



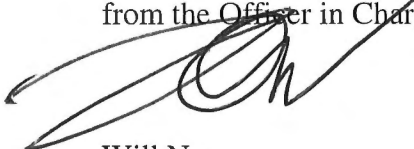
City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** April 10, 2019
From: Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2019-Vol
 Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01
Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report - March 2019

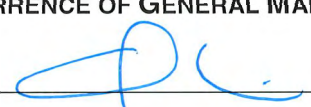

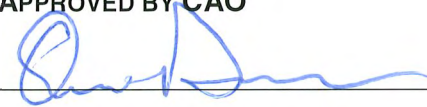
Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – March 2019", dated April 10, 2019, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.



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

Att. 4

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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 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

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Theft from Auto

On March 6, 2019, Richmond RCMP issued a media release alerting the public of an increase in theft from automobiles in areas such as Aberdeen Mall and locations along Alexandra Road. The most prominent items stolen were purses, bags and backpacks. The community was urged to secure valuables out of sight.

Shooting

On March 12, 2019, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a training facility on Mitchell Island after receiving reports that a man had been shot. Upon arrival, police located a 25-year old male with serious injuries in what is suspected to be targeted incident. The victim was transported to hospital for treatment. A short time later police received a report of a vehicle fire in the 5600 block of No. 7 Road. The incidents may be related. The Richmond RCMP Serious Crime Unit is investigating.

Money Laundering

On March 13, 2019, Richmond RCMP Members in the Organized Crime Unit arrested an individual in relation to a money laundering investigation. In the previous month, police had identified a number of suspicious cash transactions at the River Rock Casino, prompting the investigation. A search warrant was executed on March 22, 2019, and the investigation continues.

Fraud Awareness

On March 27, 2019, Richmond RCMP issued a media release alerting the public of recent fraud crimes. The release also provided adoptable measures in order to prevent victimization. The Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit has an outreach program for local seniors and community groups as seniors are particularly vulnerable to these types of crimes. Most frauds today occur over the phone or through other electronic platforms.

In March the most common fraudulent deceptions were:

- Text Message Scam
- Pets for Sale Scam
- Apartment Rental Scam
- Currency Exchange Scam
- Virtual Ransom Scam
- Grandparent Scam

Analysis of Police Statistics

In January 2019, important changes were implemented regarding the collection of Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data.¹ 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 impact police statistics across Canada with effects on all crime types, not only sexual offences. The new standards will classify a case as founded unless there is evidence that the offence did not occur. As a result, there will likely be an increase in many police/crime statistics and clearance rates will conversely decline. This 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 will be provided throughout the year.

Arson

In March 2019, there were two reported incidents of arson. This is an increase of two incidents from the previous month and one less than was reported in March 2018. The number of arsons this month is within the five-year statistical average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 12 assault serious events in March 2019, which is an increase of seven incidents from February 2019. The number of serious assaults this month represents a 29 per cent reduction from March 2018, during which a statistically high number of assaults were reported. The number of serious assaults this month is within the five-year average range.

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

Auto Theft

There were 25 auto theft incidents this month, which is a 47 per cent increase from February 2019 and a four per cent increase from March 2018. The number of auto thefts this month is within the five-year average range.

Drugs

In March 2019, there were 27 drug incidents, which is a 37 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 45 per cent decrease from March 2018. The number of drug offences this month is significantly below the five-year average range.

Mental Health

There were 186 mental health incidents in March 2019, which is a 16 per cent increase from February 2019 and a 69 per cent increase from March 2018. For a fourth consecutive month, the number of mental health incidents is significantly above the five-year average range.

The elevated number of files this month is primarily explained by non-operational reasons. No patterns or trends have been identified. An ongoing, high volume client is responsible for 57 of these incidents (approximately 31 per cent). These calls did not require police resources. Further analysis indicates that the number of police apprehensions has remained steady, as has the average hospital wait time, indicating that the increase in files has not resulted in a significant change in police workload.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 35 break and enters to residences in March 2019, which is a 49 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 38 per cent decrease from March 2018. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the five-year average range and is the lowest it has been since June 2018.

This decrease can be largely attributed to a combination of proactive and investigational crime reduction efforts. This includes key arrests of a number of residential break and enter offenders, who remain in custody.

Commercial Break and Enter

In March 2019, there were 29 break and enters to businesses. This number represents a six per cent decrease from February 2019 and 26 per cent increase from March 2018. Commercial break and enters remain within the expected range.

Robbery

There were seven robbery incidents in March 2019, which is up seven incidents from the previous month and down two incidents from March 2018. This number is within the five-year average range.

Sexual Offences

There were 14 sexual offence files in March 2019, which represents a 40 per cent increase from the previous month and a 56 per cent increase from March 2018. This month's total is above the five-year average range.

The offences this month included seven sexual assaults, including a number of incidents involving individuals who were known to each other or who had met through a dating service. The increased number of sexual offences this month is partially attributed to the CCJS scoring changes. No patterns or trends have been identified.

Shoplifting

There were 87 shoplifting thefts in March 2019, which is a 45 per cent increase from the previous month but only a one per cent increase from March 2018. This month, reported shoplifting thefts are above the five-year expected range.

Theft from Auto

There were 187 theft from auto incidents in March 2019, which represents a 13 per cent increase from the previous month and a 17 per cent decrease from March 2018.

After an increase in late February, hot spot areas were identified in early March, prompting a media release alerting the public of an increase in this crime type. The number of thefts from automobiles declined in the second half of the month and is below the five-year average range.

Crime Trends across Jurisdictions

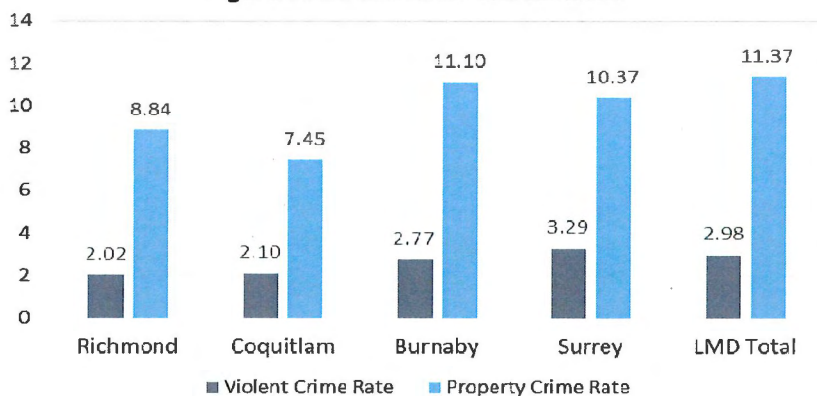
Lower Mainland municipalities experienced a number of distraction-style thefts in February and March.² This month, both Vancouver and Abbotsford Police Departments issued warnings about a series of distraction thefts. The modus operandi is similar and usually involves an elderly victim being approached by a thief who engages in physical contact with the victim. Through this contact thieves are able to remove the victim's expensive jewellery and exchange it with an inexpensive piece of jewellery. Year to date, Richmond has not experienced any such incidents.

Data on crime rates is presented below (Figure 1).³ 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. Many municipalities are experiencing crime types which are significantly above the five-year averages. There is a strong likelihood that these increases are a result of the CCJS scoring changes.

² <https://bc.ctvnews.ca/distraction-thefts-in-vancouver-abbotsford-prompt-warnings-from-police-1.4348411>

³ Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2019 population projections)

Figure 1: March 2019 Crime Rates

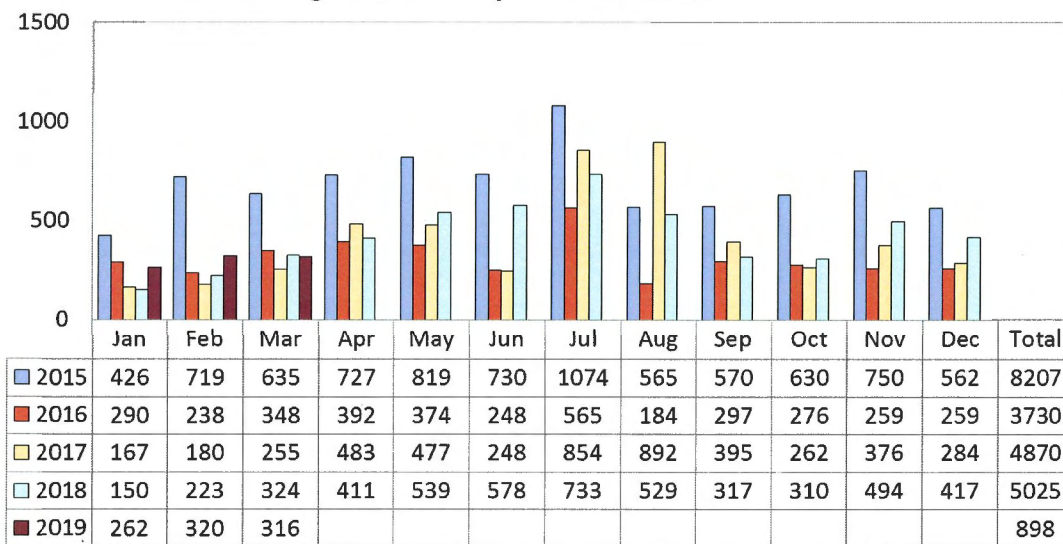


Auxiliary Program

In March 2019, Richmond Detachment had a complement of 37 Auxiliaries.⁴ Auxiliaries provided a total of 316 volunteer hours during the month of March. In the coming months, the Province of BC and RCMP “E” Division are expected to announce the training standards for the Tier 3 Auxiliary program.⁵ Once these details are known, the Detachment will commence recruitment of a new troop of Auxiliaries. In December 2018, the RCMP announced that for the immediate future there will be no changes to the current Auxiliary uniform.

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

Figure 2: Auxiliary Volunteer Hours



⁴ Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

⁵ <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/auxiliary-program-tiers>

Auxiliary Program Activities

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

- Break and Enter Outreach
- Coffee with a Cop
- Crime Watch
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- Home Security Checks
- School Sports Events

Block Watch

At the end of March 2019, the Block Watch program had 454 groups totaling 8,481 participants. Currently, the program includes 549 captains and co-captains⁶ (Attachment 4).

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 March volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of 33 volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 268 hours and one bike patrol, totalling four hours.
- 36 Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 966 warning letters.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,697 vehicles at various locations.
- March 5 and 12 – Five volunteers participated in crime prevention outreach in residential break and enter hot spot areas. Accompanied by an RCMP Reserve Constable, the volunteers spoke to 83 residents.
- March 6 – Ten volunteers participated in a Distracted Driving Blitz in central Richmond and checked a total of 6,248 vehicles. Two drivers were observed talking on their phones and five were observed texting. Seven Distracted Driving letters were sent to the registered owners of these vehicles.⁷
- March 8 – Four volunteers participated in break and enter outreach to local businesses in the Steveston area. Accompanied by an RCMP member, the volunteers visited 40 businesses.
- March 17 – Four volunteers conducted a van patrol deployment and located a stolen vehicle.

⁶ The variance from previous months' data is due to an ongoing database upgrade. Revised numbers will continue to reflect more accurate participation data.

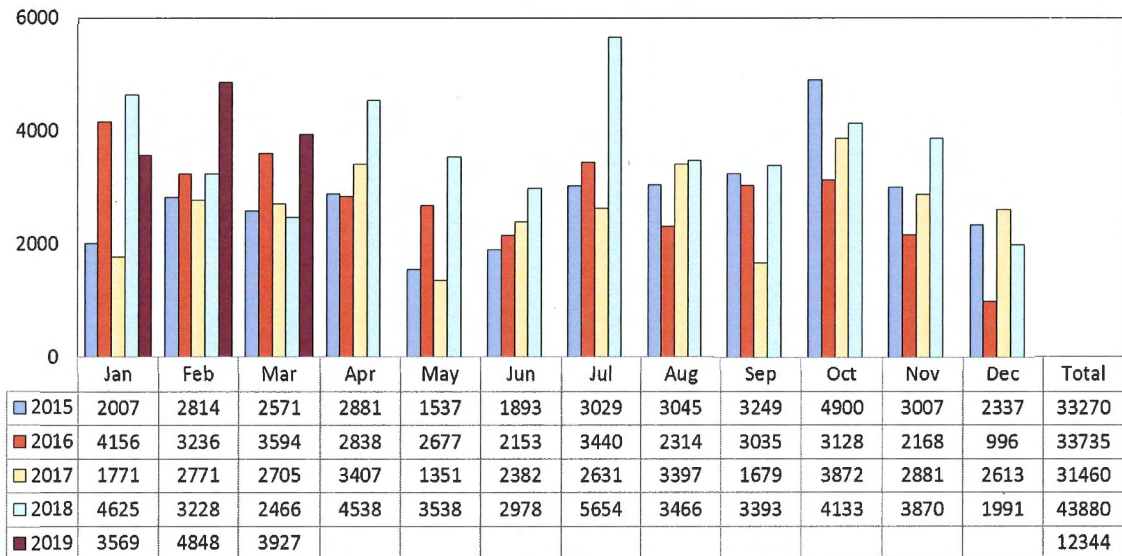
⁷ Traffic enforcement during Distracted Driving blitzes is conducted by the Road Safety Unit and included in their corresponding stats.

- March 19 – Seven volunteers participated in a Distracted Driving Blitz in central Richmond and checked a total of 6,999 vehicles. Three drivers were observed talking on their phones, 35 were observed texting and two were using other devices. A total of 37 Distracted Driving letters will be sent to the registered owners of these vehicles.
- March 25 and 29 – Volunteers conducted Fail to Stop deployments in Steveston, resulting in 190 letters sent to the registered owners of these vehicles.
- March 28 – Five volunteers participated in crime prevention outreach in residential break and enter hot spot areas. Accompanied by an RCMP Member, the volunteers spoke to 52 residents.

Lock Out Auto Crime

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

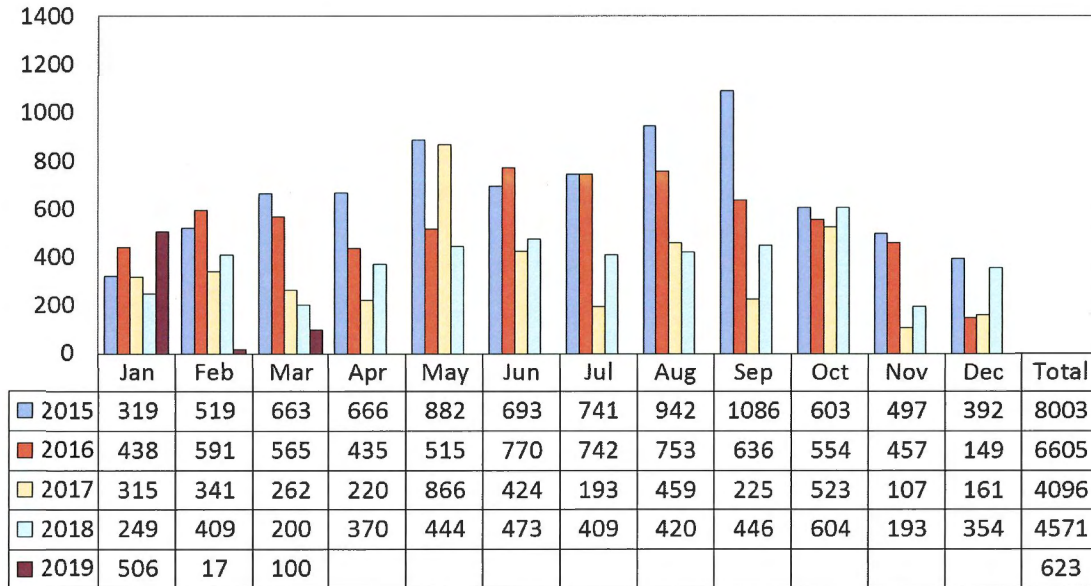
Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



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 dialogue initiatives. During the month of March, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Break and Enter Outreach
- Broadmoor Patrols
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- Elementary School Visits
- School Sports Events
- 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 March 2019 data to both January 2019 and February 2019.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions: Table 1: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019
Distracted Driving	116	172	207
Driver License	232	200	261
Impaired	23	26	28
Intersection offences	98	88	97
Moving Violations ⁸	245	139	145
Speeding	379	308	314
Seatbelts	9	6	16
Vehicle Related ⁹	63	61	66
Other ¹⁰	12	24	11
Total	1,177	1,024	1,145

Victim Services

In March 2019, Richmond RCMP Victim Services attended to 31 new clients and attended 12 crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 163 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving property crime, medical related and overdose sudden deaths and family conflict.

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 March, Youth Section highlights include:

- RCMP Members from the Youth Section presented two internet safety talks in local elementary schools discussing the benefits and dangers associated to various electronic devices and social media platforms, cyberbullying and criminal offences related to the internet. Presenters cautioned students regarding posting too much personal information online and encouraged the safe use of platforms and devices.
- The second term of DARE classes concluded in the second week in March. RCMP officers from the Youth Section in Red Serge attended 12 DARE graduation ceremonies.

Financial Impact

None.

⁸ Moving violations refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁹ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

¹⁰ Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

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: Crime Prevention Block Watch Newsletter - First Quarter 2019

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.

MARCH 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.

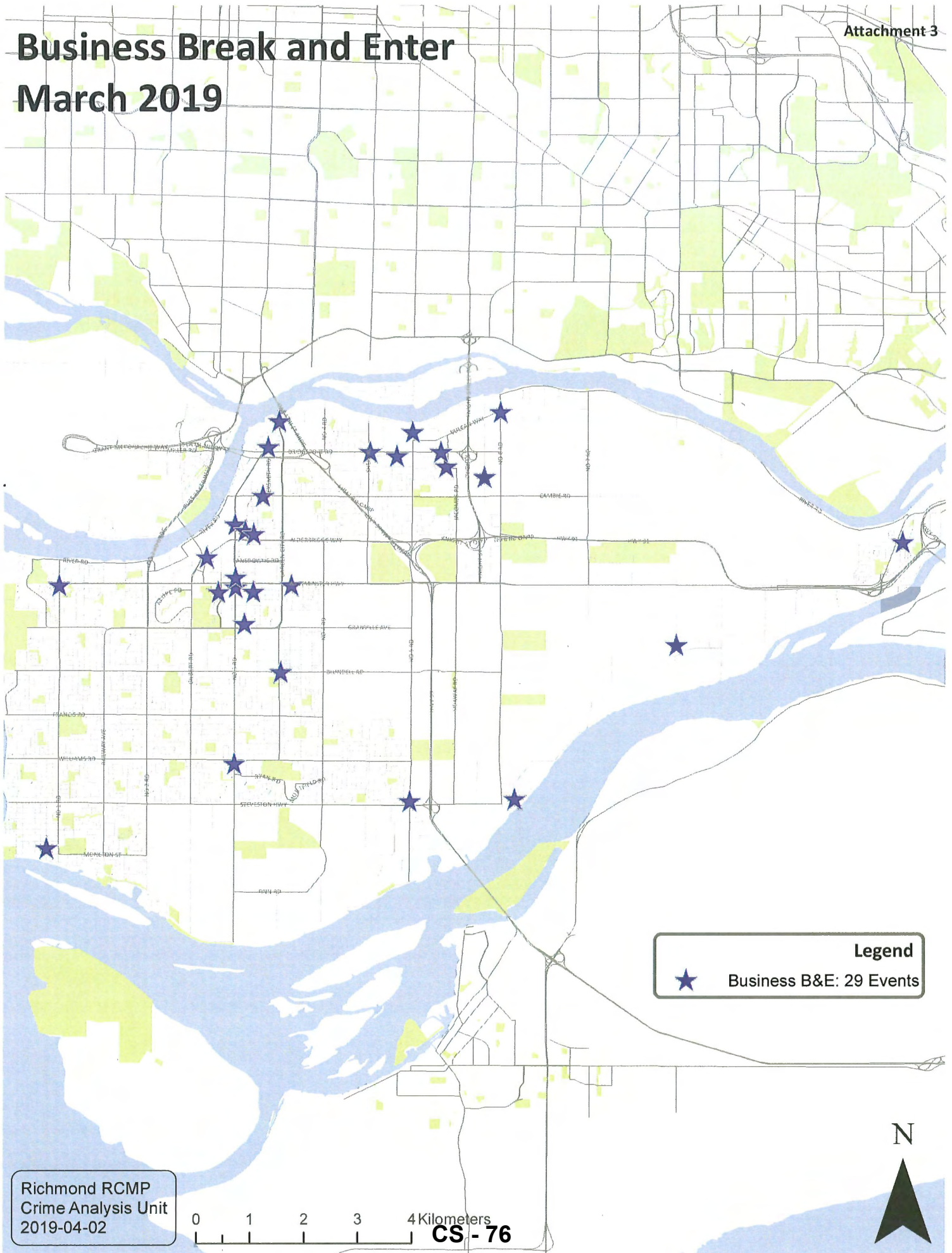
The 5 year average range data is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red**. If the current monthly 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			
	Mar-19	March		2018	2019	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	167	108.2	104-113	299	459	54%	160
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	7	6.8	5-9	17	17	0%	0
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	48	38.6	35-42	109	148	36%	39
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410 1420</small>	12	11.8	9-15	30	31	3%	1
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1345, 1330, 1356, 1310, 3450:55/56</small>	14	10.2	8-13	40	50	25%	10
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	646	716.4	684-749	1993	1995	0%	2
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	29	29.8	22-37	116	104	-10%	-12
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	35	58.2	49-67	219	207	-5%	-12
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178</small>	25	26.8	21-33	56	75	34%	19
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132 2142</small>	187	224.0	204-244	635	535	-16%	-100
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	97	105.6	87-124	277	295	6%	18
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133 2143</small>	87	67.2	50-85	212	225	6%	13
Fraud <small>UCR 2160 (a), 2165 2166</small>	71	80.0	66-94	207	220	6%	13
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	162	182.4	162-202	518	474	-8%	-44
Arson <small>UCR 1629 2118</small>	2	3.6	1-6	6	5	-17%	-1
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	955	1007.0	961-1053	2810	2908	3%	98
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	27	51.4	47-56	126	115	-9%	-11
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	186	102.0	84-120	329	536	63%	207

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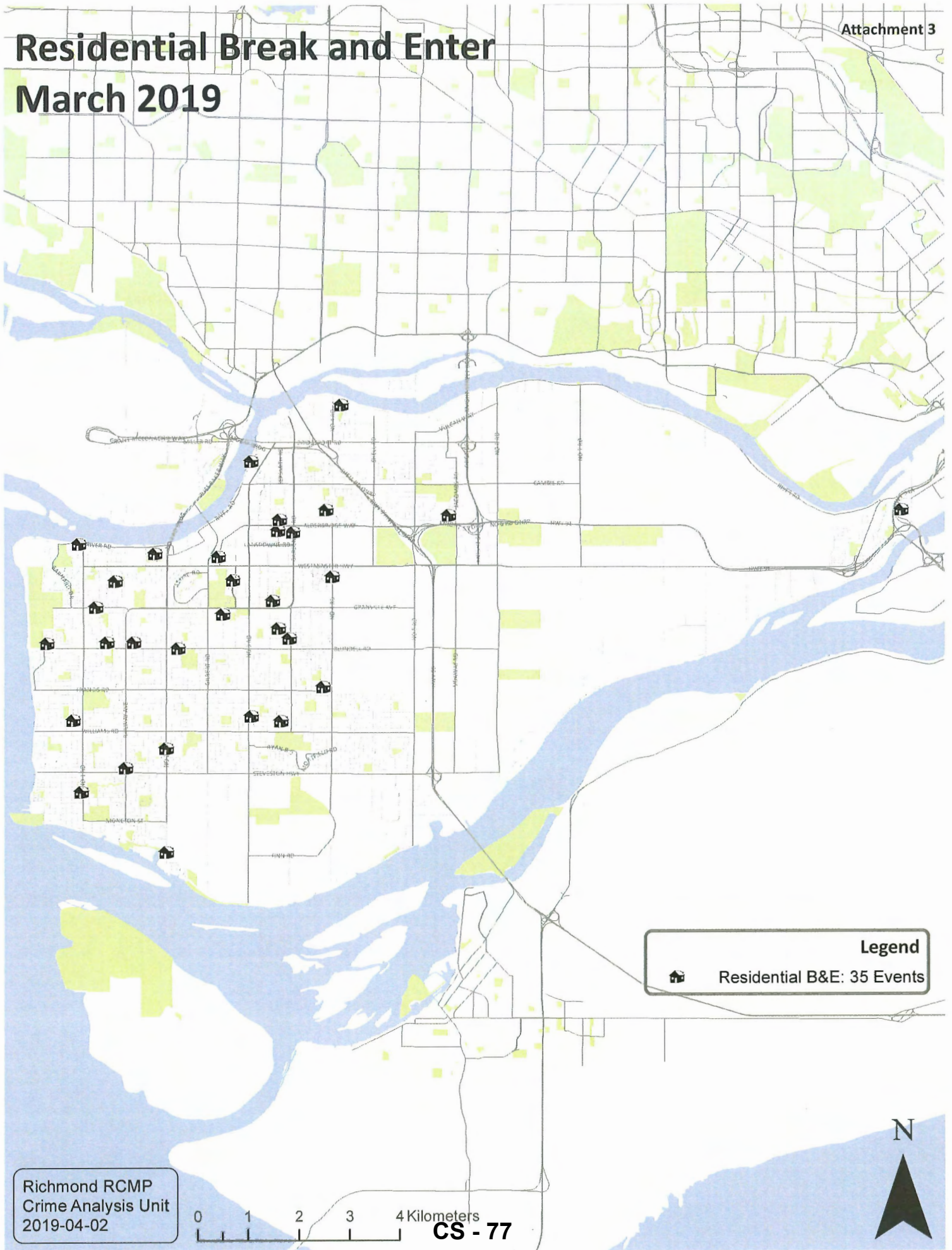
Business Break and Enter March 2019



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Residential Break and Enter March 2019



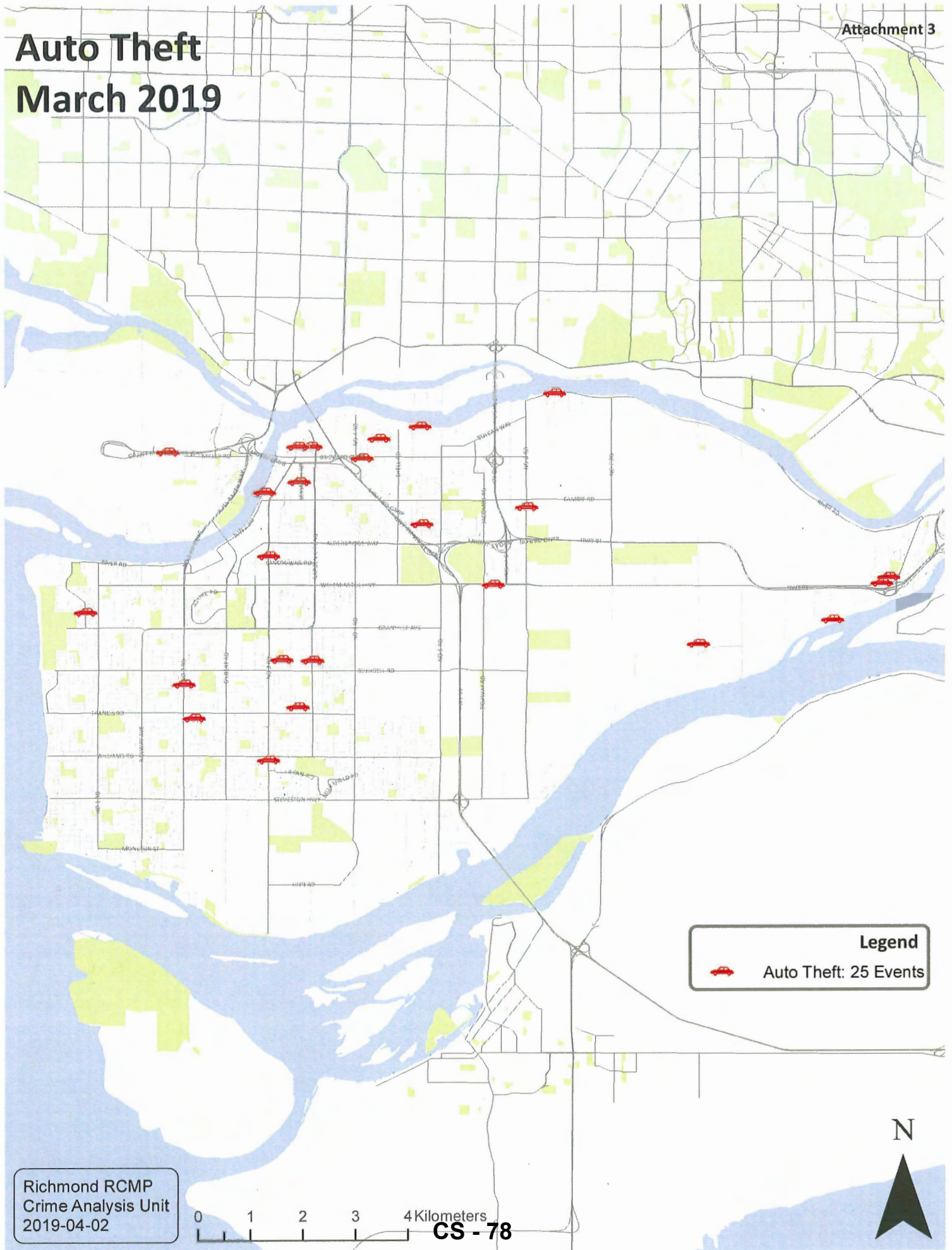
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🏠 Residential B&E: 35 Events



Auto Theft March 2019

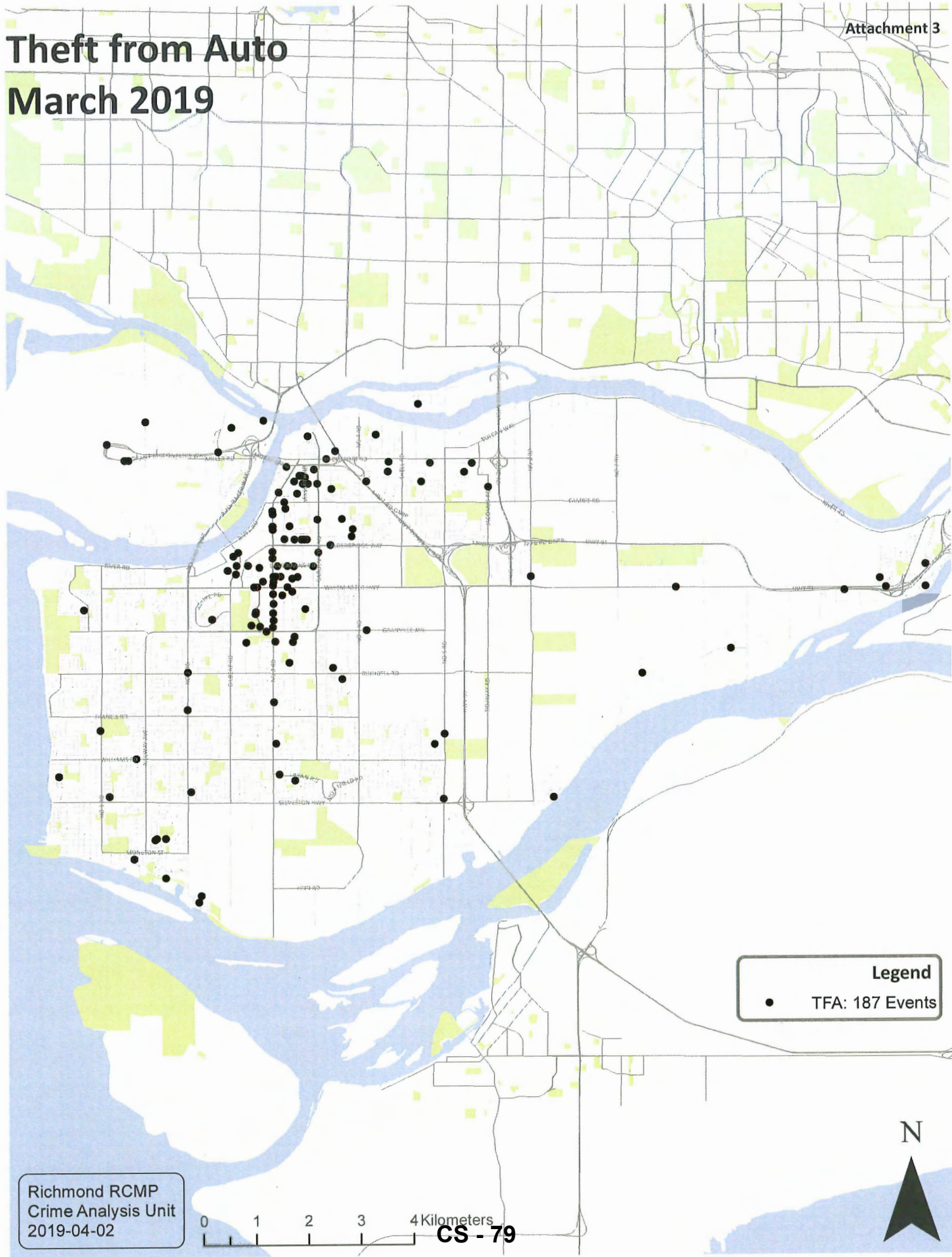


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Theft from Auto March 2019



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Crime Analysis Unit
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● TFA: 187 Events



CRIME PREVENTION

Help PREVENT crime by working together **NEWSLETTER**

New Changes to Block Watch

With a new year starting we have made changes to improve the Block Watch program. Please make note of which zone you currently reside in so that you may contact the appropriate coordinator.

Zones 1, 2 and 3

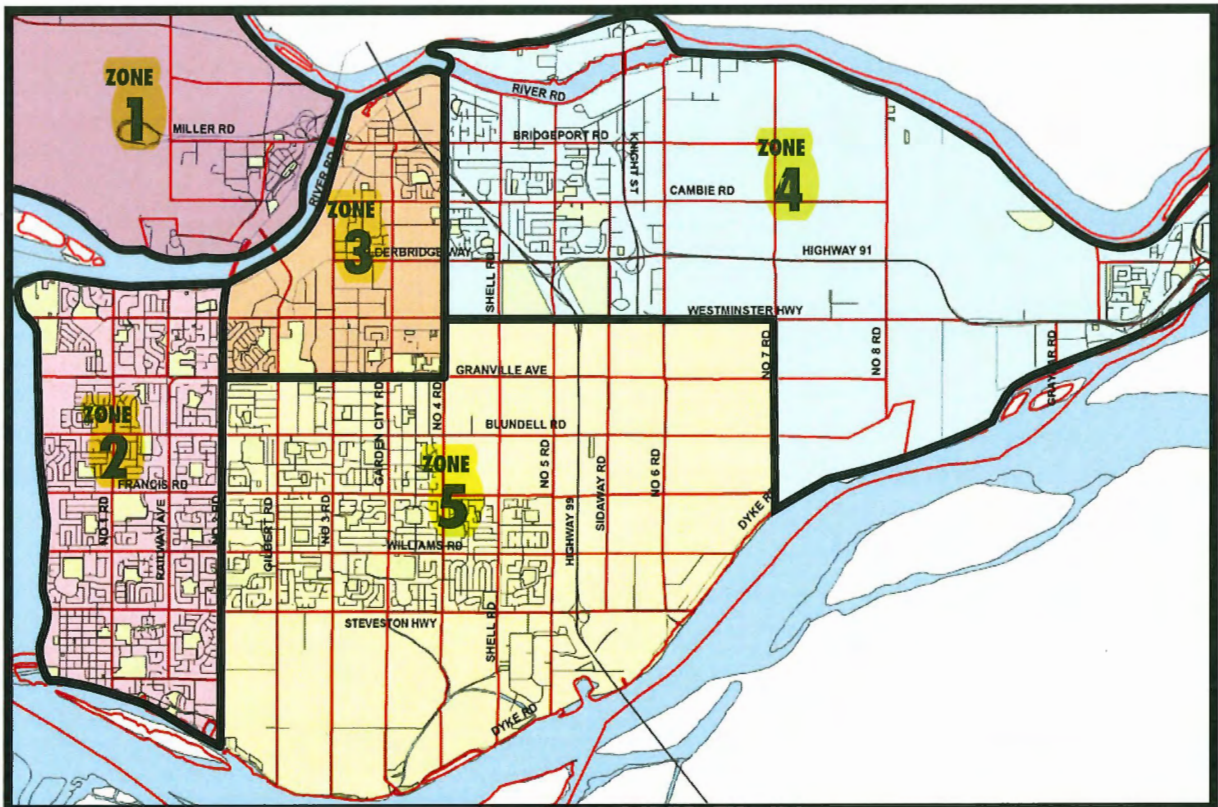
Contact Block Watch Assistant Coordinator [Mandy Lee](#)
 Location: #140-5671 No.3 Road, Richmond, BC V6X 2C7
 Phone: 604-207-4820
 Email: BlockWatch@richmond.ca

Zones 4 & 5

Contact Block Watch Coordinator [Rita Leung](#)
 Location: 11411 No. 5 Road, Richmond, BC V7A 4E8
 Phone: 604-207-4829
 Email: BlockWatch@richmond.ca

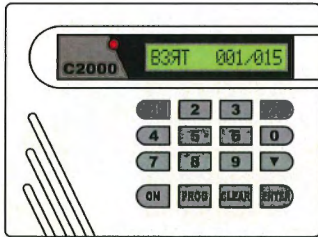
All general email enquiries: BlockWatch@richmond.ca

**** Please write your zone number in the subject line ****



Going out of town? Here's what you should do prior:

- Have someone you trust look after the house
- Set up an alarm system and security camera



- Have someone pick up your mail daily to prevent mail theft
- Ensure all doors and windows are locked
- Leave a generic message on your voice mail and social media - never say you are away on vacation
- Close and lock the garage door
- Put away ladders if not using
- Have someone pick up the newspaper or suspend them until you return



Image: Motion sensor smart lights connected to your device

- Install motion sensor lighting in the exterior and interior
- Use timer to turn lights, TV or radio on/off during the day/night



Help Stop Parcel Theft:

Online shopping can be great! But you can also be a target to thieves who are watching. Parcels can be delivered anytime and it is important to stay vigilant. Here are some tips to keep your parcels out of the hands of thieves.

1. Have the package delivered to a trusted neighbour, family member, friend or workplace.
2. Request a signature on delivery or hold parcel for pick up.
3. Install security cameras.
4. Make a phone call to the delivery company and reschedule your package date.
5. Insure your upcoming package.



The most-often stolen items during burglaries:

1. Jewellery
2. Cash
3. Electronics
4. Car keys and vehicle
5. Designer handbags
6. Tools
7. Personal documents
8. Bicycles

Stay CONNECTED!

Email your name and street address to blockwatch@richmond.ca to receive break and enter alerts that occur in your neighbourhood.

Visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/richmondblockwatch



Contact Numbers

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

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

Visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information and 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.

Residential Break and Enter by Zones

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Nov, 2018	0	39	17	7	42
Dec 1-27, 2018	0	27	19	8	42

Most Common Point of Entry From November to December 2018

1. Door
2. Window
3. Garage
4. Side garage door
5. Patio and balcony door

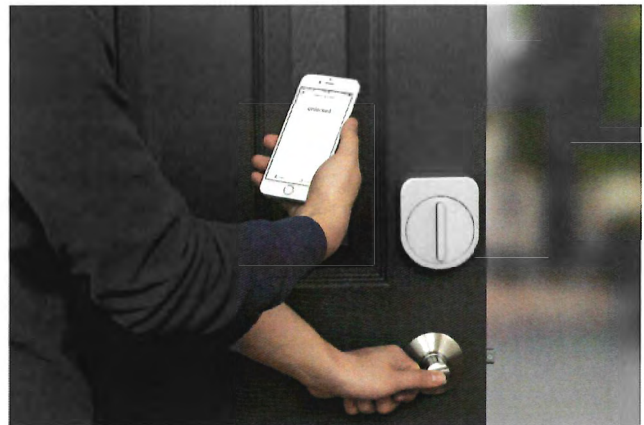


Image: Install a smart lock

Door Safety Tip:

- Install a 180 degree view peephole
- Don't open the door to strangers
- Always let the person(s) outside know that someone is home to avoid a possible attempted break and enter.
- Purchase a smart lock that sends an alert to your smart phone



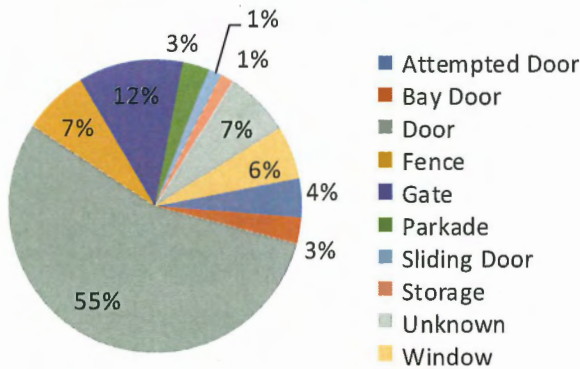
BUSINESS LINK

NEWSLETTER

Commercial Break and Enters

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Nov-18	0	2	9	11	3
Dec 1-18, 2018	1	6	17	14	7

Point of Entry



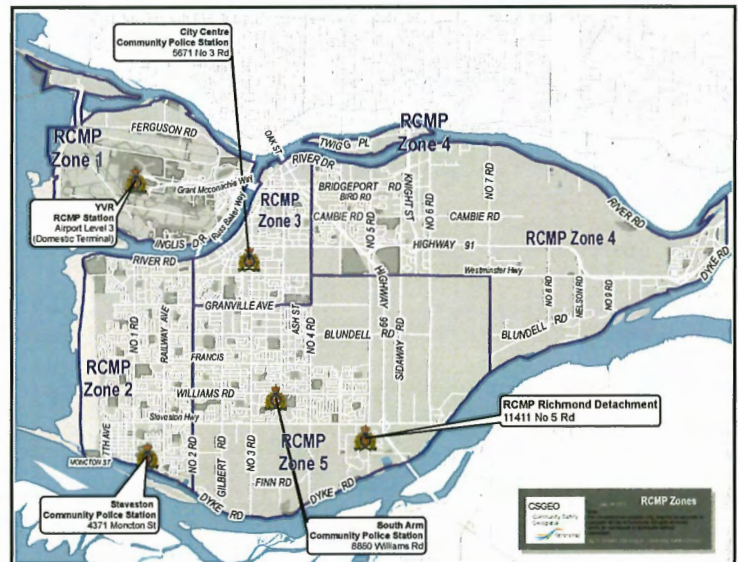
Point of Entry Breakdown (Nov-Dec 18, 2018)

ZONE 1	1	Break and enters:	Point of Entry:	Door	1
ZONE 2	8	Break and enters:	Point of Entry:	Door	7
				Gate	1
				Attempted door	1
				Door	13
				Gate	3
ZONE 3	26	Break and enters:	Point of Entry:	Parkade	2
				sliding door	1
				Unknown	3
				Window	3
ZONE 4	25	Break and enters:	Point of Entry:	Attempted door	2
				Bay door	2
				Door	9
				Fence	4
				Gate	4
				Storage	1
				Unknown	2
				Window	1
ZONE 5	10	Break and enters:	Point of Entry:	Door	9
				Fence	1

Commercial Break and Enter Prevention

Burglars are usually most active at night as they seek for dark and easy-to-enter stores. To prevent becoming the next victim of burglary, here are some precautionary measures to protect your business:

- ◆ Be sure to use commercial grade locks.
- ◆ Avoid the danger of key duplication. Make sure keys are returned whenever an employee leaves. If not returned, re-key all locks to your business.
- ◆ Install an alarm system.
- ◆ Make sure to have adequate indoor and outdoor lighting.
- ◆ Replace standard windows with security glass—thicker and shatter resistant
- ◆ Consider hiring private security— night time patrols can discourage burglars from targeting your business
- ◆ Train your employees on opening and closing routines on how to properly close down the business at the end of the night to prevent break-ins, as well as how to identify if and when a break-in or an attempt break-in has taken place.
- ◆ Empty the cash register often. Do not leave cash overnight.
- ◆ Re-evaluate security level of your business regularly.



Stay CONNECTED!

To receive email alerts of neighbourhood commercial break and enters, register your business name and street address at: RCMP_Business_Link@richmond.ca



The map outlines the five zones in Richmond. The chart to the left provides details on the number of Commercial break and enters that have occurred in each zone.