



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Dave Chauhan
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge
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Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – July 2022

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – July 2022”, dated August 8, 2022, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

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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. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. 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

Salmon Festival

On July 1, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers and community volunteers participated in the annual Canada Day Salmon Festival in Steveston. The event featured interactive activities and police officers in Red Serge. There was also a Richmond RCMP Diversity and Inclusion booth, where police distributed a variety of resources in various languages, including a "Newcomer" guide, "Hate Has No Place" flyers and information on the "Safe Place" program.

Safe Boating Awareness

On July 16, 2022, the Richmond RCMP partnered with ICBC, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Transport Canada and Royal Marine Search and Rescue in a multi-stakeholder event to promote safe boating at McDonald Beach Park. Police and volunteers engaged with boaters and shared crime prevention information and resources.

Uttering Threats

On July 27, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers responded to the area of Highway 99 and Steveston Highway for reports of a man threatening bystanders. Upon police arrival, the suspect threatened to use a compressed air tank as a weapon towards responding officers. The 56-year-old Richmond man was apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* and transported to hospital.

Policing Priorities in Action – Pathways Clubhouse

On July 6, 2022, the Richmond RCMP showed support for Pathways Clubhouse by participating in its annual BBQ and engagement event. Pathways Clubhouse is non-profit mental health community services organization, which offers support services to its members and creates a meaningful community for people living with mental illness.

Analysis of Police Statistics*Arson*

In July 2022, there were 10 reported arsons, which is double the number of incidents reported the previous month and is double the number reported in July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is above the expected range.

Half of the events reported this month occurred at commercial locations. The incidents included cardboard being burned in a parking lot and near a building entrance. Suspects have been identified in three of the incidents. The investigation remains ongoing.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 23 assault serious events in July 2022, which is more than double the number reported the previous month and is down 18 per cent from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the expected range.

Approximately half of this month's events occurred in private residences and 22 per cent were domestic in nature. To date, suspects have been charged in nine incidents.

Auto Theft

In July 2022, there were 16 incidents of auto theft, which is an 11 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 43 per cent decrease from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range.

Drugs

In July 2022, there were 33 drug files, which is down 35 cent from the previous month and is up 22 per cent from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

Mental Health

There were 228 mental health-related incidents in July 2022, which is a seven per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 14 per cent decrease from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the expected range.

There were 83 police apprehensions this month and the average hospital wait time was 96 minutes; both of these statistics are within the expected ranges.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 17 break and enters to residences in July 2022, which is a 26 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 39 per cent decrease from July 2021. No patterns or trends were identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In July 2022, there were 27 break and enters to businesses, which represents a 10 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 10 per cent decrease from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the expected range.

Robbery

There were six robbery incidents in July 2022, which is up three incidents from the previous month and down two incidents from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the expected range.

Suspects have been identified in half of the incidents and physical force was used in two of the robberies reported this month. The incidents remain under investigation.

Sexual Offences

In July 2022, there were 18 sexual offence files, which is a 31 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 40 per cent decrease from July 2021.¹ No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the expected range.

Referrals from the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Team accounted for one-third of this month's events. Suspects have been identified in over half of the incidents reported this month.

Shoplifting

There were 65 reported shoplifting thefts in July 2022, which is a 16 per cent increase from the previous month and is a 14 per cent increase from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the expected range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 73 theft from automobile incidents in July 2022, which is down 34 per cent from the previous month and down 47 per cent from July 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the expected range.

¹ The Sexual Offences category comprises a range of offences including: sexual assault, sexual interference, making and distributing child pornography, possessing and accessing child pornography and indecent acts/exposing.

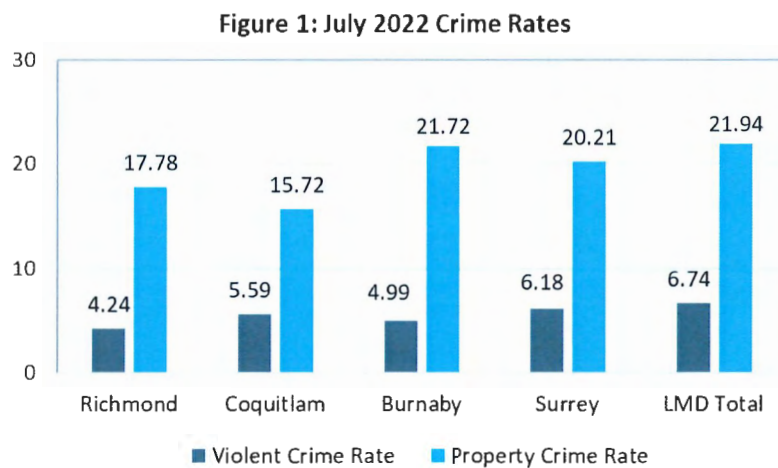
Hate Crimes and Incidents

Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2018 and July 31, 2022.² A “hate crime” refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime as per the *Criminal Code* carries a higher threshold and usually involves one or more criminal offences. A “hate incident” may be motivated by the same factors as a hate crime, but does not reach the threshold of being a criminal offence. The two incidents reported this month were related to racist comments and graffiti.

Table 1 – Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents			
Year	Hate Crime Files	Hate Incident Files	Total
2018	19	4	23
2019	11	9	20
2020	21	13	34
2021	19	29	48
2022	4	12	16

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.³ In July 2022, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate and the second-lowest property crime rate.



Block Watch

At the end of July 2022, the Block Watch program had 297 groups totaling 6,993 participants. Currently, the program includes 433 captains and co-captains.

² The BC Hate Crimes Unit uses the terms hate-motivated crime and hate-motivated incident.

³ Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people.

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 and the availability of volunteers.

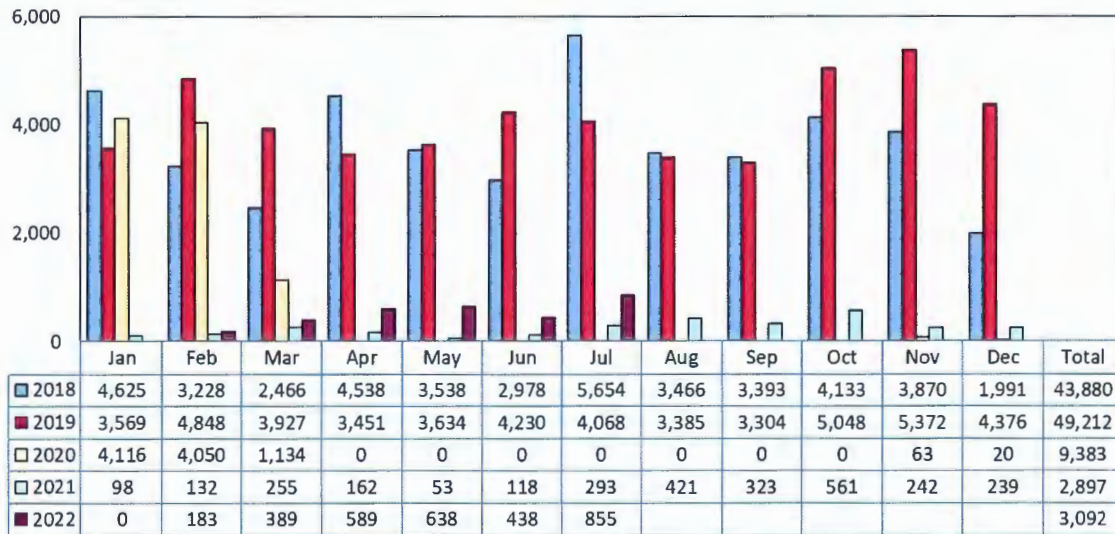
During the month of July, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of three volunteer bike patrols, totalling 62 hours and seven volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 54 hours.
- A total of 17 Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 433 information letters.
- There were 42 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 855 information letters were distributed.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 930 vehicles and 12 information letters were issued.
- July 1 – A total of 20 volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Salmon Festival in Steveston. Volunteers conducted bike and foot patrols, distributed crime prevention information and promoted the Richmond Community Safety App, in addition to assisting with public tours of police vehicles.
- July 10 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Veggie Day event at Lansdowne Centre. Police and volunteers provided crime prevention information and promoted the Richmond Community Safety App.
- July 16 – Volunteers attended a Boating Safety/Impaired campaign at McDonald Beach Park, which featured the Spot the Target initiative to increase public awareness of preventing thefts from vehicles.
- July 17 – Seven volunteers received Child Safety Seat training and will participate in future Child Safety Seat clinics in collaboration with community health nurses, daycares and the Road Safety Unit.
- July 19 – Volunteers participated in a First Responder's Day at the Richmond Pentecostal Church and assisted RCMP officers with youth activities.
- July 22 and 23 – Volunteers participated in the grand opening of the new Richmond Community Animal Shelter and provided tours of the facility.

Lock Out Auto Crime

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.⁴

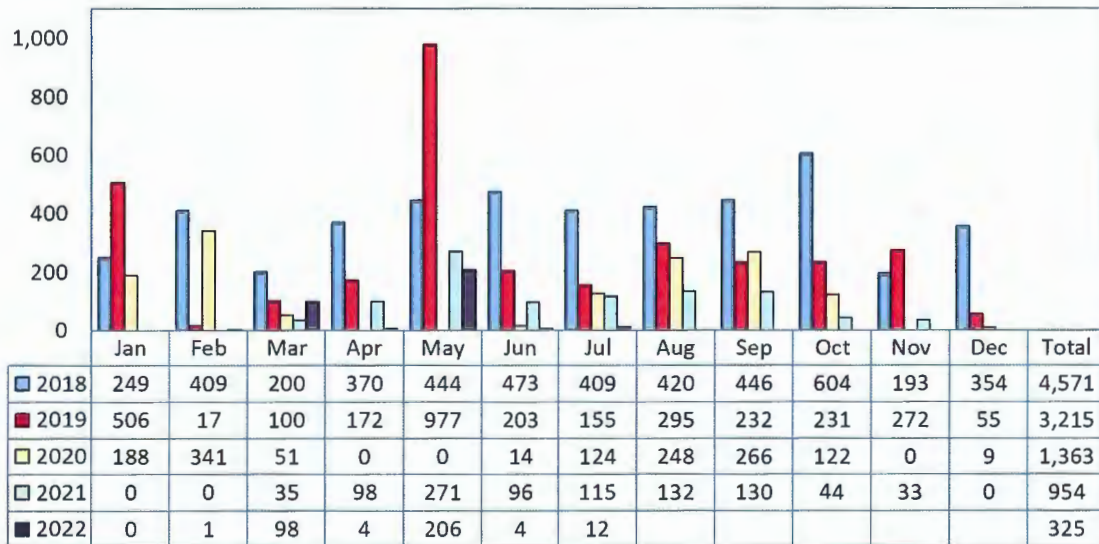
Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



Speed Watch

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

Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent



⁴ Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices due to COVID-19-related concerns. Letters are only issued to vehicles displaying security vulnerabilities; whereas previously, notices were issued to all vehicles. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of letters issued.

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Canada Day
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Dolphin Basketball Classic
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Pathways BBQ
- Place of Worship 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. Table 2 compares statistics for July 2022 to both May 2022 and June 2022. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022
Distracted Driving	134	100	71
Driver License	186	145	172
Impaired	38	35	47
Intersection Offences	42	26	56
Moving Infractions ⁵	79	73	71
Speeding	223	130	103
Seatbelts	16	16	31
Vehicle Related ⁶	69	49	100
Other ⁷	21	9	5
Total	808	583	656

Victim Services

In July 2022, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 102 new clients and attended eight crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 114 files. In July, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, property crimes and mental health issues.

⁵ Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁶ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

⁷ Other refers to miscellaneous charges including failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP 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 July, Youth Section highlights included:

- The Youth Section participated in the annual First Responder's Day at the Richmond Pentecostal Church, which included a mini-Depot experience for children in Day Camp, as well as a soccer game played between police, volunteers and students. Approximately 137 children were in attendance.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted six proactive school visits at secondary schools and nine visits at elementary schools.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In July 2022, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations and community engagement events, including safe boating awareness and an event at the Pathways Clubhouse. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the expected ranges, with the exception of arsons, which were elevated and thefts from vehicles, which were below the expected range.

In July, the Richmond RCMP participated in the Steveston Salmon Festival on Canada Day. In addition, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that 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 Newsletter

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

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.

Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

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.

JULY 2022 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.

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**.

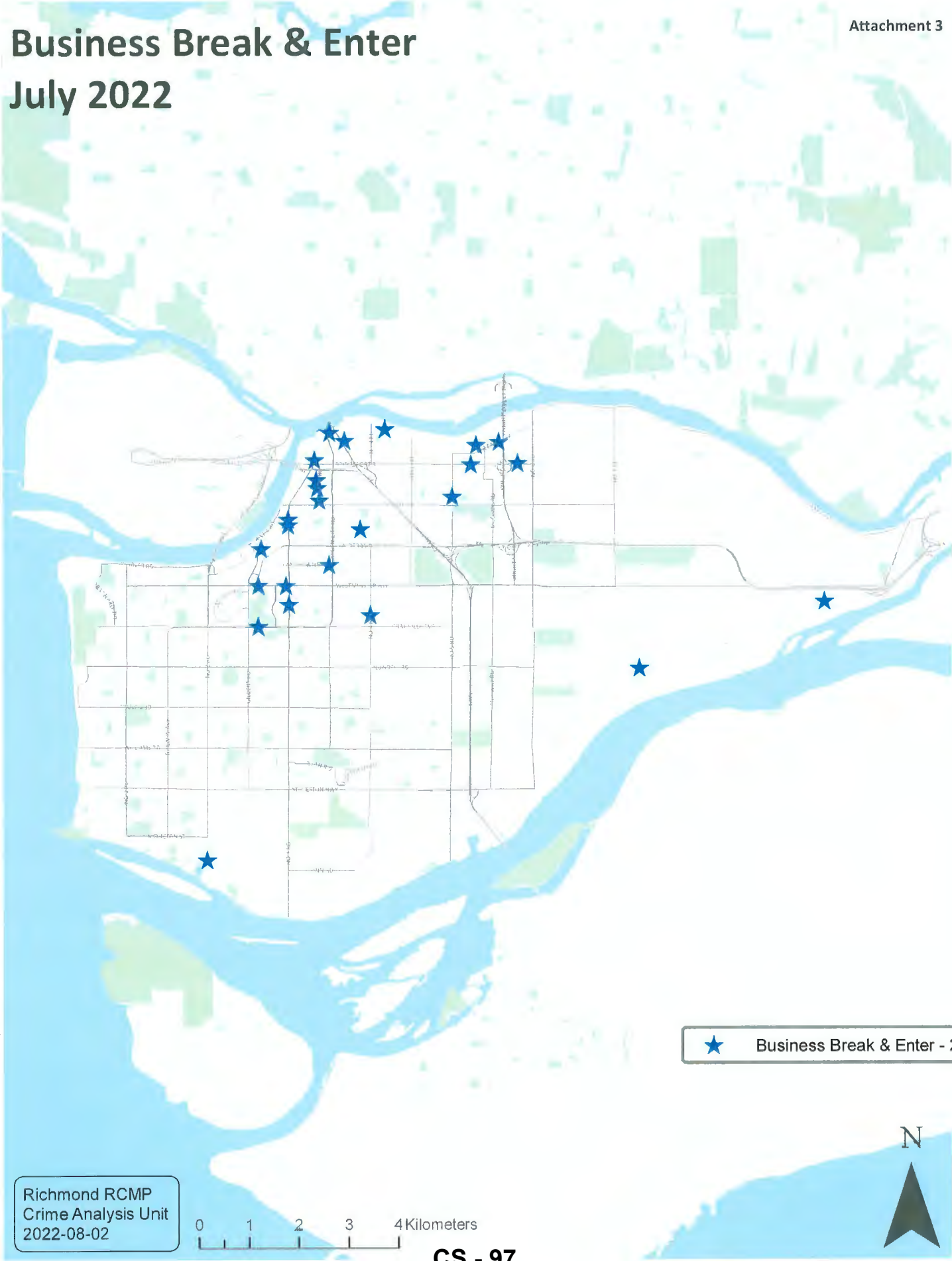
	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	July - 22	July		2021	2022	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	152	137.2	114-160	1043	953	-9%	-90
Robbery	6	6.6	3-10	33	37	12%	4
Assault Common	55	45.8	40-51	316	335	6%	19
Assault Serious	23	19.4	14-24	119	121	2%	2
Sexual Offences	18	16.4	9-24	147	120	-18%	-27
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	553	580.0	530-630	3714	3886	5%	172
Business B&E	27	26.6	20-33	183	228	25%	45
Residential B&E	17	34.4	18-51	202	197	-2%	-5
Auto Theft	16	26.2	21-32	146	145	-1%	-1
Theft from Auto	73	132.4	118-147	947	809	-15%	-138
Theft	101	77.2	50-104	390	589	51%	199
Shoplifting	65	58.8	41-77	422	451	7%	29
Fraud	69	76.8	70-84	517	475	-8%	-42
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	303	225.8	193-258	1685	1612	-4%	-73
Arson	10	5.2	3-7	48	43	-10%	-5
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1009	943.2	879-1007	6445	6457	0%	12
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	33	44.6	30-59	256	339	32%	83
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	228	255.4	226-285	1748	1646	-6%	-102

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Residential Break & Enter July 2022



Business Break & Enter July 2022



Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2022-08-02

0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers

CS - 97

Theft from Auto July 2022



Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2022-08-02

0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers

CS - 98

Auto Theft July 2022



 Auto Theft - 16

Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2022-08-02

0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers

CS - 99



CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Joint investment or one-sided investment into love?

Scam artists preying on people looking for love online is nothing new, but the latest scams have switched to patterns of crypto scams.

Crypto-related romance scams are getting more sophisticated, be wary of the people you meet online. Fraudsters typically befriend and start flirting with the victim through dating apps. As the virtual romancing relationship develops, fraudster then suggest to move the conversation over to other encrypted instant messaging apps and start talking about joint investments so they can build a life together. They will convince the victim to download and install some fake crypto trading apps. It starts off with a small investment amount and withdrawable profit as bait. The fake app with made up balances tricks the victim into believing that they are both making contribution to the "investment". After a while, the fraudster introduces other "highly profitable" trading events and financial products to the victim. This might go on for a while before any suspicion arises then problem starts when the victim wants to stop trading and withdraw their money. The fake app prompts the user that the account is now frozen and that they will need to pay twenty percent profit tax in order to unfreeze the account to make a withdrawal. The well sophisticated fraudulent app might even include an in-app chat function that allows the victim to talk to a customer service representative who is part of the scheme. If the victim refuses to pay the profit tax, they might be threatened with possible criminal tax evasion and be reported to the police. It does not end there... after the victim loses all their money, another victim impersonated by one of the scammers might contact them. They may claim that they have a way to recover their funds. This either ends in more monetary lost or personal information being stolen.



Avoid having a broken heart and breaking the bank — **RECOGNIZE** these red flags:

- ◇ The person whom you haven't met in person professes their love to you.
- ◇ They claim to live near you but is currently out of the country and unable to meet in person.
- ◇ The individual asks you to join them for a business venture or to invest in cryptocurrency.

Stay safe while venturing into the world of online dating — **REJECT** it!

- ◇ Never send money to anyone you have not met.
- ◇ Do not accept and transfer any money or goods on behalf of anyone that you have only just met online.
- ◇ Never send intimate photos or videos of yourself.
- ◇ Do not share your personal or financial information.

If you or someone you know is a victim of a CryptoRom scam — **REPORT** it!

- ◇ Stop all contact with the alleged scammer, report it to the police and file a complaint with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.



CITY OF RICHMOND CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

Distracted Driving

Driving is an activity we do that takes a lot of our attention because we are focused on the road. When you are looking at your phone, resetting your GPS, looking at your smart watch, or changing songs you are not looking at the road. Other forms of distracted driving include doing your make up, eating or drinking while driving. Distracted driving is dangerous because you do not know who or what is in front of you when you look away.

Driving while distracted by an electronic device is dangerous and against the law. Distracted driving can have impact on lives and can be costly. A violation ticket fine is \$368. Every ticket for distracted driving adds four driver penalty points to your driving record as well. ICBC charges a driver penalty point premium of \$252 for four points. Thus, your total fine would be \$620 for distracted driving! It is better to put your phone away and focus on the road.

Last year, 1712 violation tickets and 57 warnings were given out to distracted drivers. In response to the high amount of distracted driving, our Community Engagement Team made an effort to educate people on the dangers of distracted driving through blitzes with our community partner ICBC, the traffic enforcement unit and RCMP volunteers. They issued 4 violation tickets and 20 warnings in 4 distracted driving blitzes in March. In total, the officers issued 276 distracted driving violation tickets and 50 warnings this year. Below are some tips to keep yourself safe from distracted driving.

- Put your phone and smart watch on silent
 - ◊ If your phone and smart watch does not ring, you won't get distracted by its vibration or sound. You can remove the temptation of checking your phone with a simple change in settings. Turn on the "do not disturb while driving" feature on your phone, it lets you and others know you are driving. If you do not have that feature, the default "do not disturb" setting is enough to mute your notifications.
- Park your vehicle somewhere safe and legal
 - ◊ If you must answer your phone, eat, drink, or do anything that requires you to look away from the road, pull over safely and park somewhere legally. You do not want to be a hazard on the road.
- Plan ahead
 - ◊ Adjust all your GPS, music, and connections before you drive so you do not have to adjust anything during your drive. This can also remove the time you spend looking at your screen on the dashboard.
 - ◊ If you have a passenger in your car, let them handle the phone so you can focus on driving.
- Keep things out of reach
 - ◊ Put your bags and items in the trunk or behind the seat on the ground. When our bags or items fall we do not need to worry about picking them up.



Distraction Theft

Distraction theft can come in many forms. Most of which involve someone pulling your attention away and stealing your possessions. Here are two examples of common distraction thefts.

- A person approaches you and tries to distract you with fast and loud talking. They may show you some jewelry, place it around your neck or wrists while removing your jewelry or watch and leave you with the fake pieces.
- A person may stop you and ask for directions. They might thank you by offering free jewelry. Once they get close to you they will swap the fake jewellery with your real jewellery while you are distracted.



The weather is warmer and many of us are spending time outside, thieves may prey on those who are unaware. One way you can protect yourself is to be mindful of your personal space. Keep some distance between you and the stranger. Stay at least 2 metres away from the stranger. Distance gives you time to observe and react to the stranger's action. Another way you can protect yourself is to recognize suspicious activity. Compare what you see to what you know about your current situation. Is it normal for someone to approach you and hand you jewelry right away? What are they trying to do? One thing to remember is that you can always say no and choose to walk away. If you witness or are a victim of a distraction theft. Please report it to the police immediately.

To start a Block Watch Group

Interested in starting a Block Watch group? Let us tell you a little about Block Watch! Block Watch is a program that brings the police and the communities together. This program helps you build connections and relationships with people in your neighborhood and the police while striving for the common goal of crime prevention.

Select a Captain/Co-Captain

- ◇ Each Captain/Co-Captain must submit an application and complete a Police Information Check

Recruit and build your group

- ◇ Recruit homes that are near to you. To build an effective Block Watch, try to involve 50-75% of households in your area. We will provide you with recruitment packages.

Complete activation of your team

1. **Complete** Block Watch Captain/Participant training - Register as many of your group as you can for a virtual training session.
2. **Submit** your participating household list.
3. **Qualify** for Block Watch street signs once above steps are completed.

If you are interested in creating a Block Watch group in your area, email us your name and address at blockwatch@richmond.ca or call 604-207-4829.

BUSINESS LINK

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NEWSLETTER

Construction Site Theft Prevention

Crime does not discriminate. Regardless of the type of business or industry you are in, there will still be items that attract thieves, including construction sites. Materials and tools are valuable and expensive which makes them targets for thieves. Common targets at construction sites are heavy machinery, lumber, appliances, vehicles, power tools, copper wires, and other metals. Inventory loss at construction sites are often consider collateral cost but it doesn't have to be that way. There are many ways in protecting large construction sites. Knowing what thieves are looking to steal and taking the necessary precautions to prevent it is a great place to start.

Tips to deter construction site crime:

Access control management— hire security guards to control access to site. Keep a list of authorized personnel and only allow those who are authorized to enter the site.

Property Management— secure the boundaries of your site. Have secured fencing placed around the entire perimeter of the site. Keep the site well-lit at night with either motion sensor or timer-activated lighting. Install live video monitoring this can help keep your site's perimeter secure and allow security guards to see exactly what is going on at the site at all times.

With expensive machinery, heavy equipment, pricey power tools and valuable building materials, it should come as no surprise that construction sites are often targeted by thieves. Proactive deterrence is the best way in preventing theft at your construction site.

The next best thing to do, besides stopping criminals from entering your jobsite, is to put roadblocks in place to slow them down. The longer you delay criminals, the higher chance for police to be notified and to stop the crime in progress.

- ⇒ Store away all tools and materials in secured shipping containers.
- ⇒ Turn off heavy equipment circuit breakers at the end of the day before leaving the site.
- ⇒ Park all heavy equipment in the same central location every evening, away from perimeter of the site.
- ⇒ Block off all drive in routes to your site with cement boulders to prevent unauthorized after hour access.

