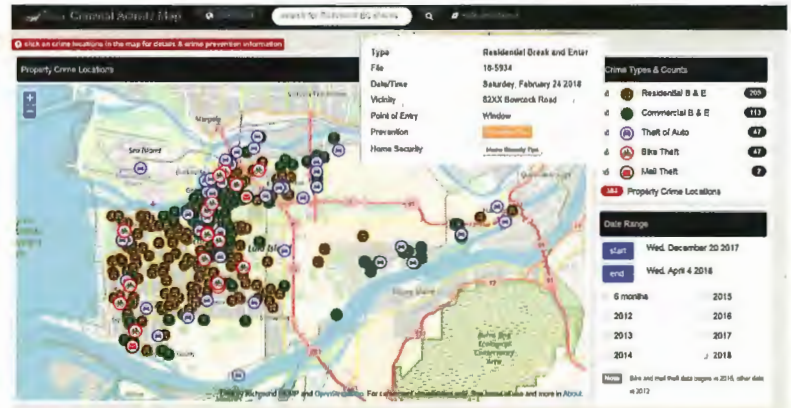
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## Tips on Commercial Fencing and Security Gates

- Avoid using chain link fencing as they are often cut to gain entry into commercial properties
- Do not use tall, solid fences that allows burglars to safely hide without being detected
- Using the maximum allowable fence height helps deter individuals from scaling the fence into your property
- Entrench fencing posts with concrete for added stability and durability
- Bury interiors of the fence to prevent entry through digging
- Install lighting along fence perimeter to allow maximum natural surveillance
- Maintenance is important. Check fence and gate regularly for rust or anything else that could weaken it
- Install security gates to secure doors, windows and prevent access to your building after hours
- Install motion sensors inside fenced and/or gated area and connect it to a 24/7 monitored alarm company
- Lock up all gates with heavy duty padlocks before leaving the property
- Remove the top rail of the fence and replace it with pointed security measures to decrease probability in someone scaling the fence



Visit the above webpage on [www.richmond.ca/crime](http://www.richmond.ca/crime) for an interactive map of Richmond that lets you know about current crime summaries and business security tips.



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:  
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