



City of Richmond

Report to Committee




To: Community Safety Committee
From: Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
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Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June 2018

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June 2018”, dated August 2, 2018, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

Will Ng *for Asst. Keith G. Brumby*
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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. Activities and Noteworthy files
2. Analysis of Crime Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Auxiliary Constable Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Stations and Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

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

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Richmond Doors Open

On June 2, 2018, Richmond Detachment participated in the eleventh annual Richmond Doors Open event. This free, city-wide public event is a celebration of heritage, culture and the arts. This year 40 sites were showcased, including Richmond Detachment, which marked its inaugural participation in the event. Approximately 850 visitors attended the main Detachment, where RCMP specialized support units, RCMP fleet and community safety initiatives were showcased.

Theft

On June 20, 2018, five charges were laid against a well-known Richmond property crime offender. Charges include theft of mail, theft of parcel under \$5,000 and mischief. After a lengthy investigation by Richmond Detachment's Property Crime Unit, the suspect was identified and connected to a series of similar crimes in Richmond, spanning from March 2018 to April 2018.

Block Watch Event

On June 21, 2018, the South Arm Community Police Station participated in the South Arm Community Centre Block Party. This annual event attracted 400 members of the public and included the participation of volunteers promoting community safety initiatives, including safe driving. Volunteers set up a distracted driving walking course and distributed pedestrian safety reflectors and Project 529 flyers. In addition, the Fatal Vision goggles were employed to educate on the effects of impaired driving.¹

Drug Seizure

On June 22, 2018, Richmond RCMP officers and the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Services seized a large quantity of drugs at the Vancouver International Airport. A man was attempting to fly out from Vancouver when he was arrested after police found approximately 23 kilograms of marijuana packed in suitcases. Richmond RCMP is investigating.

Analysis of Crime Statistics

Arson

In June 2018, there were four incidents of arson, which is up two from the previous month and represents no change from June 2018. This number remains within the five-year statistical average range. Year to date, the total number of arsons is down 38 per cent from the same period last year.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 17 assault serious events in June, which is up 11 incidents from May 2018. Last month, the number of assault serious files was statistically low and below the five-year average range. The total this month represents 21 per cent increase from June 2017 and is outside the five-year average range.

No patterns of significance have surfaced in the files recorded. In 59 per cent of the incidents the individuals were known to each other, including spouses, friends, family members and co-workers. Other incidents included a fight between individuals at a bar and an individual pushing a shopping cart into another shopper.

Auto Theft

There were 19 auto theft incidents this month, which is down 26 per cent from May 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is within the five-year average range and represents a 10 per cent decline from June 2017. Year to date totals indicate that auto theft is down 20 per cent compared to the same period last year.

¹ Fatal Vision is a registered trademark for simulation goggles used for education and awareness regarding the effects of impaired driving.

Drugs

In June 2018 there were 62 drug incidents, which is a 14 per cent decrease from the previous month. The number of drug files is seven per cent lower than reported in June 2017 and is below the five-year expected range. Year to date totals indicate a 15 per cent decline compared to the same period last year.

Mental Health

There were 134 mental health incidents recorded in June 2018. While this number is down 10 per cent from the previous month, it remains outside the five-year statistical average range. The number of files this month marks a 33 per cent increase from June 2017. However, year to date totals indicate almost no change from the same period in 2017.

No patterns or trends have been observed. Most files involved individuals who only had one reported incident. One high volume client produced 18 files this month as she repeatedly called police to report the same incident; however no files required police involvement.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 30 break and enters to residences in June 2018, which is a 44 per cent decrease from the previous month. The total number of residential break and enters this month is significantly below the five-year expected range and represents a 35 per cent decrease from June 2017. While these reductions appear significant, year to date totals indicate a one per cent decline from the same period last year.

Commercial Break and Enter

In June 2018, there were 29 break and enters to businesses, which is a 14 per cent increase from May 2018. This number represents a 14 per cent increase over June 2017 and is within the five-year expected range.

Robbery

There were four robbery incidents in June 2018, which is up two incidents from the previous month. The total number of robberies this month is within the five-year average range and represents a 20 per cent reduction from June 2017.

Sexual Assault

In June 2018 there were six sexual offence files recorded, which is down 50 per cent from the previous month and is below the statistically expected range. The total number of sexual assault files this month is 45 per cent lower than the number recorded in June 2017. Sexual assault files from January to June 2018 are 64 per cent higher than the same period in 2017 due to the spike seen in January 2018. At the beginning of the year there were 24 sexual offence files that caused a significant increase in this crime category.

Shoplifting

In June 2018, there were 59 shoplifting thefts, which is a 25 per cent increase from the previous month and a 16 per cent increase from June 2017. While the total of shoplifting files this month remains within the five-year average range, year to date totals indicate there has been an increase of 22 per cent over the same period last year.

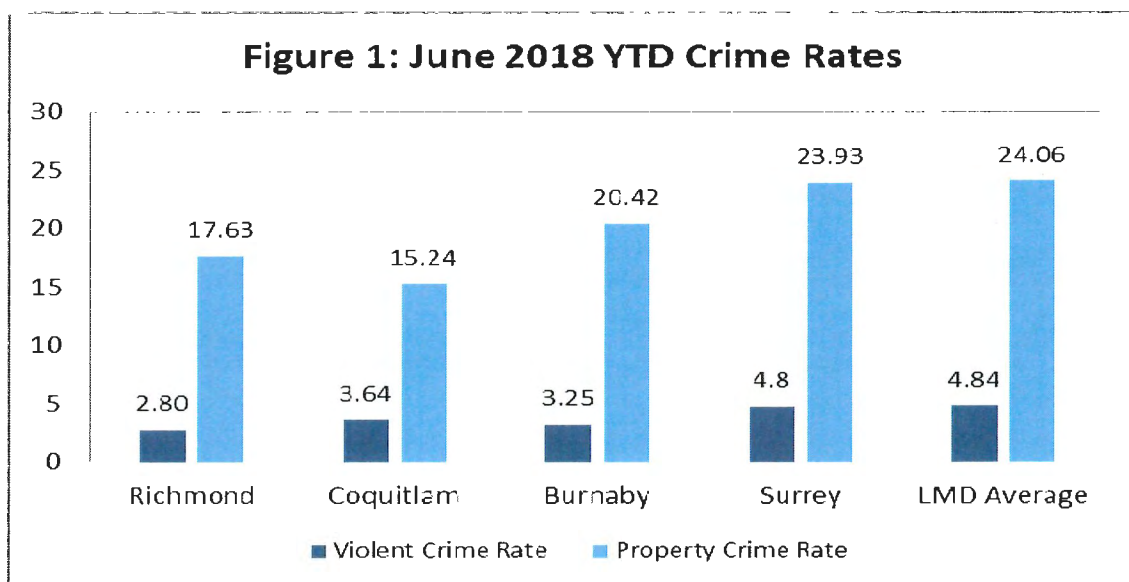
Theft from Auto

There were 166 theft from auto incidents this month, which is a 13 per cent increase from May 2018 and a 31 per cent increase from June 2017. This number is within the five-year statistical average range. However, year to date, the number of theft from auto incidents is up 14 per cent compared to the same period in 2017.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

Over the last several months, police jurisdictions across the Lower Mainland have been warning the public about the increasing number of scams involving criminals fraudulently identifying themselves as representatives of the Canada Revenue Agency or as law enforcement personnel. Using threatening language and threats of arrest, they pressure victims into paying a sum of money using digital currency, gift cards and wire money transfer. In June 2018, five of these scams were reported in Richmond.

In order to facilitate a meaningful comparison of crime types across jurisdictions, data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).² Out of the four largest RCMP Detachments in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), year to date Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate. Richmond also recorded a low property crime rate, ranking second lowest.



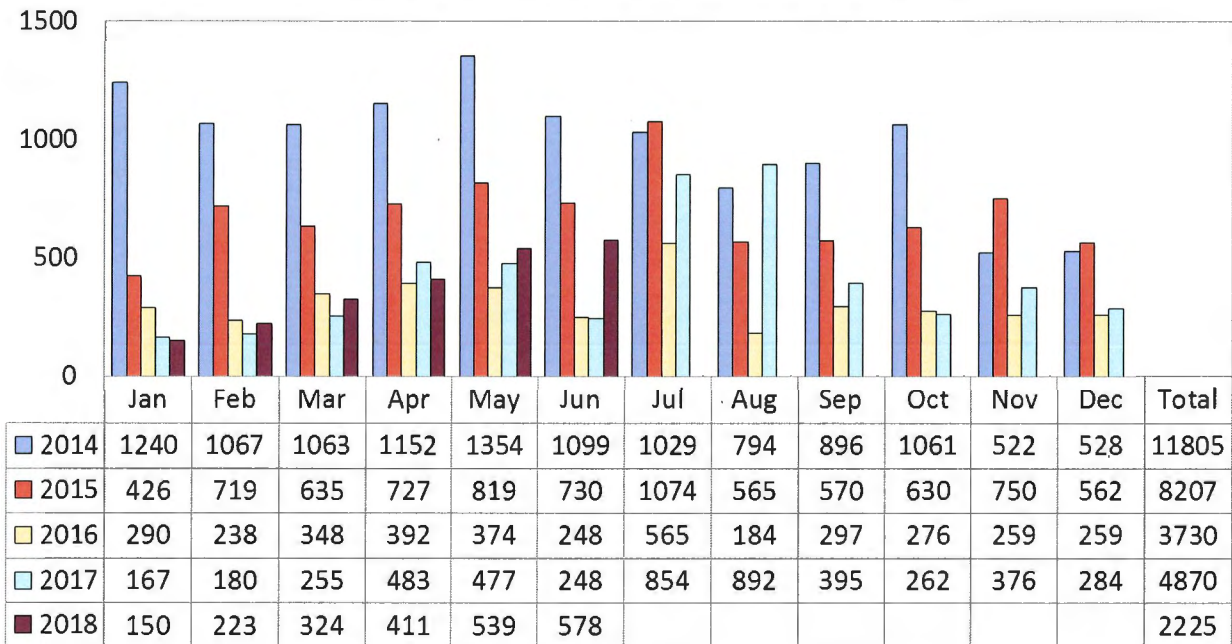
² Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2017 populations).

Auxiliary Constable Program

In June 2018, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 36 Auxiliary Constables, who provided a total of 578 volunteer hours. In the coming months, the Province of BC and RCMP “E” Division are expected to announce the uniform and training standards for the new Auxiliary Tier 3 program; however the details of these changes are not yet available.³ Once these details are known, the Auxiliary Constable coordinator will commence recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliary Constables anticipated by the fall of 2018.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2014 to 2018.

Figure 2: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours



³ <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/auxiliary-program-tiers>

Auxiliary Constable Activities

Auxiliary Constables attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and provide traffic and crowd control. During the month of June Auxiliary Constables participated in:

- “Coffee with a Cop”
- Crime Watch
- Distracted Driving and Speed Watch Blitz
- Heart and Stroke Big Bike Event
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Richmond Doors Open
- Richmond Sharing Farm’s “Day of Caring”
- School Sports

Block Watch

At the end of June 2018, the Block Watch program had 457 groups totaling 10,405 participants. Currently, the program includes 607 captains and co-captains.

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 June volunteer highlights included:

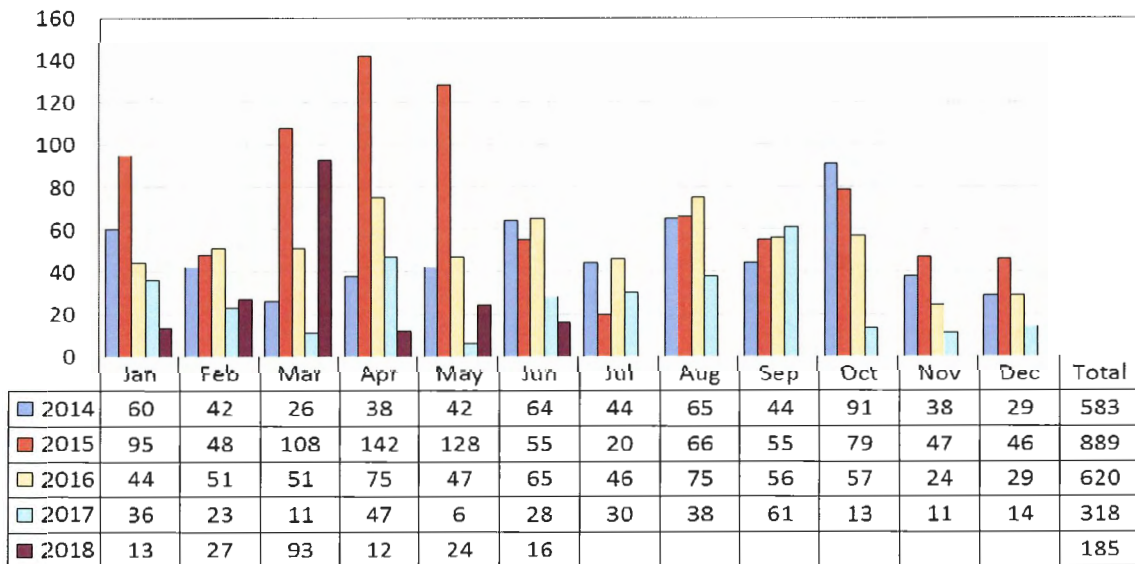
- The deployment of 35 foot/van patrols totalling 230 hours and 13 bike patrols totalling 84 hours.
- 39 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 1,065 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 5,556 vehicles at various locations throughout the city.
- June 6 – Volunteers and RCMP members participated in softball game with Special Olympics Richmond.
- June 8 – Volunteers participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run.
- June 8, 20, 25, 27 and 28 – Volunteer Speed Watch deployments occurred on River Road. These deployments resulted in 54 letters being sent out to registered vehicle owners.
- June 9 – Four volunteers and an RCMP member participated in the Richmond Sharing Farm, part of the Richmond Day of Caring. The produce grown is donated to the Richmond Food Bank and other community meal programs.

- June 10 – Eight Bike Patrol Volunteers assisted City staff organizers with the City of Richmond Island Bike Tour. Additional volunteers assisted with Project 529 Bike Registry and the registration of 20 bicycles.
- June 21 – Thirteen volunteers assisted the South Arm Community Police Station coordinator in promoting community safety initiatives at the South Arm Block Party. A total of 150 pedestrian safety reflectors were distributed.

Distracted Drivers

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.⁴

Figure 3: Distracted Driver Letters Sent

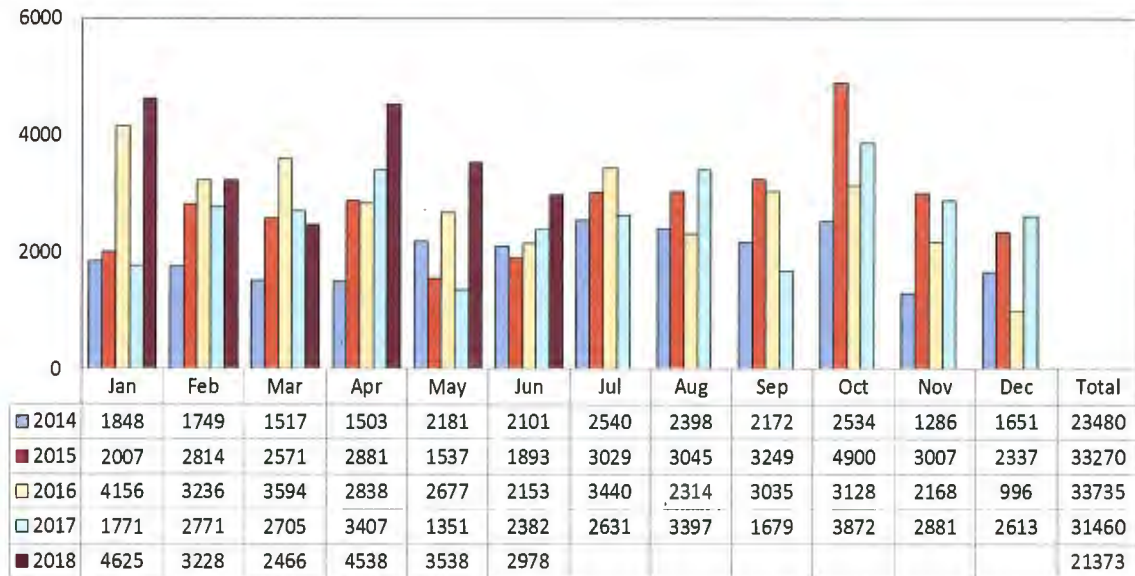


⁴ The total for March 2018 includes 92 warning letters sent as a result of the multiple Distracted Driving Campaign Blitzez which occurred that month.

Lock-Out Auto Crime

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.

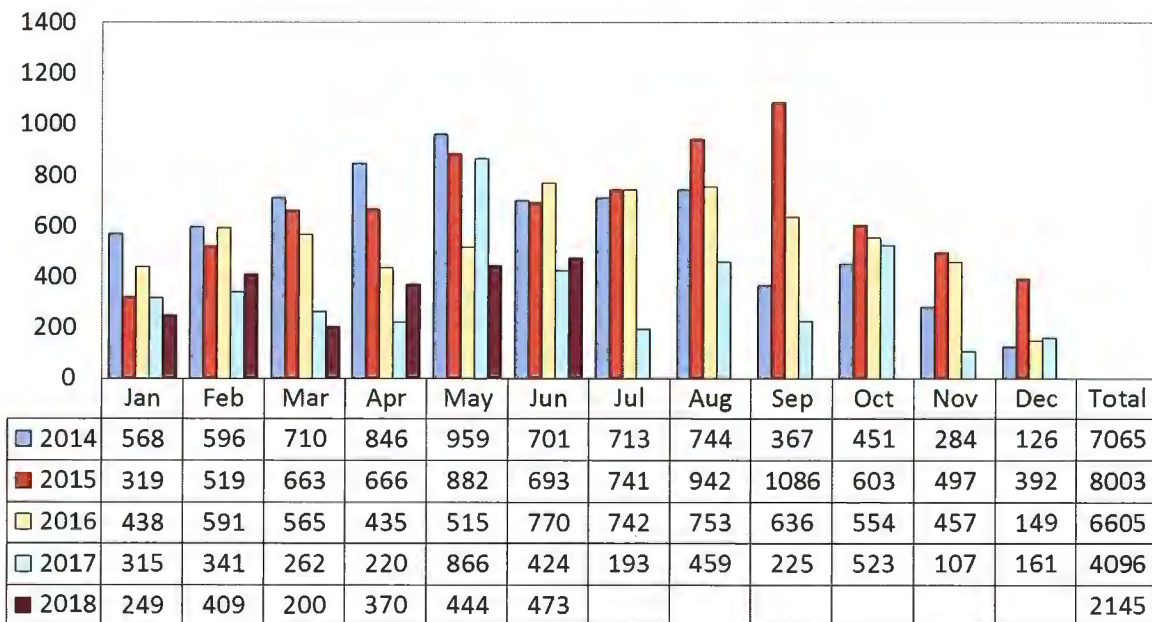
Figure 4: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



Speed Watch

Figure 5 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 5: Speed Watch Letters Sent



Crime Prevention Unit

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

- BC Torch Run
- Big Bike Steveston
- “Coffee with a Cop”
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Richmond Day of Caring
- School Sports
- 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 June 2018 data to both April 2018 and May 2018. The Moving Violations category refers to violations such as unsafe lane change and unsafe passing. The Vehicle category refers to motor vehicle regulation defects such as no insurance and no lights. The Other category refers to other motor vehicle infractions such as miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of accident and failing to stop for police.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
Distracted Driving	59	73	98
Driver License	126	205	188
Impaired	29	35	24
Intersection offences	99	89	97
Moving Violations	88	146	107
Speeding	159	200	258
Seatbelts	4	8	19
Vehicle Related	54	57	77
Other	10	10	30
Total	628	823	996

Parking Tickets:

Name	Act	Example	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	19	19	20

Victim Services

In June 2018, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 60 new clients and attended 10 crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 135 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving family conflict, medical sudden deaths, suicides and a fatal motor vehicle accident.

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 June Youth Section highlights include:

- Richmond Detachment's DARE officer completed the final set of 10 week DARE classes for the 2017-2018 school year and held 16 DARE graduations throughout the city.
- Throughout the month, Youth Section members attended numerous School Sports events and carnival days held by local schools in celebration of the conclusion of the school year.
- A Youth Section member participated in the Onside Program and accompanied five children from a local elementary school to a BC Lions football game.

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

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

Block Watch

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

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

Fail to Stop

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

Lock Out Auto Crime

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

Project 529

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

Speed Watch

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

Stolen Auto Recovery

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

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

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

JUNE 2018 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. For 2017, some inclusion criteria have been modified to improve accuracy and accommodate RCMP scoring regulations. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

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 the expected average range (using a standard deviation), it will be noted in red, while below expected 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.

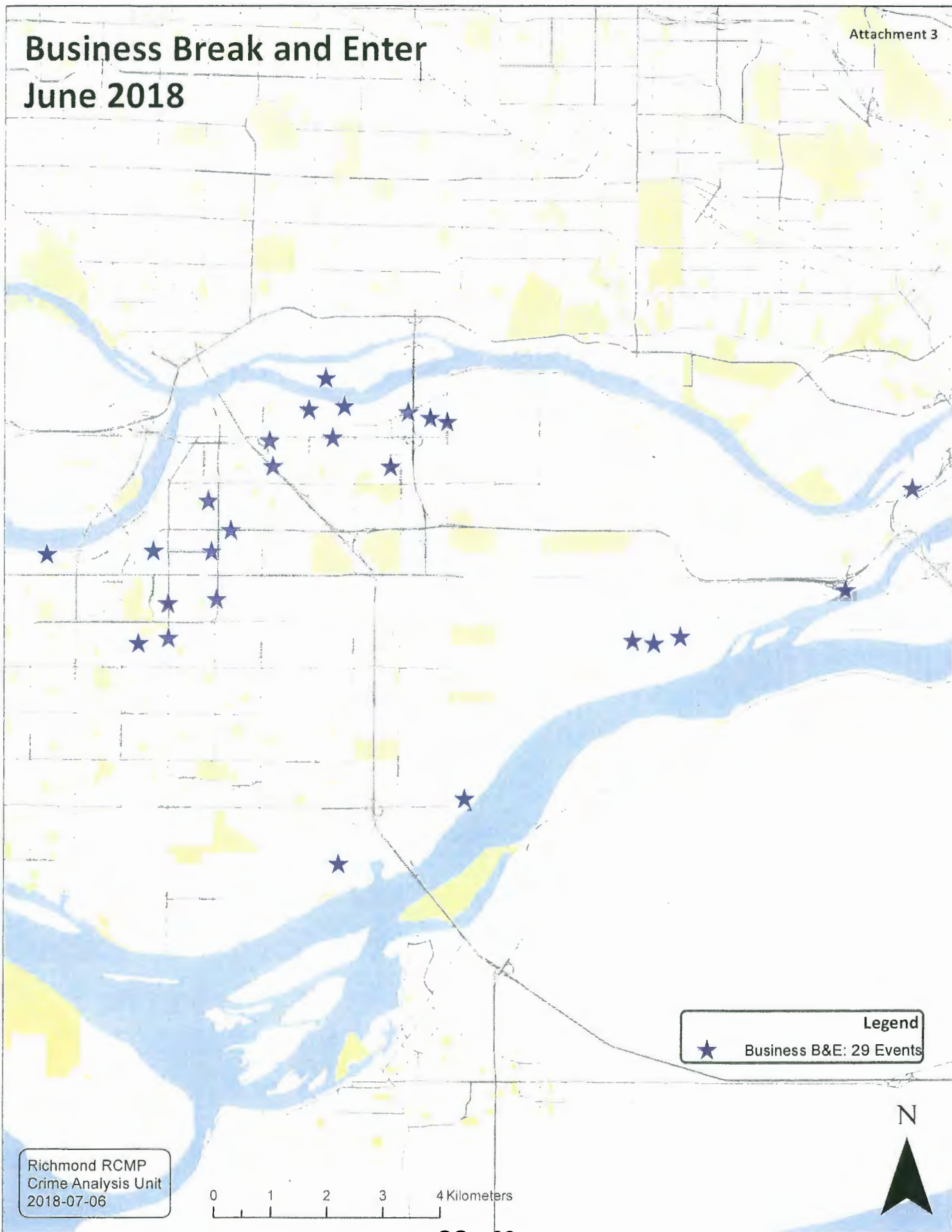
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	June-18	June		2017	2018	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	110	123.0	108-138	688	616	-10%	-72
Robbery	4	5.2	3-7	29	25	-14%	-4
Assault Common	44	43.4	36-51	236	231	-2%	-5
Assault Serious	17	13.6	12-15	68	65	-4%	-3
Sexual Offences	6	10.4	8-13	45	74	64%	29
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	549	637.8	589-686	3988	3840	-4%	-148
Business B&E	29	26.2	19-34	225	199	-12%	-26
Residential B&E	30	47.6	39-56	355	351	-1%	-4
Auto Theft	19	25.4	19-32	153	122	-20%	-31
Theft from Auto	166	171.2	132-210	1074	1219	14%	145
Theft	77	105.0	98-112	600	526	-12%	-74
Shoplifting	59	63.0	54-72	316	387	22%	71
Fraud	83	59.0	47-71	476	444	-7%	-32
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	192	192.4	172-213	976	1076	10%	100
Arson	4	5.8	3-9	21	13	-38%	-8
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	851	953.2	893-1013	5652	5532	-2%	-120
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	62	74.8	68-82	379	322	-15%	-57
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	134	105.2	98-113	736	731	-1%	-5

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Business Break and Enter June 2018



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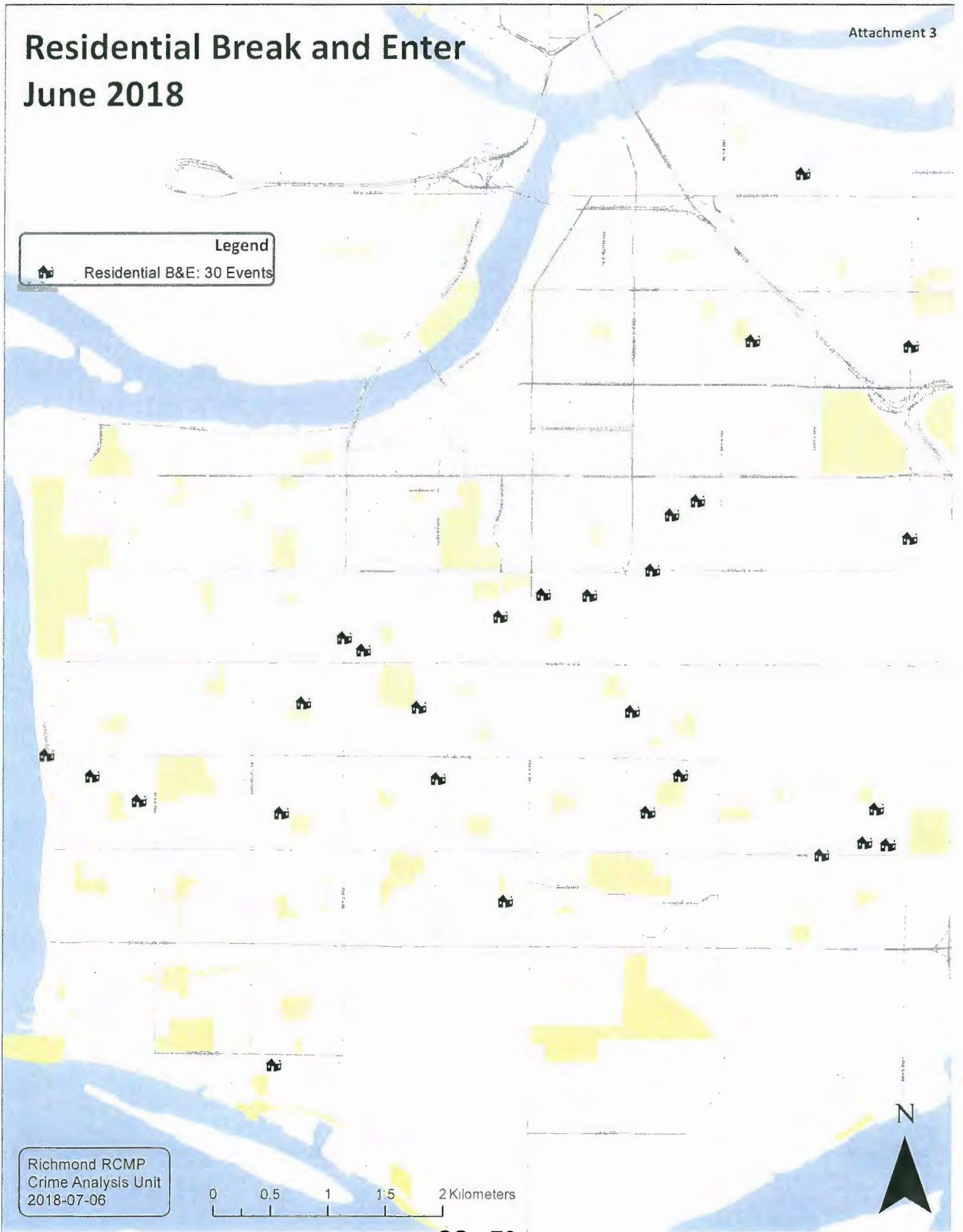
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Residential Break and Enter June 2018

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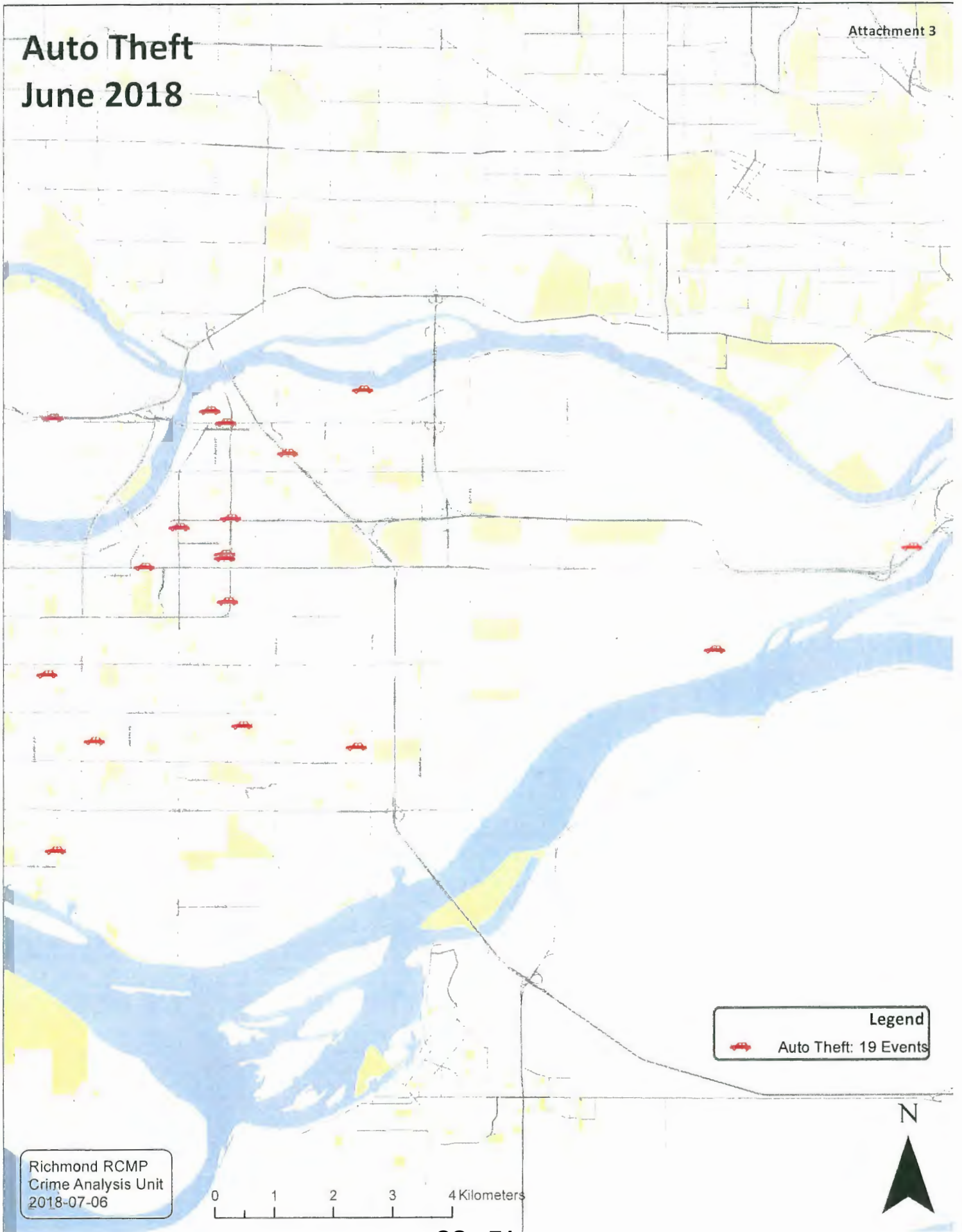
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Auto Theft June 2018

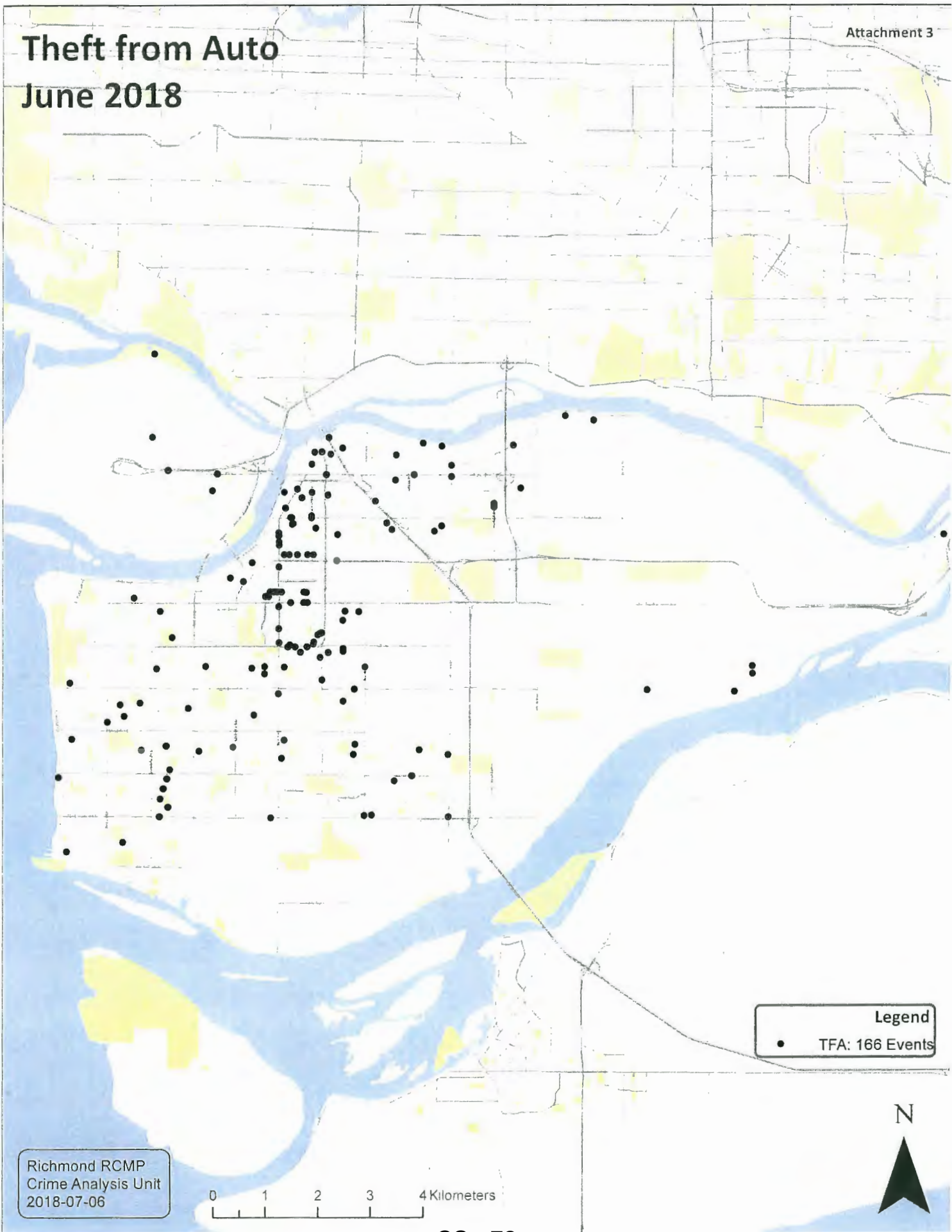
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Theft from Auto June 2018



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