City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:	Community Safety Committee	**Date:**	February 15, 2016
From:	Rendall Nesset, Superintendent Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment	**File:**	09-5000-01/2016-Vol 01
Re:	**RCMP's Monthly Report - January 2016 Activities**		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – January Activities 2016," – dated February 15, 2016 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

Rendall Nesset, 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 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 January 2016.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Flight Diverted

January 9, 2016, 4:00 am - Officers responded to a security concern at Vancouver International Airport when United Airlines flight from Anchorage to Denver was re-routed to YVR. RCMP met the airplane upon landing at the tarmac. A male passenger was arrested and taken into custody. Charges were laid against a 54 year old man from Duluth, Minnesota. The accused was charged with one count of Uttering Threats to Cause Death or Bodily Harm and one count of Mischief to Property over $5000.

Formation of Community Response Team (CRT)

January 12, 2016 - Volunteers of the Community Response Team (CRT) graduated from this RCMP program. The CRT's primary objective is to help educate and empower the community through enhanced connections to local police. It is anticipated that CRT members will be highly visible and easily recognizable in CRT uniforms and will work alongside auxiliary constables and police officers. It is expected that these specially trained and equipped volunteers will conduct dynamic outreach to the community on both a pro-active and response basis.

The CRT when deployed supports the integration of crime prevention programs and emerging crime trends based on analytical crime data. The Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit will in this way benefit from the CRT program as the unit will now also be able to act as crime prevention ambassadors and liaisons. CRT will engage in community outreach by providing information related to home, business, and personal security crime prevention.

Robbery Suspect Arrested

January 18, 2016, 11:00 p.m. - Richmond RCMP patrol officers responded to a complaint in the area of Shell and Williams Road. A woman who was departing from a bus stop was approached by a suspect who produced a handgun. After a brief struggle, the suspect fled on foot with the victim's purse. Officers were able to locate and arrest a 20 year old Richmond man in the area.

The accused faces charges of one count of Robbery and one count of Use Imitation Firearm While Committing Offence.

Pedestrian Fatality

January 19, 2016, 11:00 a.m. - Richmond RCMP responded to the 6000 block Dyke Road after reports of a pedestrian accident. A 69 year old man was rushed by ambulance to a local area hospital. The victim died from the sustained injuries. A 77 year old driver, who remained at the scene of the accident, is cooperating with police. Speed or alcohol is not believed to be a contributing factor in this incident. The investigation continues.

Pedestrian Accident

January 20, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - Richmond RCMP officers attended No. 3 Road and Saba Road where two pedestrians had been struck by a vehicle. A total of three vehicles were involved in the initial collision. One of the three vehicles left the roadway, resulting in injuries to the pedestrians. Significant damage was caused to a restaurant building near the scene. Both pedestrians were transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. In addition the 78 year old driver was also transported to hospital. Alcohol was not considered to be a contributing factor in this collision. The accident remains under investigation.

Synthetic Drug Lab Investigation

January 11, 2016, 12:23 p.m. - Richmond RCMP officers responded to a call of a break in at 14291 Triangle Road. Two suspects were observed loading property into a vehicle. While attempting to flee the scene their vehicle slid into a ditch. The suspects then fled on foot.

While securing the property, officers found equipment, apparatus, solvents and corrosive liquids consistent with a synthetic drug lab operation. The home in question was not permanently occupied. The RCMP Federal Clan Lab Team assisted in the removal of the laboratory. Two men have been charged with various offences under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Burglary Suspect

Amine Benbihi, 21, of Richmond has been in custody for multiple property charges since July 2015. The Property Crime Unit continued investigational efforts subsequently gathered sufficient evidence to add additional charges. On December 18, 2015, and January 25, 2016 a total of 20 additional charges were laid against the suspect. Eighteen counts were for "break and enter" and two counts were for "attempted break and enter" into a dwelling house.

Assault With-Weapon

January 27, 2016, 7:30 p.m. -E-Comm 911 received multiple calls of a report of an assault in progress outside the 11500 block of Thorpe Road. A male, armed with a knife, was reportedly attacking another male. The suspect fled the scene. One of Richmond's newest patrol officers, Constable Vardouniotis, located and arrested the suspect.

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The victim, a 36 year old male from Richmond, sustained deep lacerations to his hand and some superficial lacerations to his leg. First aid was administered at the scene by a back-up police officer. Emergency Health Services subsequently transported the victim to hospital. The weapon, a kitchen knife, was recovered in the area. The victim and suspect were known to each other. The suspect, a 30 year old male resident of Richmond, has been charged with one count of aggravated assault and one count of uttering threats.
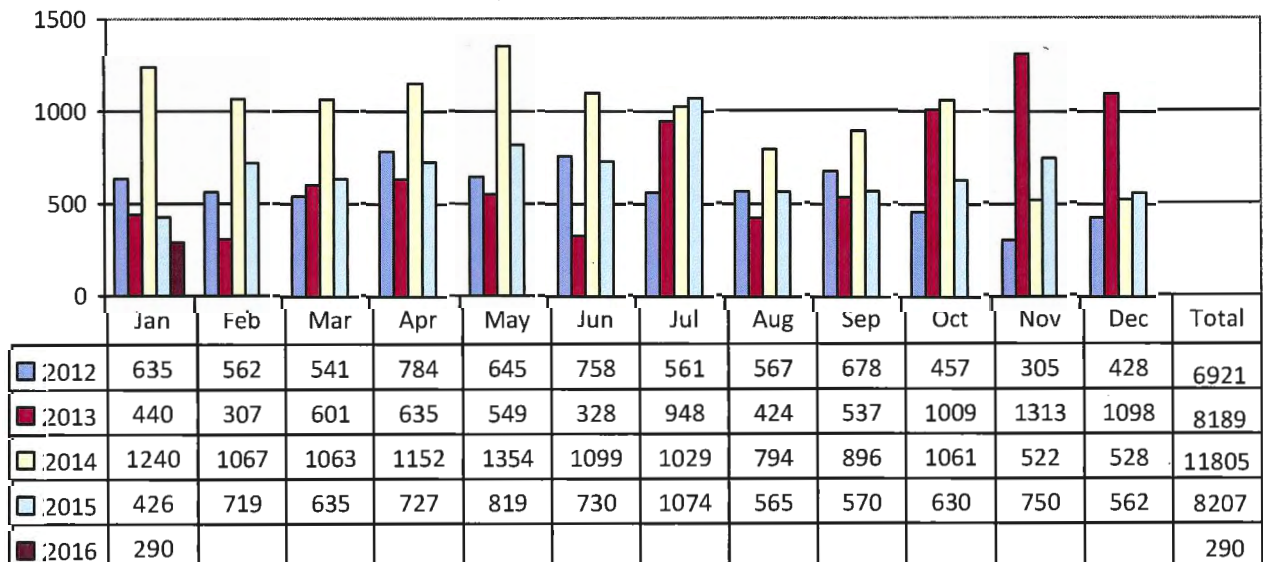
Auxiliary Constables

As of January 27, 2016, Auxiliary Constables were no longer permitted to participate in "ride-along" duties. This policy is a national RCMP directive and is currently being reviewed. This directive supplements a prior directive that required auxiliaries to be supervised by regular members for most duties in the community. 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 for this month includes activities related to community policing programs, training, court, ride-along and call-outs. At the end of January 2016, Richmond Detachment had a complement 42 Auxiliary Constables. The auxiliary constables provided 290 hours in January.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2012.

Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2012	635	562	541	784	645	758	561	567	678	457	305	428	6921
2013	440	307	601	635	549	328	948	424	537	1009	1313	1098	8189
2014	1240	1067	1063	1152	1354	1099	1029	794	896	1061	522	528	11805
2015	426	719	635	727	819	730	1074	565	570	630	750	562	8207
2016	290												290

Auxiliary Constables Activities:

- Crime Watch – provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.

- Community Response Team – assisted with training of the community volunteers.

- Difference Makers – provided regular members support in developing and delivering this program. "Difference Makers" assists local students to deliver on positive community initiatives.

- Kajaks Run – assisted regular members, to ensure traffic safety, by providing traffic control in key areas.

- Mental Health Initiatives – attended the Pathways Clubhouse to provide support and encouragement to Pathway clients that have mental illness. This program enhances positive client relationships between the community and police.

- Safety Talks –safety talks were delivered to local youth.

Block Watch

Block Watch is a crime prevention program, aimed at helping residents organize their neighborhoods, to help prevent crime in the community.

Block Watch Activities:

- Alerts/Letters – In January there were 72 residential and 23 business burglary email alerts sent to the community as well as 318 residential and 14 business letters sent to registered Richmond residents and businesses. These emails and letters inform home and business owners that a break and enter has occurred, provide crime prevention information, and direct residents and business owners to crime prevention web pages.

- Block Watch – At the end of January, the Block Watch program had 414 groups containing 9,715 participants. The program contains 544 block watch captains and co-captains. The program increased slightly by 30 participants, 2 groups and 2 captain and/or co-captains over last month.

Community Police Stations

The Community Police Stations continue to enhance the Detachment's community policing service by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue community safety initiatives which have led to a greater awareness of crime prevention programs, enhanced community engagement, accessibility, and reduced levels of the fear of crime. The demographics of the programs vary month to month based on weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers.

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Community Police Station Activities:
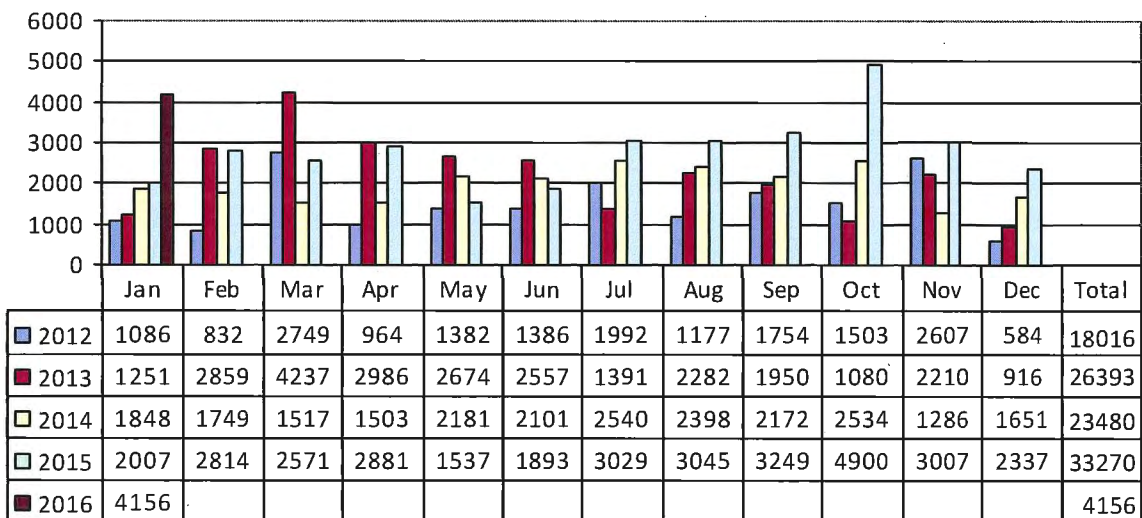
Fail to Stop

At prominent intersections, volunteers monitored areas where drivers were not completing full stops at stop signs and red lights. In January 432 information letters were sent to the registered owners of vehicles advising them of the fine amounts and potential consequences had police observed the offence. In January the areas receiving heightened attention were:

- Cambie Road/River Road
- Kwantlen Road/Alexandra
- Kwantlen Road/Lansdowne Road
- Cooney Road/Lansdowne Road
- Minoru Boulevard/Lansdowne Road
- Moncton Road/No. 2 Road
- Saunders Road/Garden City Road
- Andrews Road/Trites Road
- Shell Road/Williams Road

Lock-Out Auto Crime

Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) this program provides volunteers to patrol city streets and parking lots to check for automobile security vulnerabilities. Lock-Out Auto Crime notices are issued to visually inspected vehicles. The notices advise vehicle owners of shortcomings to their vehicle and content security. Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicles notices issued.

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

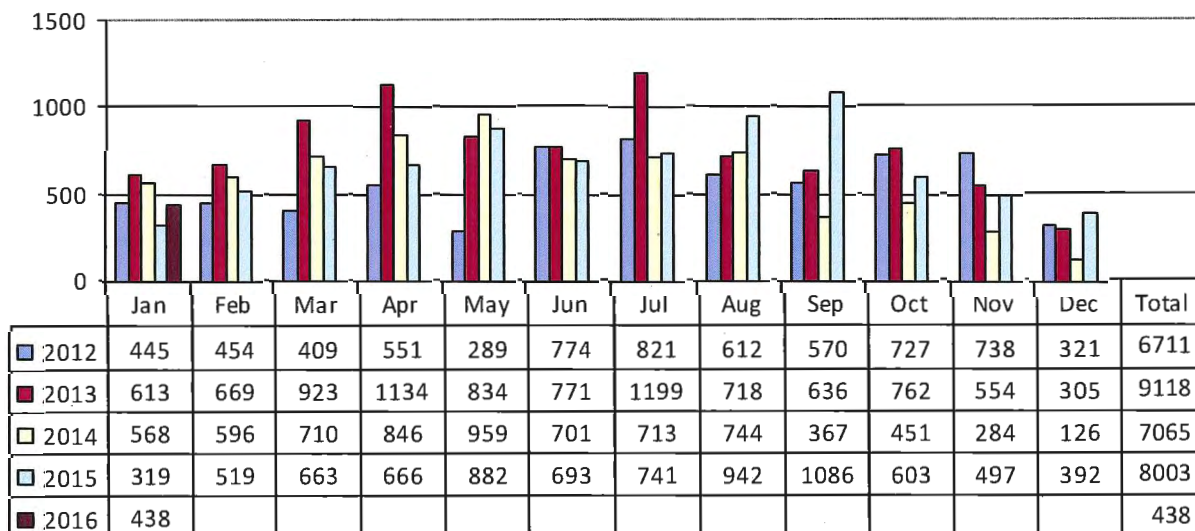|	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2012	1086	832	2749	964	1382	1386	1992	1177	1754	1503	2607	584	18016
2013	1251	2859	4237	2986	2674	2557	1391	2282	1950	1080	2210	916	26393
2014	1848	1749	1517	1503	2181	2101	2540	2398	2172	2534	1286	1651	23480
2015	2007	2814	2571	2881	1537	1893	3029	3045	3249	4900	3007	2337	33270
2016	4156												4156

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Speed Watch

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with a radar instrument and a speed watch reader board that provides instant visual driver speed feedback. When an infraction occurs volunteers will record the license plate number and vehicle speed before following up with a letter to the vehicle's registered owner. The letter includes the date, time, location and potential penalty had the offence been observed by an officer.

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

Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent

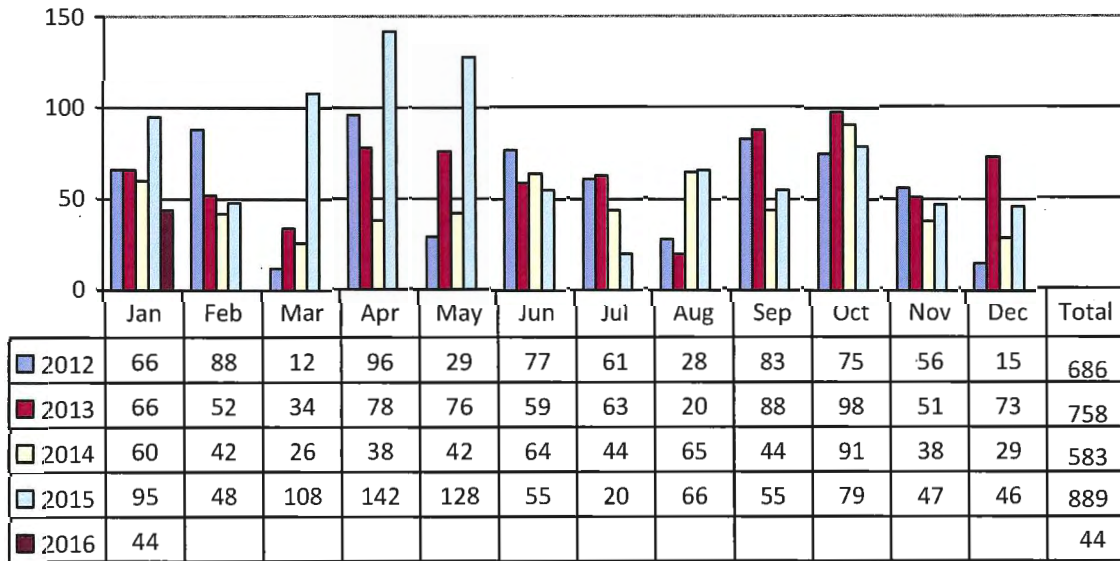|	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2012	445	454	409	551	289	774	821	612	570	727	738	321	6711
2013	613	669	923	1134	834	771	1199	718	636	762	554	305	9118
2014	568	596	710	846	959	701	713	744	367	451	284	126	7065
2015	319	519	663	666	882	693	741	942	1086	603	497	392	8003
2016	438												438

Distracted Drivers

Trained volunteers monitor intersections to identify distracted driving behaviors such as cell phone use, electronic device use, the reading of a newspaper, shaving and application of makeup. The registered owner of the offending vehicle is then sent a letter with the date, time and location of the offence. The letter identifies the type of driving infraction and the potential fine amount for the infraction.

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

Figure 4: Distracted Driver Letters Sent

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2012	66	88	12	96	29	77	61	28	83	75	56	15	686
2013	66	52	34	78	76	59	63	20	88	98	51	73	758
2014	60	42	26	38	42	64	44	65	44	91	38	29	583
2015	95	48	108	142	128	55	20	66	55	79	47	46	889
2016	44												44

Volunteer Foot/Bike/Van Patrol

Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods to report suspicious activities and provide a visible deterrent to crime. In January there were 24 foot/van patrols and 5 bike patrols totaling 189 hours. The volunteers typically assist the public with directions, general questions and minor vehicle collisions. In addition volunteers encourage pedestrians to use cross walks, identify distracted drivers and processes them as per the Distracted Driver program and check license plates to locate stolen vehicles. The volunteers also patrol local neighborhoods, parks and schools to ensure safety, identify possible illegal marihuana grow operations and abandoned houses.

In January 2016 volunteers on van patrol located a stolen auto at Lansdowne Mall. The police report indicated that the vehicle belonged to a Vancouver resident and had been abandoned in the mall parking lot.

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Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit provided Motor Vehicle Act enforcement.   The statistics below provide January 2016 data as compared to the previous two months.

Name	Act	Example	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2015
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	703	700	708
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	175	173	187
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	46	52	39
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	17	10	2
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	0	0

Victim Services

Victim Services provided professional and timely support to victims and witnesses lessening the impact of trauma caused by crime events.

- In January 2016 Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided support to 68 clients and attended 14 crime/trauma scenes. The unit maintained an active caseload of 177 on-going files.

- In addition Victim Services provided on-going emotional support in family conflict cases and medical related sudden deaths. Some cases were prepared and referred for long term assistance.

- In January the unit provided support to several family members and witnesses of a fatal motor vehicle accident.

Youth Section

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

Constable Bal Kandola continues to educate 19 classes in 15 schools this term. The newest members of the Youth Section, Constable Kelly Roberts and Constable Jason Pickering are currently undergoing DARE instructor training for the next two weeks.

Youth Academy

Youth Section members have been meeting with the school district preparing for the Youth Academy in March. The program is directed at grade 11 and 12 students who have an interest in policing as a career. The academy program gives candidates the opportunity to experience police training and to partake in police work simulations. This youth centred program is built on a

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partnership between the school districts and RCMP Detachments of Coquitlam, Burnaby, North Vancouver, Surrey and Richmond. Richmond School District will be sending 10 students to the academy this year.

Difference Maker

The Difference Maker Project is currently operating at Anderson Elementary. This initiative is an off-shoot of the School Sports Program. The program provides elementary school students the opportunity to take on a "Difference Maker Project". Participants are mentored by teachers, police officers, and community ambassadors. The project aims to engender social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth.

End Gang Life
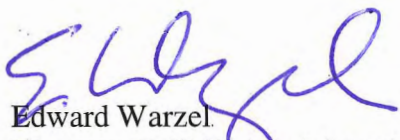
On January 14, 2016 the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit delivered the ***End Gang Life*** presentation to students at Palmer Secondary School. This event was organized by Constable Jason Pickering who is a Youth Section member.

SAFE Schools

In January 2016 ***Lock-down and Hold and Secure*** drills were held at various schools in Richmond.

Conclusion

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

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Att. 1: Crime Statistics
     2: Crime Maps

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JANUARY 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).
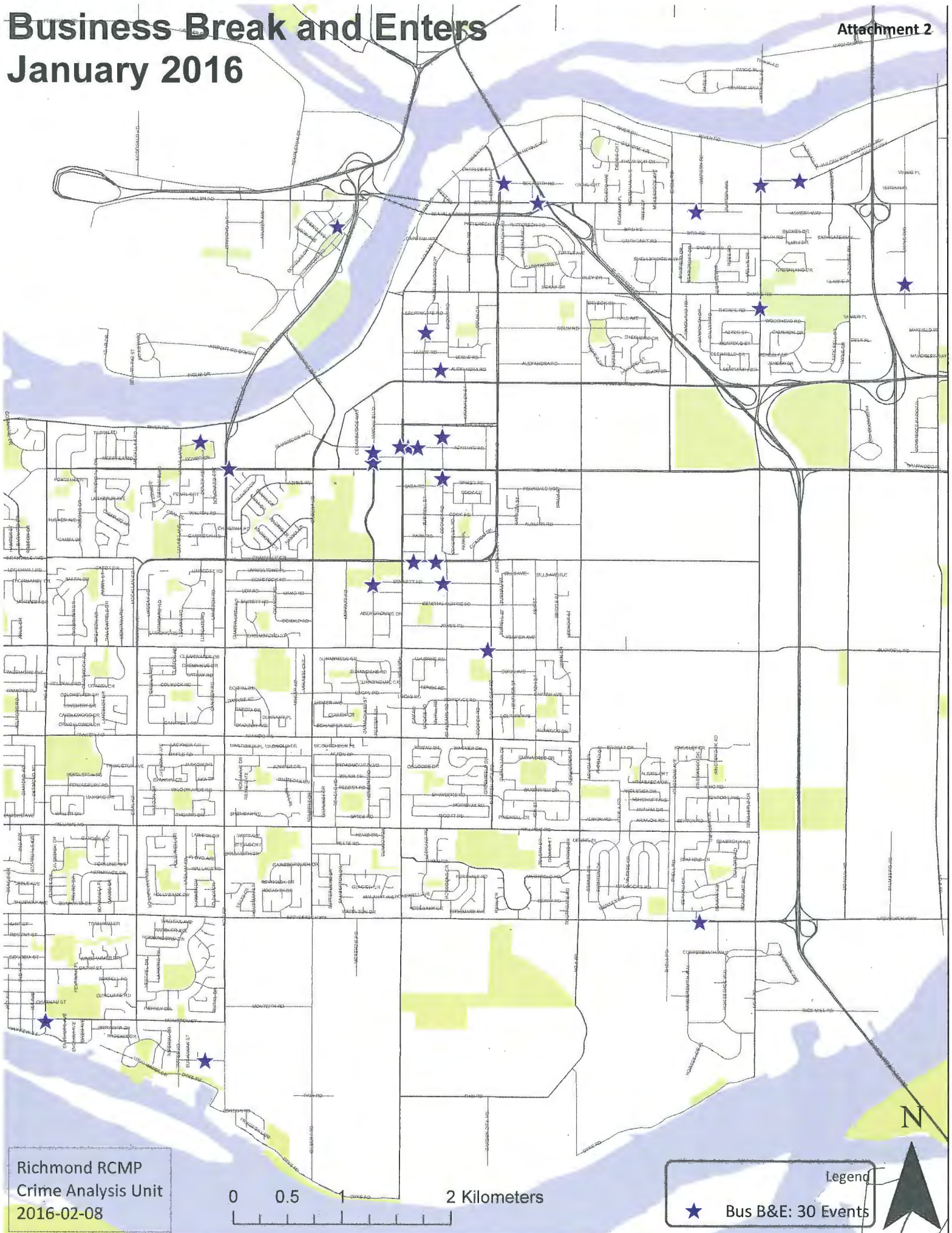
	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Jan-16	January		2015	2016	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	**110**	**102.4**	**90-115**	**82**	**110**	**34.1%**	**28**
Robbery	10	14.2	8-21	10	10	**0.0%**	0
Assault Common	**47**	35.6	31-40	36	47	**30.6%**	11
Assault w/ Weapon	**9**	11.6	10-14	11	9	**-18.2%**	-2
Sexual Offences	3	3.4	1-6	0	3	**N/A**	3
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	**689**	**672.8**	**635-711**	**691**	**689**	**-0.3%**	**-2**
Business B&E	30	34.4	26-43	40	30	**-25.0%**	-10
Residential B&E	**61**	88.0	78-98	87	61	**-29.9%**	-26
MV Theft	19	25.4	19-32	29	19	**-34.5%**	-10
Theft From MV	**247**	176.0	139-213	148	247	**66.9%**	99
Theft	**99**	126.2	110-142	158	99	**-37.3%**	-59
Shoplifting	**69**	56.2	47-66	56	69	**23.2%**	13
Fraud	**38**	49.4	44-55	58	38	**-34.5%**	-20
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	**179**	**159.4**	**142-176**	**172**	**179**	**4.1%**	**7**
Arson - Property	2	2.4	1-4	2	2	**0.0%**	0
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	**978**	**934.6**	**894-976**	**945**	**978**	**3.5%**	**33**
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	**49**	**65.2**	**47-84**	**53**	**49**	**-7.5%**	**-4**

Business Break and Enters
January 2016

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★ Bus B&E: 30 Events

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Residential Break and Enters January 2016

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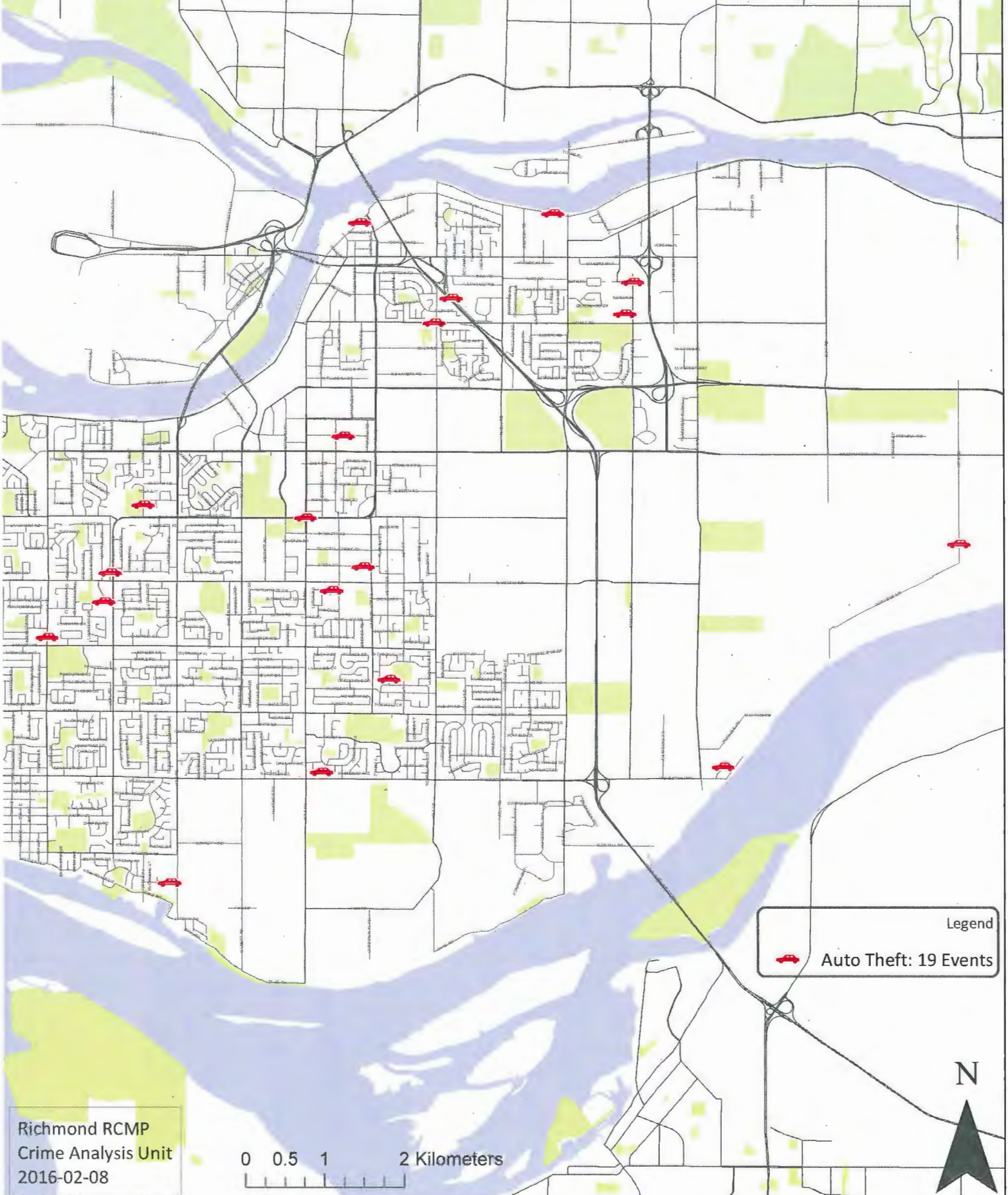Crime Analysis Unit
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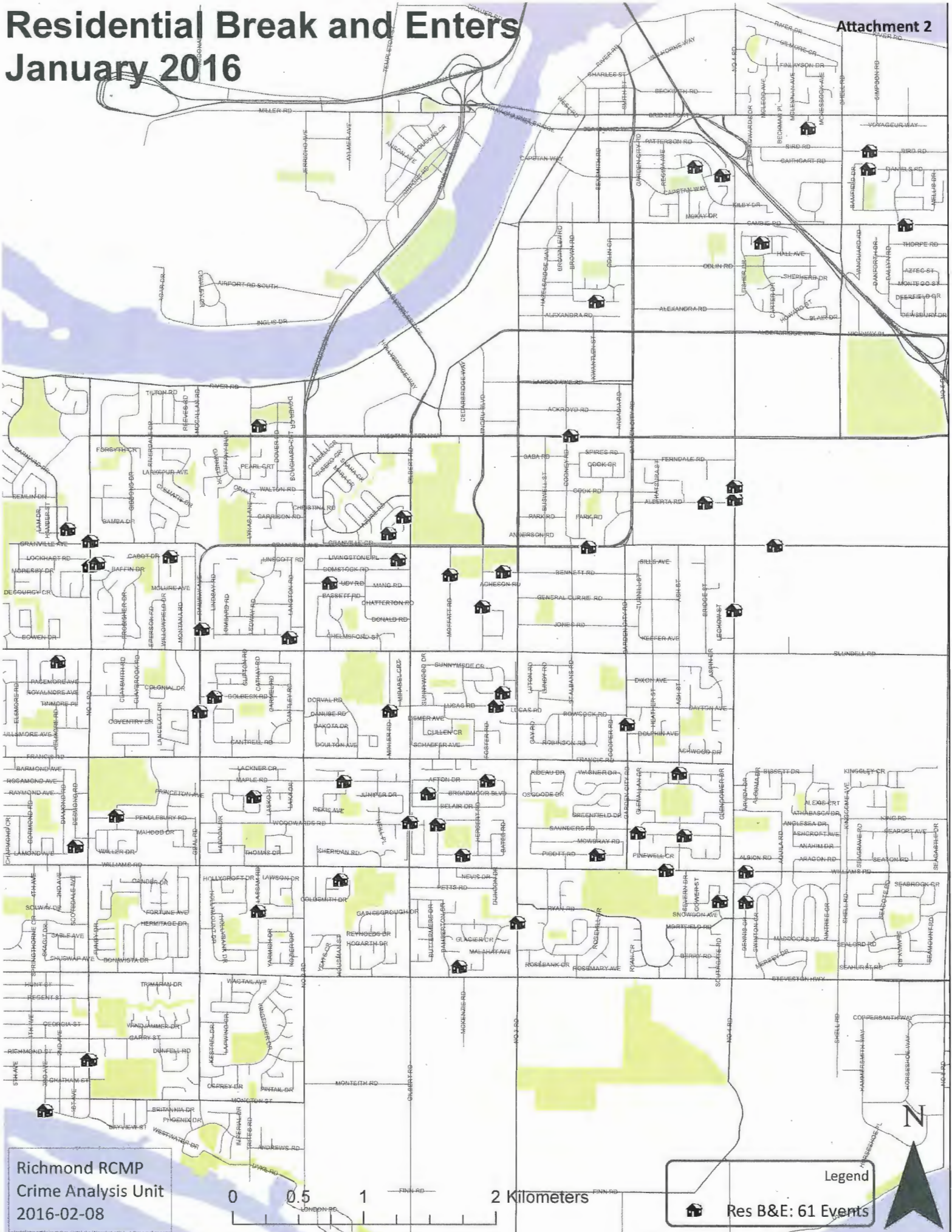
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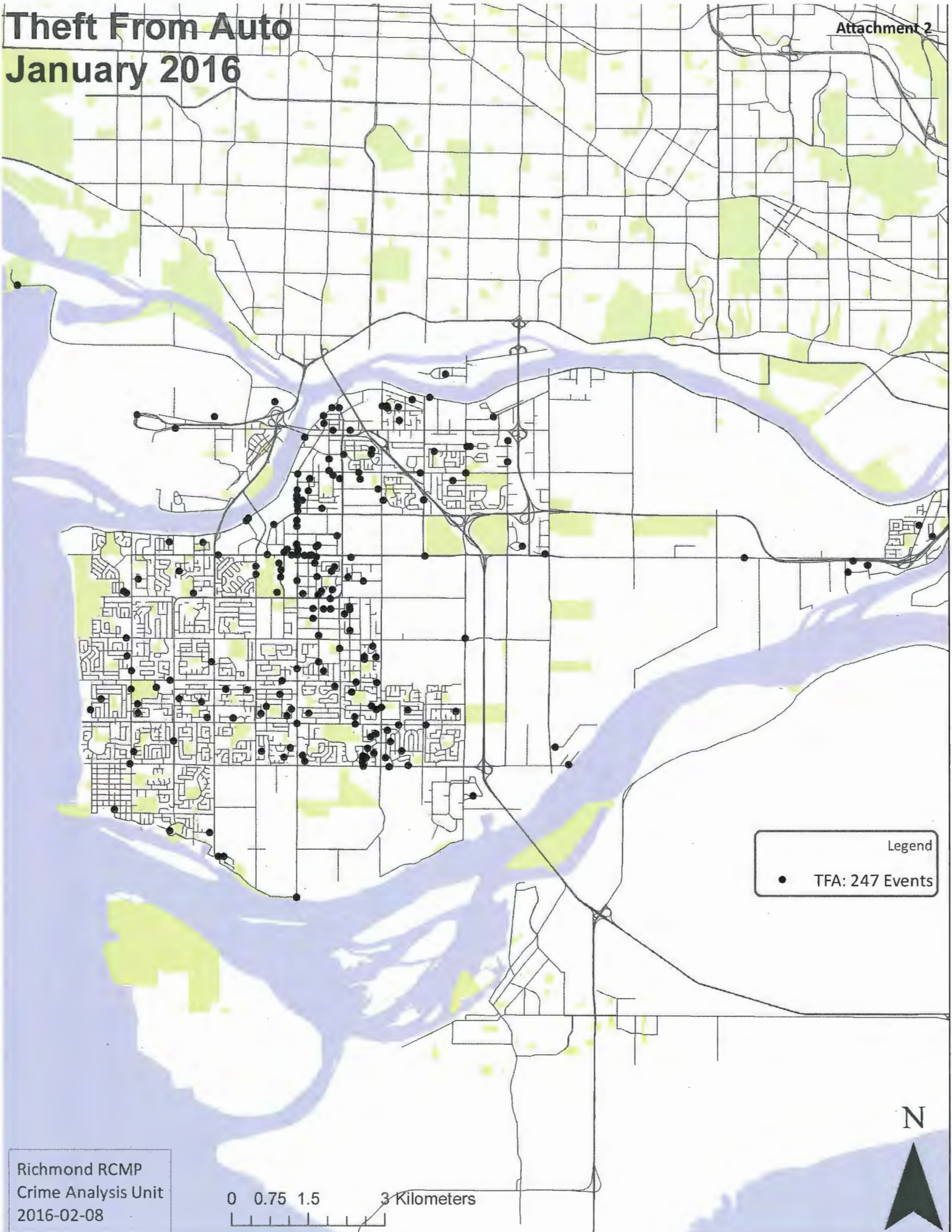# January 2016

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Auto Theft: 19 Events

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Theft From Auto
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● TFA: 247 Events

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