



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

**Anderson Room, City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

CS-4 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on October 15, 2025.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

December 9, 2025, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

- 1. COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2025**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8193035)

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See Page CS-9 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – September 2025”, dated October 14, 2025, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

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2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8183964)

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See Page CS-16 for full report

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – September 2025”, dated October 15, 2025, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

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3. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

4. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5350-01) (REDMS No. 8175434)

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See Page CS-34 for full report

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2025”, dated October 14, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

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5. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

6. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

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ITEM

ADJOURNMENT





Community Safety Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Kash Heed
Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on September 9, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

1. Jane Lee, Proactive Road Safety Solutions Distributions, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), spoke on technology to promote community safety.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) distribution, lifespan, and durability of the road safety equipment, (ii) the potential reduction in accidents, (iii) functionality of the road lighting system, and (iv) the pilot program in Coquitlam.

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As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff evaluate the road lighting system as presented by Jane Lee, Proactive Road Safety Solutions Distributions, including a full analysis of costs and installation options, and report back within three months.

CARRIED

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8165399)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) a combination of factors including additional staff, utilizing multiple license plate recognition vehicles and analytics, and increased calls for service contributed to an increase in parking enforcement revenue, and (ii) Bylaws department works collaboratively with IT and Transportation departments and other traffic enforcement sections in other jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued regarding the average number of bylaw officers on duty on any given working day, including the number of parking enforcement officers.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – August 2025”, dated September 15, 2025, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8158066)

Discussion ensued regarding (i) overdose/poisoning incidents, including alcohol, that require Richmond Fire-Rescue’s attendance and (ii) possible reasons for the decrease in overdose/poisoning calls for service.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – August 2025”, dated September 12, 2025, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

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4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

(i) ***Richmond Fire-Rescue's (RFR) Attendance and Participation in the Recent Emergency Exercise at YVR***

Staff noted that RFR and Emergency Programs staff participated in a full-scale emergency exercise at Vancouver International Airport (YVR), noting the annual exercise is a requirement under Transport Canada regulations. These exercises are essential to ensuring that partners are prepared to respond quickly, effectively, and collaboratively in a real-life emergency.

(ii) ***Current RFR Recruit Firefighter Training class status and Cohort Training at the Richmond Olympic Oval.***

Staff provided a brief update and presented a video (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) on the annual recruitment, selection, and training of firefighter recruits, noting that a three-week preparatory conditioning program in partnership with the Oval was added, with the goal of offsetting potential injuries during training, providing guidance for those new to shift work, emphasizing resilience, and team building.

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5350-01) (REDMS No. 8130775)

Discussion ensued regarding (i) the fourth annual Youth Academy, (ii) crime trends across the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District, (iii) drug offenses and drug-related calls for service, and (iv) the number of prosecutors and service delivery from the BC Prosecution Service.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report - August 2025", dated September 12, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

None.

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COUNCILLOR KASH HEED

7. DISCUSSION ON UNSHELTERED SITES ON CROWN LAND

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Discussion ensued with respect to concerns regarding two large encampments on Ministry of Transportation and Transit land.

Further discussion ensued regarding, (i) assessment of safety and potential risk/threat levels, (ii) regular patrols to monitor activity and working with RFR, RCMP, Community Social Development outreach staff, and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, (iii) the considerable amount of cleanup required, (iv) the process of issuing notices and violations that eventually lead to the opportunity for a ministerial order, (v) previous Provincial responses regarding the land at No. 5 Road and Westminster Highway and the legislative restrictions limiting the enforcement actions available to City staff, and (vi) previously issued Notice of Contravention and Order to Comply and the Province's position on the situation.

In response to queries from Committee regarding the encampments, staff advised that (i) the City is receiving complaints from the public and (ii) the use of gas-powered generators were reported on-site.

Cllr. Heed left the meeting (5:08 p.m.) and returned (5:09 p.m.).

Discussion ensued regarding sending a letter, including photos of the unsheltered sites, to the Province and other levels of government.

As a result of the discussion, the following **motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That a letter be written to the Premier of British Columbia, Minister of Transportation and Transit, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Richmond Members of the Legislative Assembly, requesting immediate action and cleanup with respect to the unsheltered sites on Crown land under the Oak Street Bridge between Van Horne Way and Beckwith Road, and along No. 5 Road and Westminster Highway, and proactively look at solutions.

CARRIED

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:17 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Shannon Unrau
Legislative Services Associate



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** October 14, 2025
From: Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8375-02/2025-Vol
Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing 01
Re: **Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – September 2025**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – September 2025”, dated October 14, 2025, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

Mark Corrado
Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing
(604-204-8673)

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO: Finance Department	CONCURRENCE ☒	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

This monthly report highlights activities, information, and statistics related to calls for service from the Property Use, Parking Enforcement, and Animal Protection units of Community Bylaws.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area # 3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

3.2 Leverage strategic partnerships and community-based approaches for comprehensive safety services.

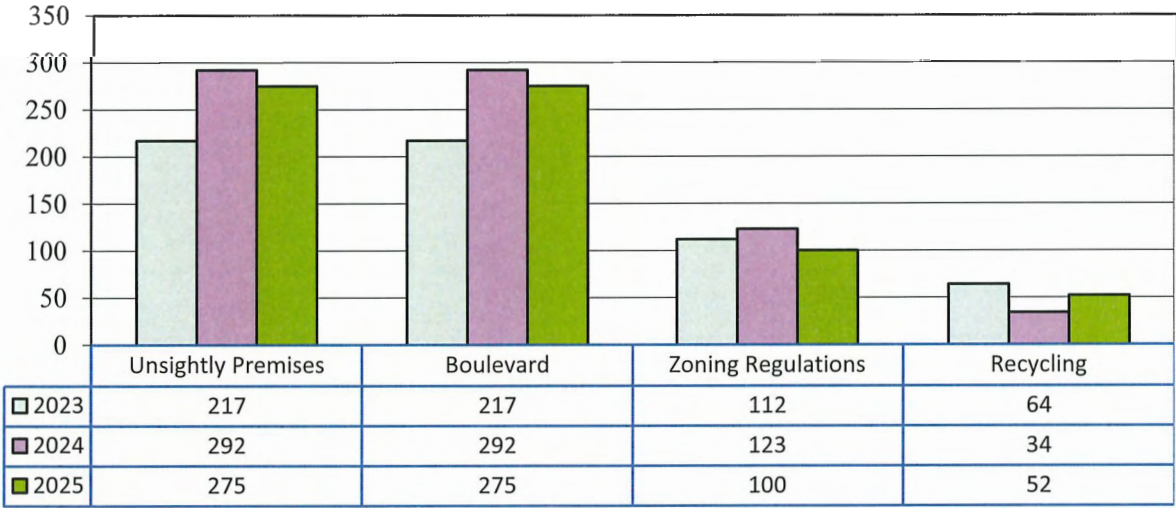
3.4 Ensure civic infrastructure, assets and resources are effectively maintained and continue to meet the needs of the community as it grows.

Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In September 2025, a total of 139 calls for service were opened for investigation, which represented a 7.9 percent decrease (151) from the same period last year. Depending on the nature of the investigation, staff often liaise with multiple departments and other government agencies to conduct a through review of a received complaint. Among 24 potential calls for service categories, Figure 1 highlights the most common calls for service received for Property Use officers to follow up on and investigate.

Figure 1: Property Use Calls For Service - September Year-To-Date Comparison

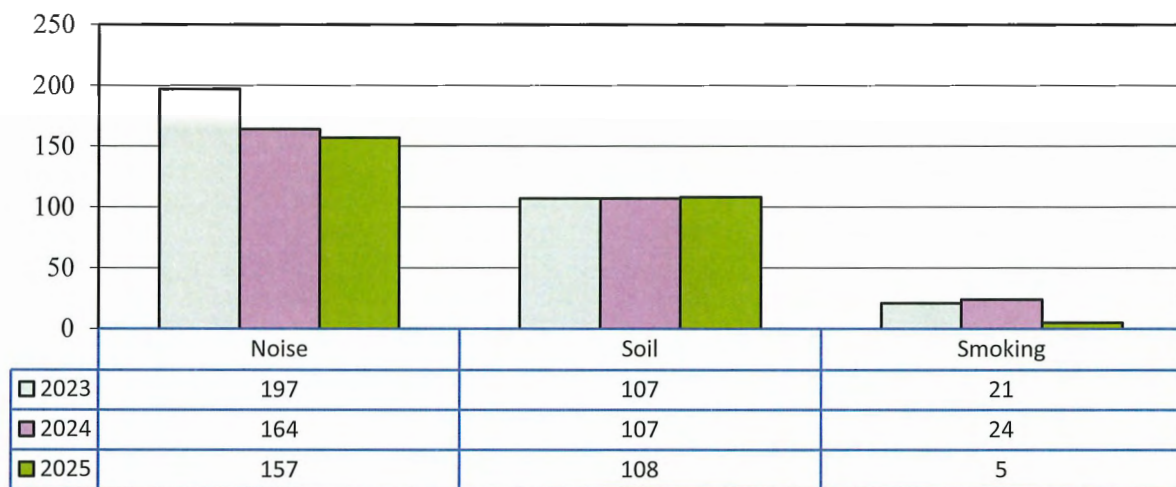


In September, there were 47 service calls on unsightly premises, mainly due to long grass, and 24 service calls for boulevard maintenance issues related to sidewalk obstruction and overgrowth of trees and hedges. Staff work with property owners to establish a timeline and set expectations for cleanup to ensure compliance. In most cases, voluntary compliance is achieved. When this does not occur, bylaw staff coordinate with public works to take remedial action and bill the costs to the property owner.

Other Community Bylaws Calls for Service

Figure 2 shows a three-year breakdown of other calls for service that are closely related to Property Use matters.

Figure 2: Property Use Calls For Service - September Year-To-Date Comparison



Soil Activity

Staff are responsible for responding to public complaints and issues of non-compliance related to unauthorized filling; monitoring permitted soil deposits and removal sites; and inspecting properties that are undergoing remediation to come into compliance with applicable City bylaws. Staff conducted 113 site inspections in the month of September.

Stop Work and/or Removal Orders issued for the following properties:

- 13160 Westminster Highway
- 14540 Westminster Highway
- PID 012-186-015¹

¹ The subject property is a farm parcel located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, without an assigned civic address. The property is situated in the vicinity of Westminster Highway and No. 7 Road.

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 6200 No. 5 Road
- 7511 Malahat Drive
- 10133 Francis Road
- 10291 Bird Road
- 10297 Bird Road
- 12520 Blundell Road
- 12580 Westminster Highway
- 13160 Westminster Highway
- 14540 Westminster Highway

There are approximately 28 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process and staff continue to monitor 24 approved sites. Staff are currently addressing approximately 41 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

A commercial trucking enterprise unlawfully operating on No. 6 Road within the Agricultural Land Reserve has been successfully prosecuted by the City, with proceedings initiated in early 2023. On September 24, 2025, the Provincial Court upheld the City's position, ordering payment of \$141,050 in fines, removal of unauthorized fill, and restoration of the land to agricultural standards. All fines have been paid in early October 2025, operations have ceased, and restoration overseen by a Professional Agrologist is underway. Staff will continue monitoring for compliance.

Parking Enforcement

In September, staff responded to 515 calls for service, representing a 22 percent increase from the same period last year (422 calls). Parking enforcement revenue increased by 31.7 percent, while the number of parking violations increased by 31.8 percent.

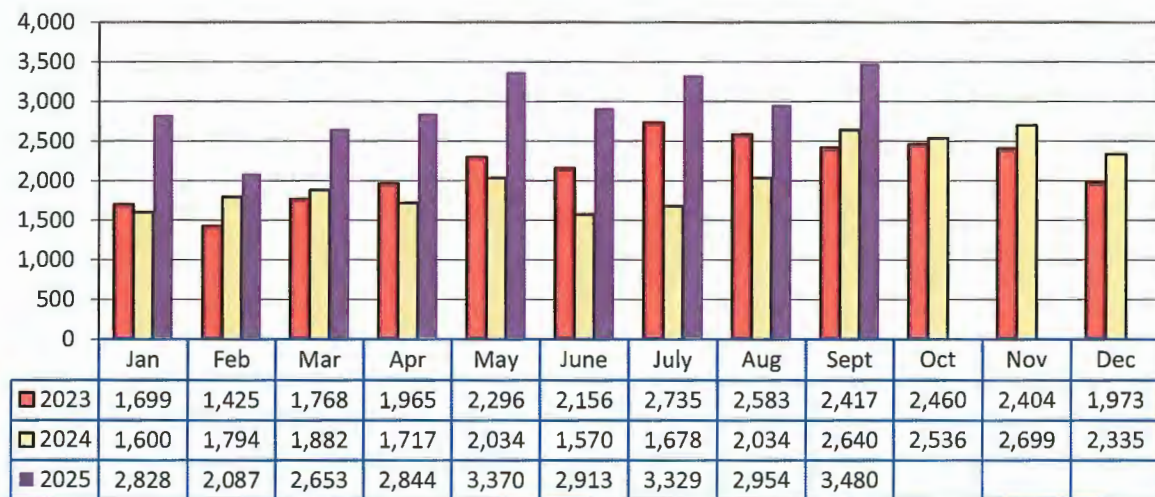
September marks the start of the school year and parking officers make every effort to visit each school within the district to establish a presence and focus on education. This approach serves as an early reminder for drivers to adjust their habits accordingly. Patrols are pre-scheduled a month in advance on a rotational basis, prioritizing locations based on historical activity and service requests. In September, 47 patrols were conducted, and will continue throughout the school year.

Monthly parking enforcement revenue is highlighted in Figure 3. Figure 4 highlights the monthly parking violation issuance.

Figure 3: Parking Enforcement Revenue Comparison (000's)



Figure 4: Parking Violation Issuance Comparison



Animal Protection and Dog Licencing

As of October 1, 2025, approximately 6,553 valid dog licences were issued, representing 87.4 percent of the 7,500 licences on file the previous year. A total of 66 dog licences were issued this month. BC SPCA Officers responded to 170 calls for service related to animal control and dog licencing violations in September, bringing the year-to-date total to 991. Officers conducted 73 park patrols across various parks, dikes, and school grounds. The top patrolled locations in

September were South Arm Community Park, Kingswood Neighborhood Park, Maple Lane, King George Park, No. 3 Road Dyke and Garry Point Park.

In addition to enforcement actions, these patrols serve an educational purpose by increasing awareness and compliance. In collaboration with the Parks Department, staff are reviewing hotspot parks and school grounds to assess options for improving signage. Staff will continue to monitor patrol activity and adjust deployment to focus on areas with the highest demand.

Ticketing

Table 1 reflects non-parking related Bylaw ticket issuance for the month of September.

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTL's)	September	YTD
Zoning Offences	39	86
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	30	127
Building Regulation Offences	29	89
Animal / Dog Licencing Offences	19	120
Unsightly Premises Offences	7	95
Noise Offences	4	11
Watering Offences	2	5
Regulation of Materials on Highway Offences	1	5
Sign Offences	0	26
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	2
Demolition Waste and Recyclable Materials Offences	0	2
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Parks Offences	0	0
Totals	131	568

Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication hearing is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Revenue and Expenses

Revenues across Property Use, Parking Enforcement, and Animal Services continue to reflect seasonal activity patterns and targeted enforcement efforts. In Property Use, soil permit applications and volume fees tend to peak during Q2 and Q3, contributing to higher revenue during the summer construction season. Parking Enforcement revenue remains driven by the City's pay parking program, supported by steady ticketing activity and monthly permits. Animal Services revenue is supported by the dog licensing program, with increased compliance resulting from prior years' proactive account audits and canvassing initiatives.

On the expense side, costs are primarily related to staffing, enforcement activities, and program administration. Seasonal enforcement demands, public education campaigns, and operational requirements for animal care also contribute to fluctuations in expenses throughout the year. Table 2 outlines the net revenue and expenses for property use, parking enforcement and animal protection services.

Table 2: Property Use, Parking and Animal Protection Services Net Revenue and Expenses

		YTD Budget September 2025	YTD Actual September 2025
Property Use	Revenue ²	\$400,112	\$253,362
	Expenses	\$1,433,944	\$999,977
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$1,033,832)	(\$746,615)
Parking	Revenue ³	\$1,686,400	\$2,110,499
	Expenses	\$1,545,700	\$1,550,183
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$140,700	\$560,316
Animal Protection	Revenue ⁴	\$270,180	\$279,656
	Expenses	\$1,111,200	\$1,058,430
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$841,020)	(\$778,774)

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Staff and contracted service providers administer and enforce 41 unique bylaws, covering a diverse range of various regulated community activities and service use, notably land use, noise, soil deposit/removal, short-term rentals, parking permits and enforcement, unsightly premises and animal protection services. This report provides a summary of departmental activity in September.



Mark Corrado
Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing
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² Property Use Revenue is primarily generated from soil permit applications and volume fees, property related bylaw tickets and court fines from bylaw prosecutions.

³ Parking Enforcement revenue is largely derived from parking meters, monthly parking permits, and ticketing activity.

⁴ Animal Services revenue comes from the dog licencing fees and animal control-related tickets.



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: October 15, 2025

From: Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief

File 09-5140-01/2025-Vol
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Re: Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – September 2025

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – September 2025”, dated October 15, 2025, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief
(604-303-2715)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS:
APPROVED BY CAO 	

Staff Report

Origin

This report highlights activities, information, and statistics related to calls for service and community initiatives by Richmond Fire-Rescue in September 2025.

This monthly report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3, A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

Analysis

Significant Events

Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) emergency response crews minimized harm, limited damage and stopped fire spread from the point of origin, and performed life-saving interventions in these notable September 2025 incidents¹:

Natural Gas Odour on Westminster Highway

On September 9, 2025, RFR emergency crews responded to reports of a strong odour of natural gas in the hospital. Crews carried out air monitoring, removed, and triaged any staff who were feeling unwell. Crews activated the hospital's emergency plan to remove patients from the area as a precaution. Fortis BC attended. No gas leak was found and the odour was determined to be caused by another source. This event provided RFR along hospital staff an opportunity to review and practice emergency response procedures in place. All units were cleared and there were no injuries reported.

Structure Fire on Great Canadian Way

On September 16, 2025, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Great Canadian Way. On arrival, crews observed large volumes of smoke and an active fire within an enclosed compound area. The smoke caused an impact on a nearby transit routes. RCMP attended the incident and closed the nearby Skytrain track as a precaution. Crews accessed the location of the fire and quickly extinguished the fire. Once extinguished, crews carried out a scene overhaul. A Fire Investigator attended to identify cause and origin of the fire.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, no injuries were reported by the public or RFR personnel in the listed incidents.
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Emergency Response

Table 1 provides incident data for September 2024 and September 2025. In September 2025, there were 1,054 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall increase of one per cent compared to the previous year.

Table 1: Total Incidents - September 2025					
	Incident Totals September (2025)	Incident Totals September (2024)	Number Change from September 2024 to 2025	Percentage Change from September 2024 to 2025	5 Year Average for September
Active Alarm	165	158	+7	+4	164
Explosion	0	1	-1	-100	0
Fire	43	27	+16	+59	37
Hazardous Materials	9	11	-2	-18	7
Medical	578	542	+36	+7	525
Motor Vehicle Incident	75	92	-17	-18	85
Public Hazard	7	12	-5	-42	9
Public Service	86	117	-31	-26	98
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	85	82	+3	+4	79
Specialized Transport	5	2	+3	+150	3
Technical Rescue	1	1	0	0	1
Total	1,054	1,045	+9	+1	1,009

The average time on scene in September 2025 for emergency response crews was 26 minutes per event, which is lower than the number recorded in September 2024: 31 minutes. The time spent on the scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each incident.

In September 2025, there were 43 fire incidents reported to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, which is 59 per cent higher than the number reported in September 2024. The average number of fires reported each September over the last five years is 37.

Fire damage and property losses during September 2025 are estimated at \$23,100. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated to be \$98,933,100, and the total value preserved from damage was \$98,810,000. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of value protected (Table 2), which is one per cent lower than the value observed in 2024.

Table 2: Fire Incidents By Type and Loss Estimates - September 2025						
Incident Type Breakdown	Incident Volume	Estimated Building/ Asset Value (\$)	Estimated Building/ Asset Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)
Single Family Residence	4	17,192,500	4,000	1,000	1,000	17,188,500
Multi-Family Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial/Industrial	5	81,410,000	1,000	286,100	11,600	81,683,500
Outdoor	32	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
Vehicle/Vessel	2	13,500	5,500	-	-	8,000
Totals²	43	98,646,000	10,500	287,100	12,600	98,910,000

RFR Public Outreach & Education

During September, RFR staff conducted the following public outreach and education activities:

- On September 5, RFR provided fire and life safety education and tours of the Big Rig fire truck to the attendees of the Hamilton Night out. Over 400 attendees participated in the event.
- On September 6, RFR set up the Big Rig and information booths to provide tours to children at the Play Like Ray Hockey tournament in memory of Burnaby Firefighter Ray Sawada. Over 100 attendees participated in the event.
- On September 24, Fire Hall and vehicle tours were provided for Pathways Richmond special needs children group. The children were provided a tour of the firehall and hands-on education on how to use a fire extinguisher along with other fire and life safety measures they can use in their every day life. Over 30 attendees participated in the event.
- On September 27, in collaboration with the RCMP, RFR hosted a car seat clinic. RFR provided a safe and dry space for members of the community have car seat installations evaluated by certified car seat technicians from the RCMP and BCAA. Over 20 attendees participated.

Emergency Programs

Emergency Programs staff participated in the following engagement activities in September:

- On September 5, reviewed strategic priorities, initiated creation of specialized working groups, and discussed integration pathways with the Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM) Committee Executive and Metro Vancouver for enhanced regional coordination.

² The dollar losses shown in this table are preliminary estimates. They are derived from RFR's record management system and are subject to change due to delays in reporting and confirmation of actual losses from private insurance agencies (as available). Values under a threshold limit of \$1,000 will not be noted in the table.

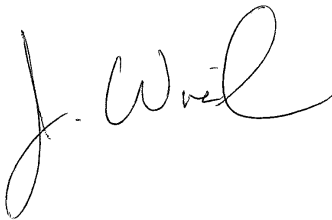
- On September 11, finalized objectives and logistics for upcoming regional PREM pre-exercise meeting and strategy session exercise. On September 15, attended a meeting with Building Resilient Neighbourhoods (BRN) and Richmond Family Place to discuss partnership to deliver BRN's Connect & Prepare program to the community.
- On September 16, participated scenario exercise, along with Vancouver Emergency Management Agency and 210 other participants from agencies and authorities supporting the FIFA 2026. This event validated communication methods, developed inter-agency and municipality coordination, and highlighted next steps in preparation for the upcoming FIFA 2026 event.
- On September 17, coordinated with Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) on Provincial Regional Emergency Operation Centres (PREOC) operations and inter-agency response protocols. On September 19, participated in a full-scale IPREM Regional Communication Exercise and communications drill to test interoperability and emergency messaging systems.
- On September 23, participated in a YVR exercise rehearsal and conducted a test of the YVR emergency exercise to validate procedures and ensure readiness.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Richmond Fire-Rescue continues to monitor activities to identify and create public outreach programs to respond to emerging trends and to promote effective prevention behaviours.



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Fire Chief
(604-303-2715)

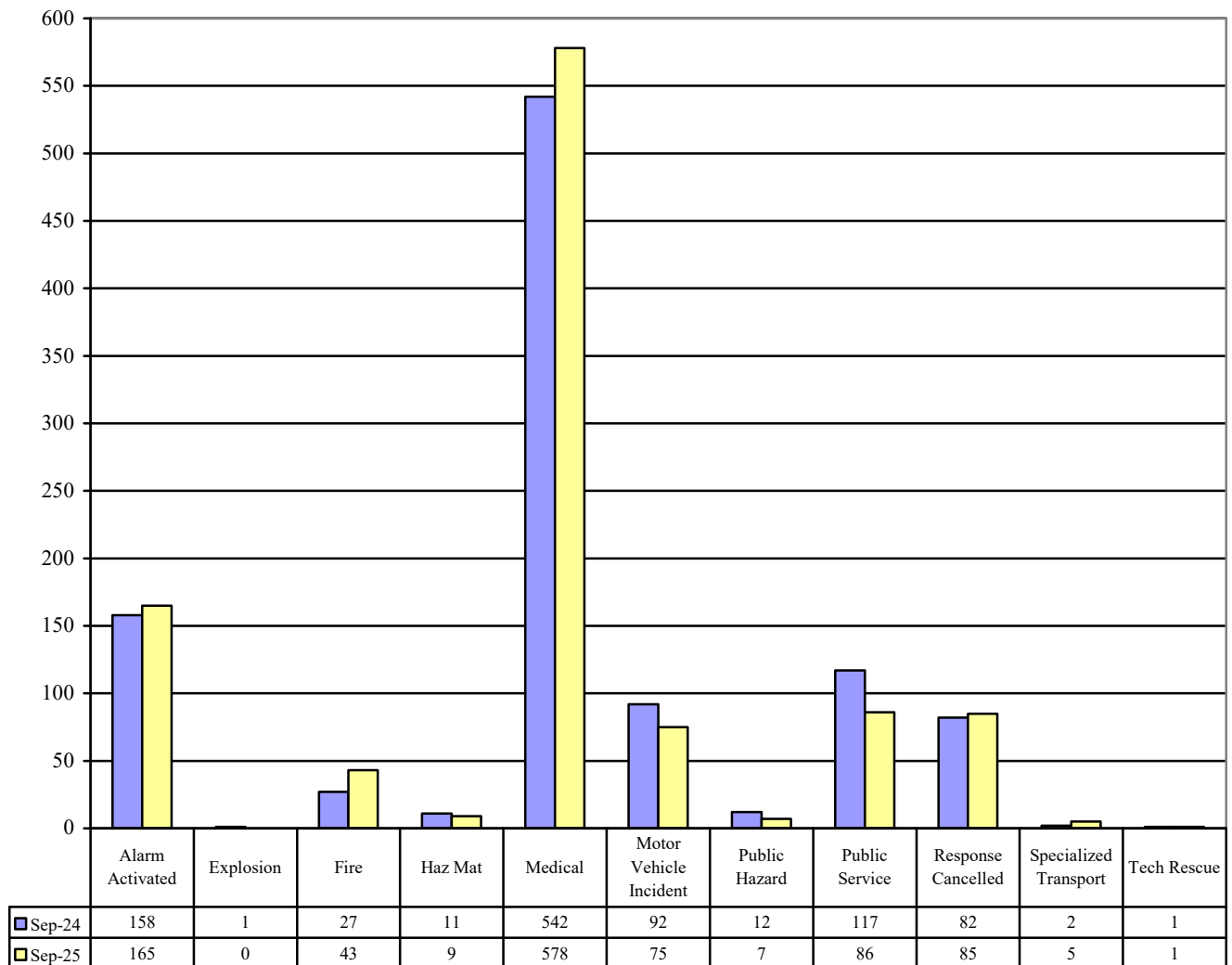
Att. 1: Emergency Response Activity for September 2025.

Emergency Response Activity for September 2025

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison of incidents occurring in September 2024 and 2025. In September 2025, there were 1,054 total incidents, compared to 1,045 in September 2024. This represents an overall increase of 1 per cent between last year and 2025.

Table 3: September 2024 & September 2025 Incident Volumes



Incident Type Legend:

HazMat: includes fuel or vapour; spills, leaks, or containment

Medical includes: cardiac arrest, emergency response, home or industrial accidents

Public Hazard includes: object removal, or power lines down

Public Service includes: assisting public, ambulance or police, locked in/out, special events, trapped in elevator, water removal

First Responder Totals

Medical first responder incidents comprised 55 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during September 2025. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for September 2024 and 2025 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were 578 medical incidents in September 2025 compared to 542 in September 2024, an increase of 7 per cent.

Table 4a: September 2024 & September 2025 Medical Calls by Type

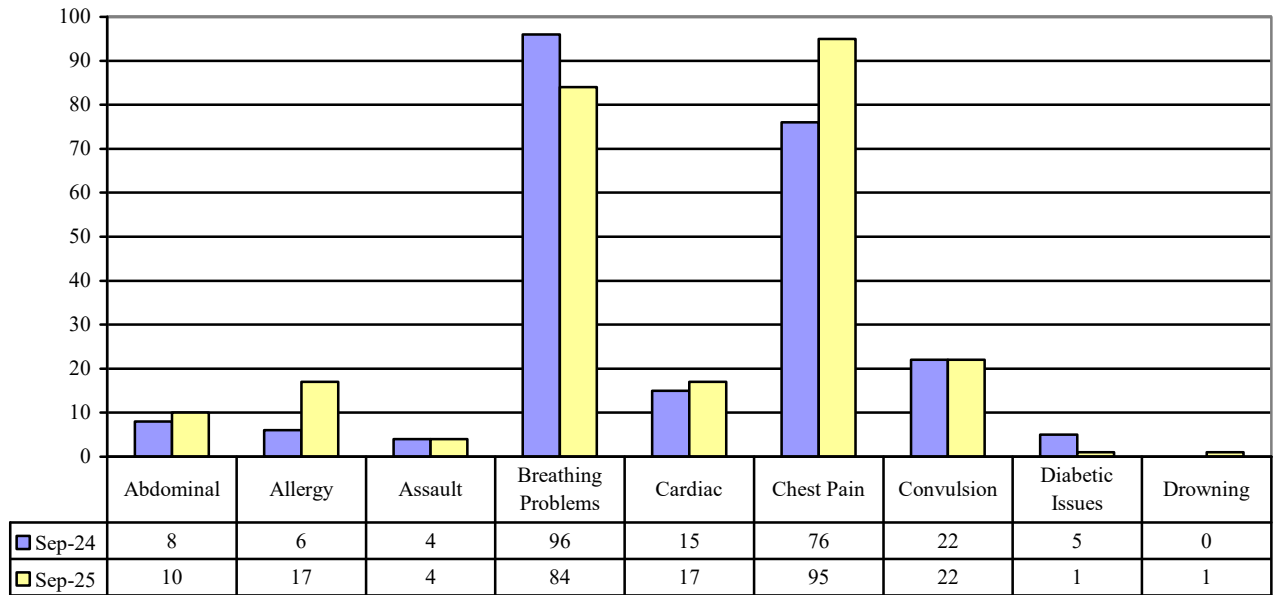
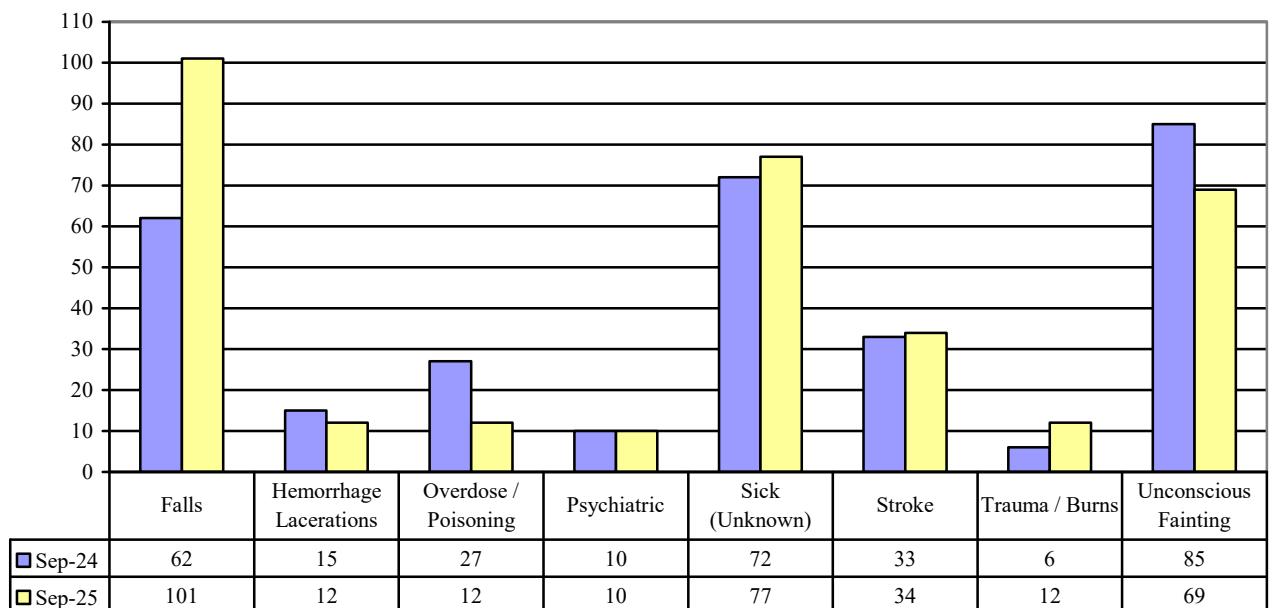


Table 4b: September 2024 & September 2025 Medical Calls by Type



Overdoses

The following chart provides the overdose/poisoning incident volume breakdown for September 2025. During September 2025, RFR staff did not administer Naloxone to any patients.

Table 4c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents By Type – September 2025	
Opioids	0
Alcohol	0
Medications	4
Unknown (no patient contact / refusal of treatment)	7
Other drug types (eg. Marijuana)	1
Totals	12

Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for September 2025 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – September 2025			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	-	4	-
Residential - Multi-family	-	-	-
Commercial/Industrial	-	5	-
Outdoor	17	12	3
Vehicle	-	1	1
Totals	17	22	4

Richmond Fire-Rescue investigators report all suspicious fires to the RCMP, while working alongside RCMP to address potential risks to the community and coordinate appropriate fire investigations.

Hazardous Materials

Table 6: Hazardous Materials Incidents By Type – September 2025	
	Details
Gasses (Natural / Propane)	8
Hazardous Materials - Unclassified	1
Totals	9

The following charts provide total incident volumes for fires, medical, motor vehicle, and overdose/poisoning incidents on a year-to-year comparison in September including year averages from 2016 to 2024.

Table 7a: Total Fire Calls for Service in September and year averages from 2016 to 2025

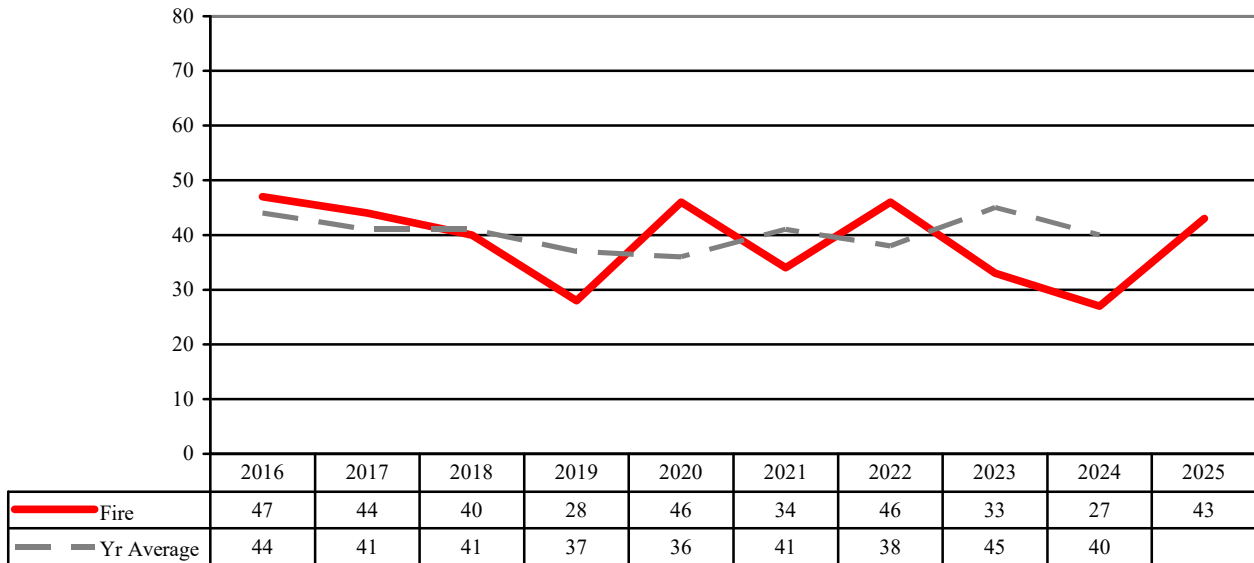


Table 7b: Total Medical Calls for Service in September and year averages from 2016 to 2025

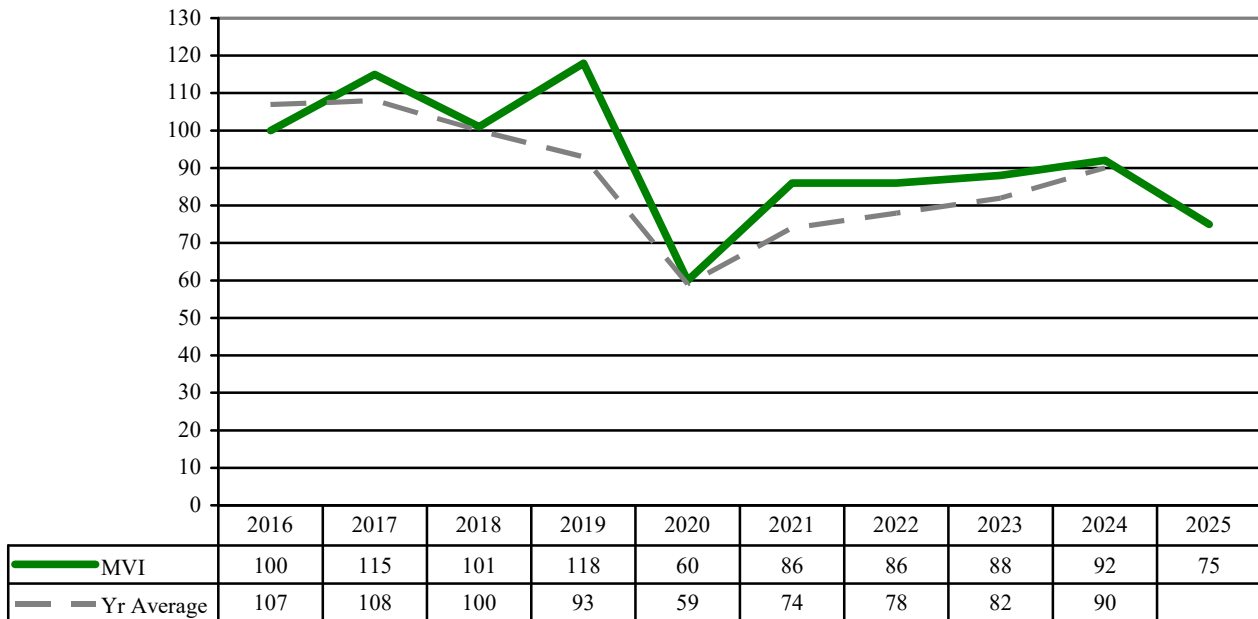


Changes to BC Emergency Health Services Clinical Response
Model dispatch system (2017-2018)

Start of COVID-19
Pandemic

July 26, 2024 - Provincial Health
Officer ended public health
emergency for COVID-19

**Table 7c: Total Motor Vehicle Incident (MVI) Calls for Service in September
and year averages from 2016 to 2025**



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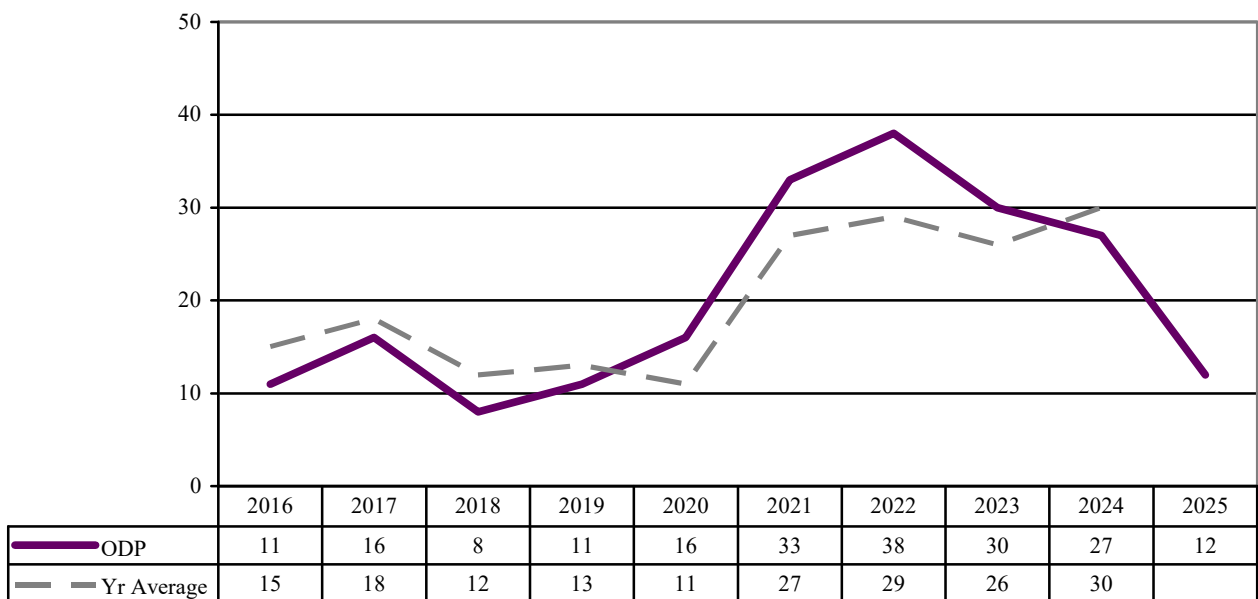


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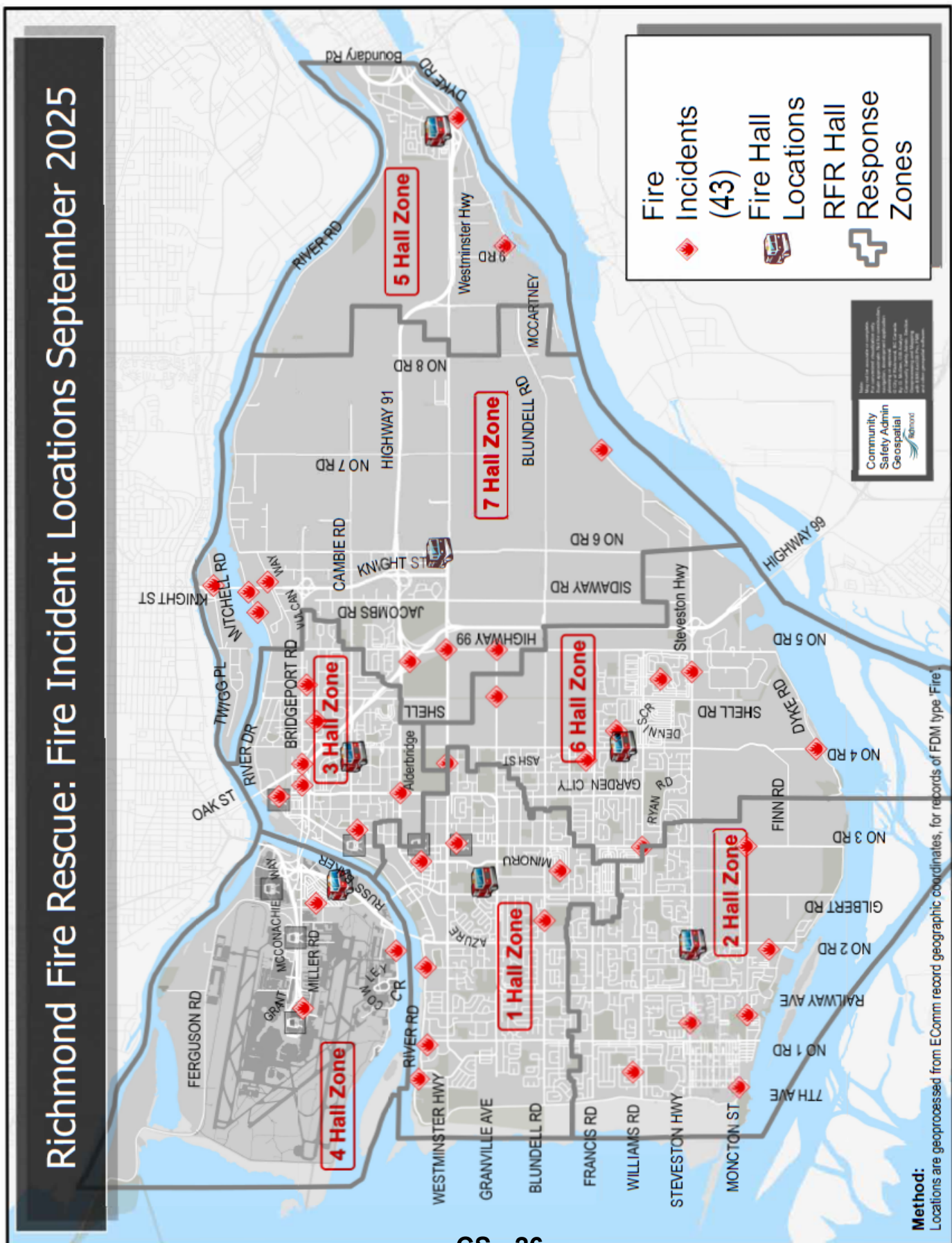


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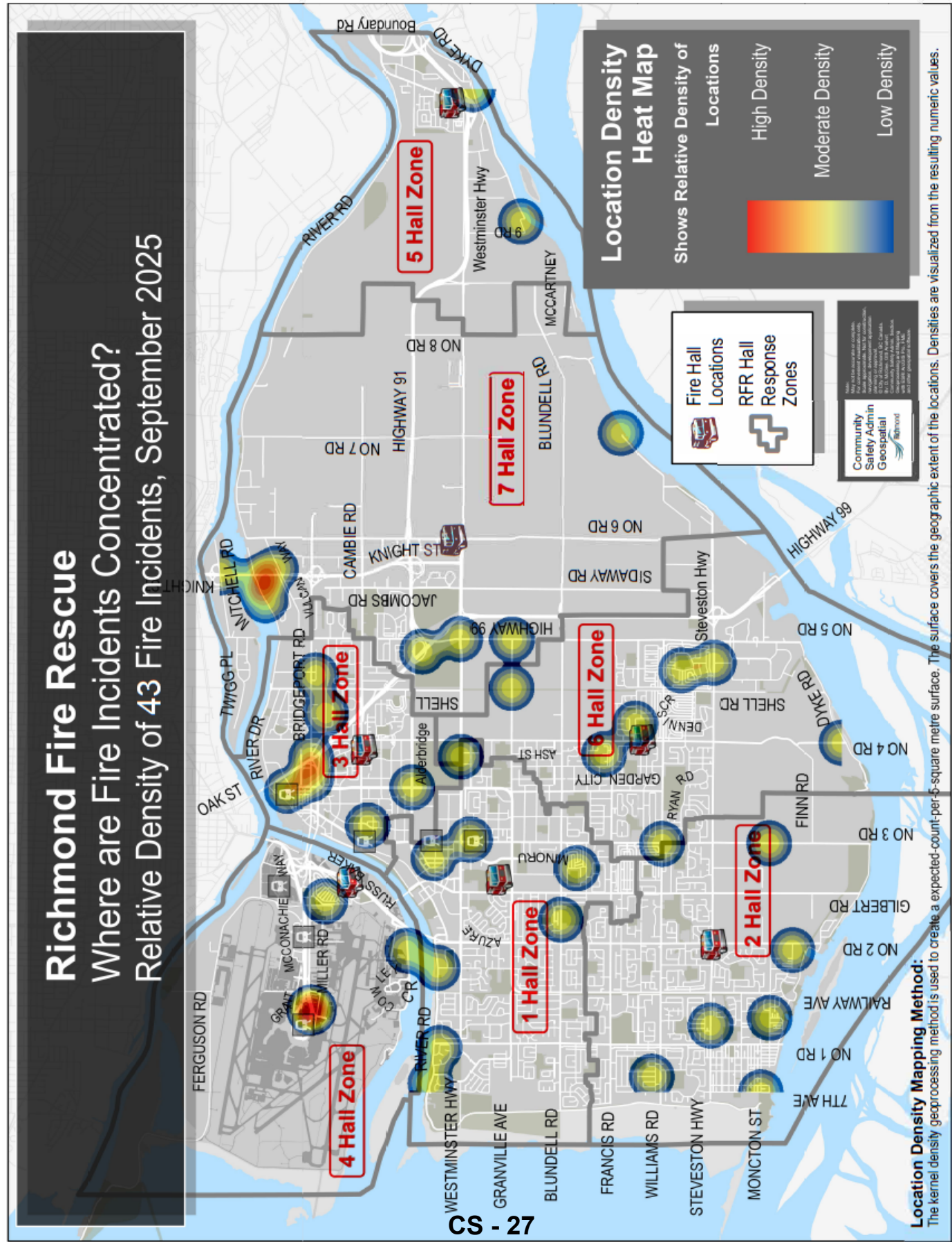


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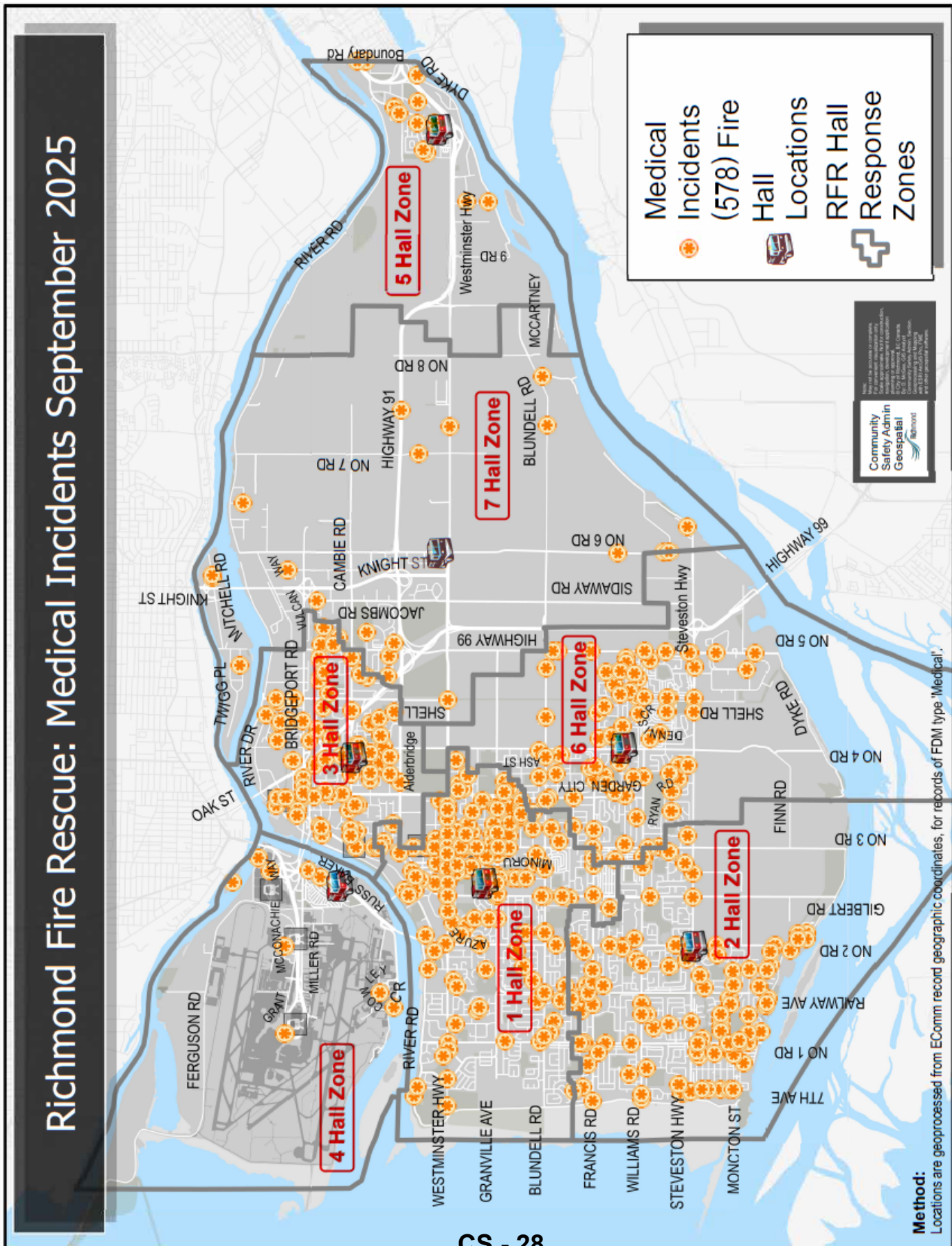


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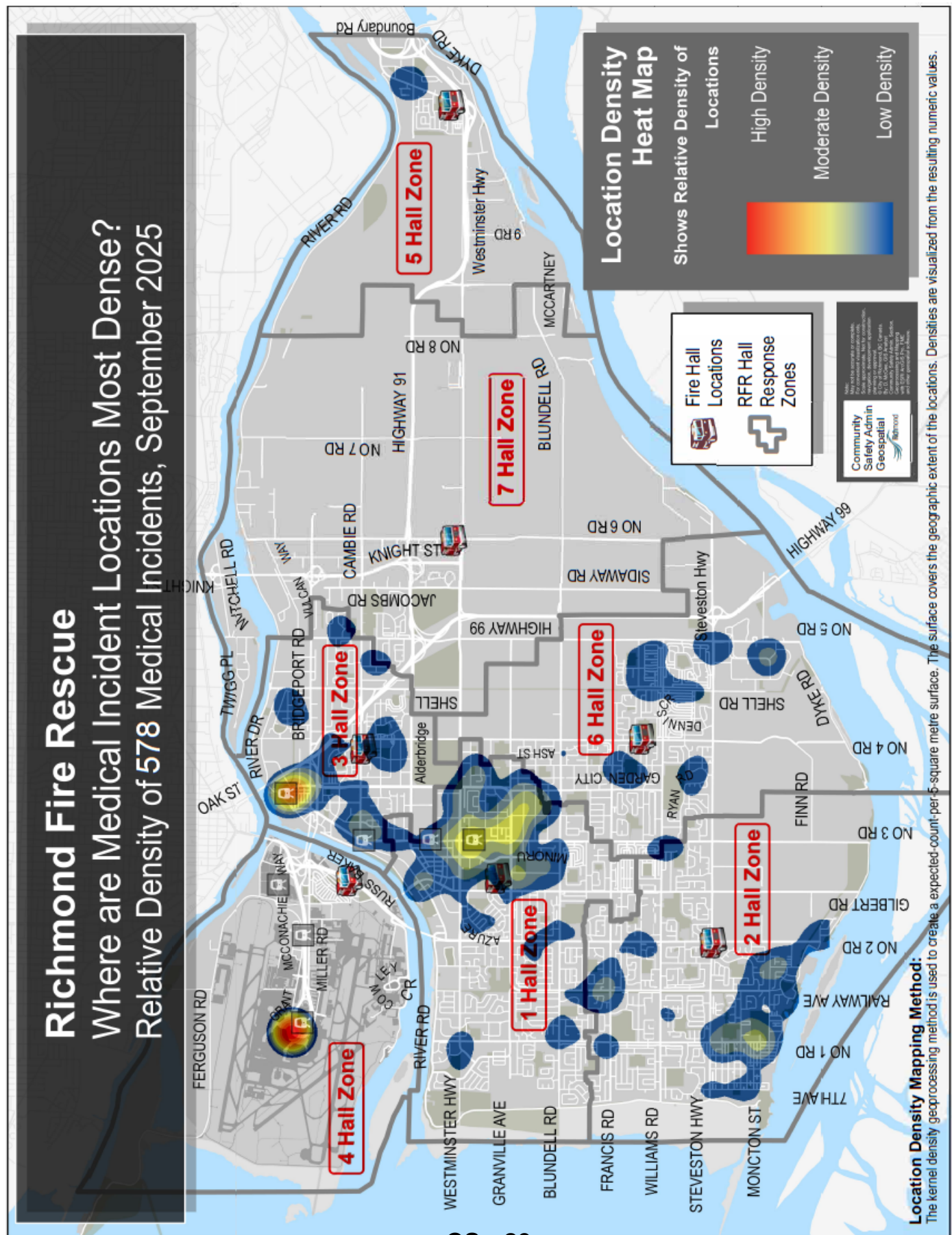


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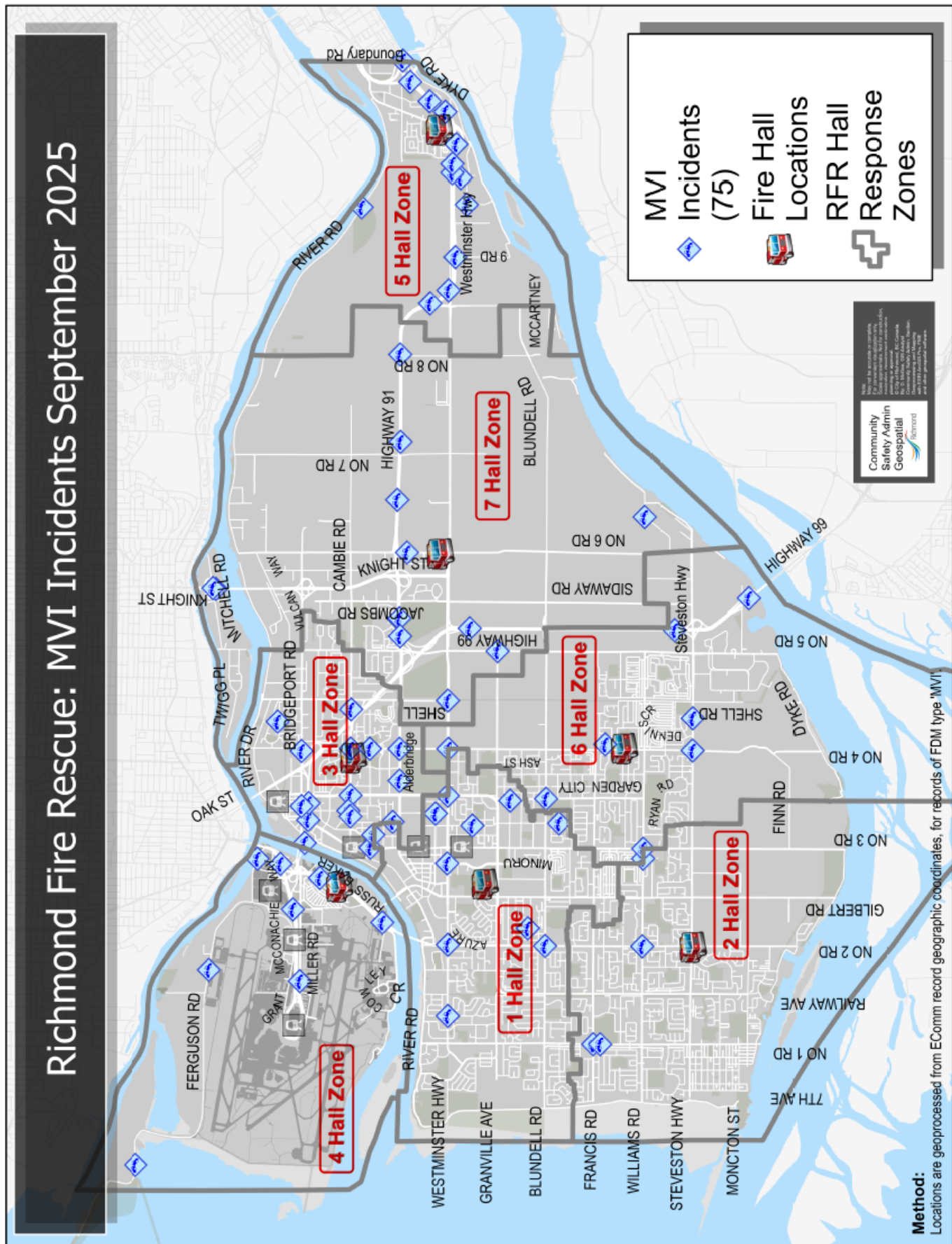


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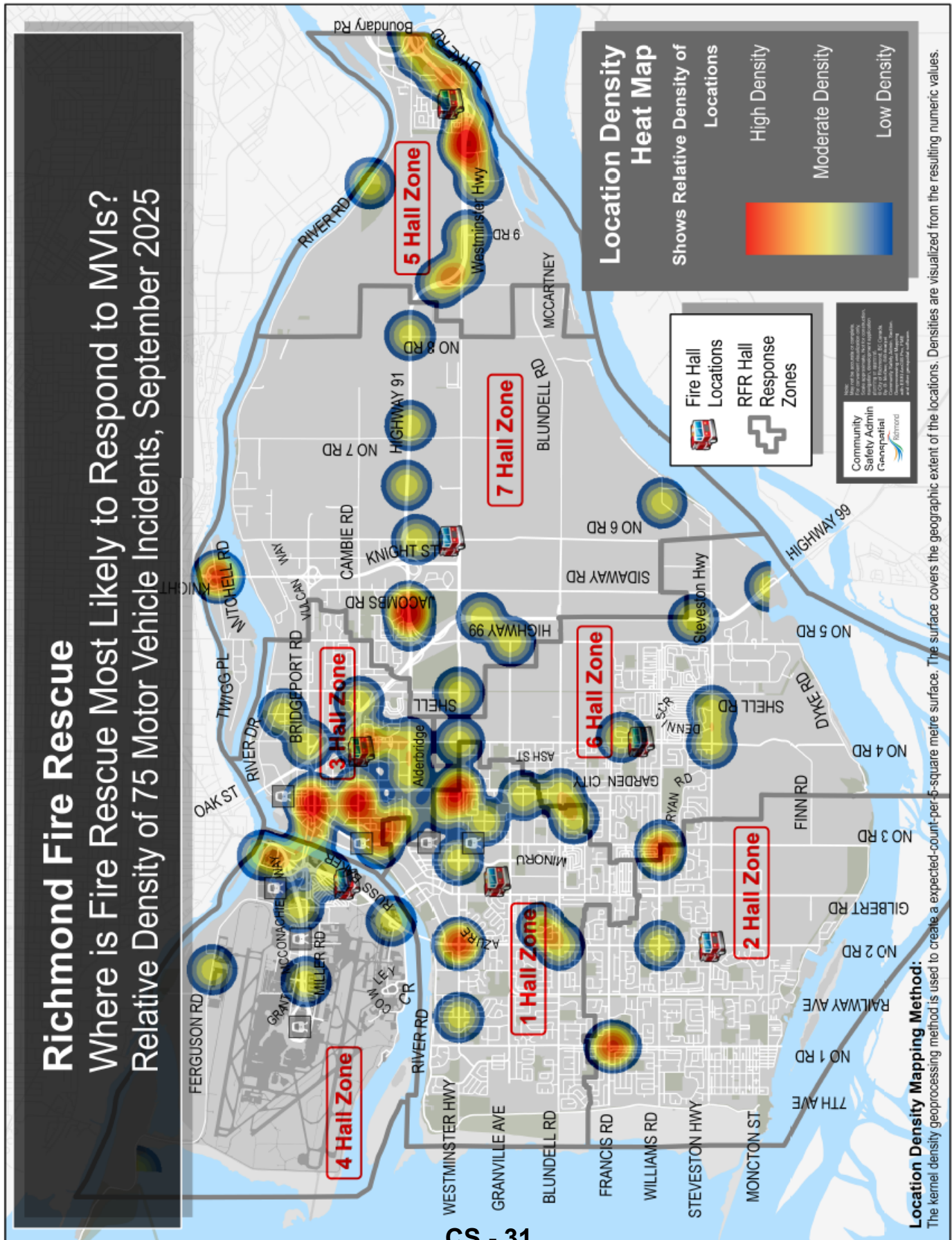


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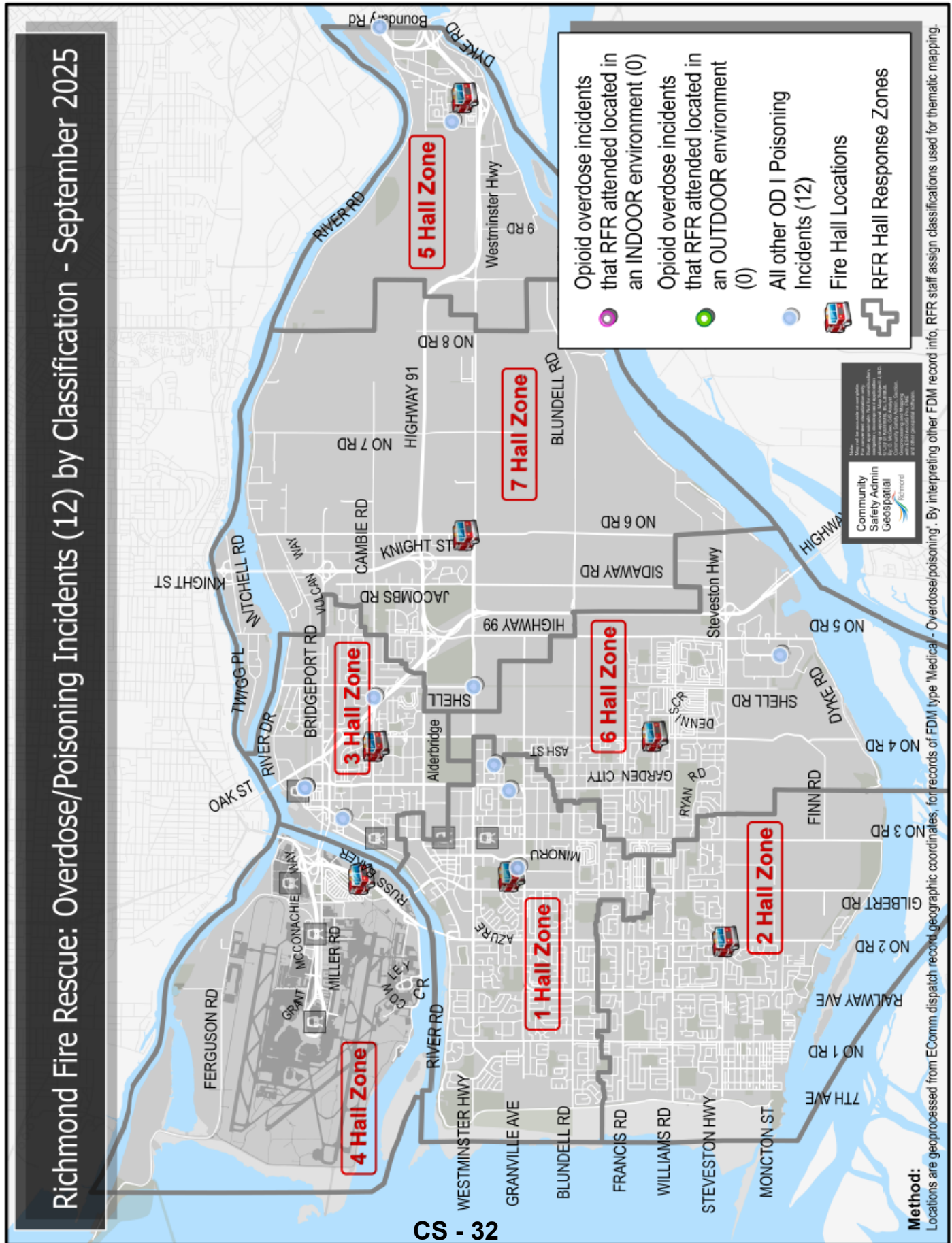
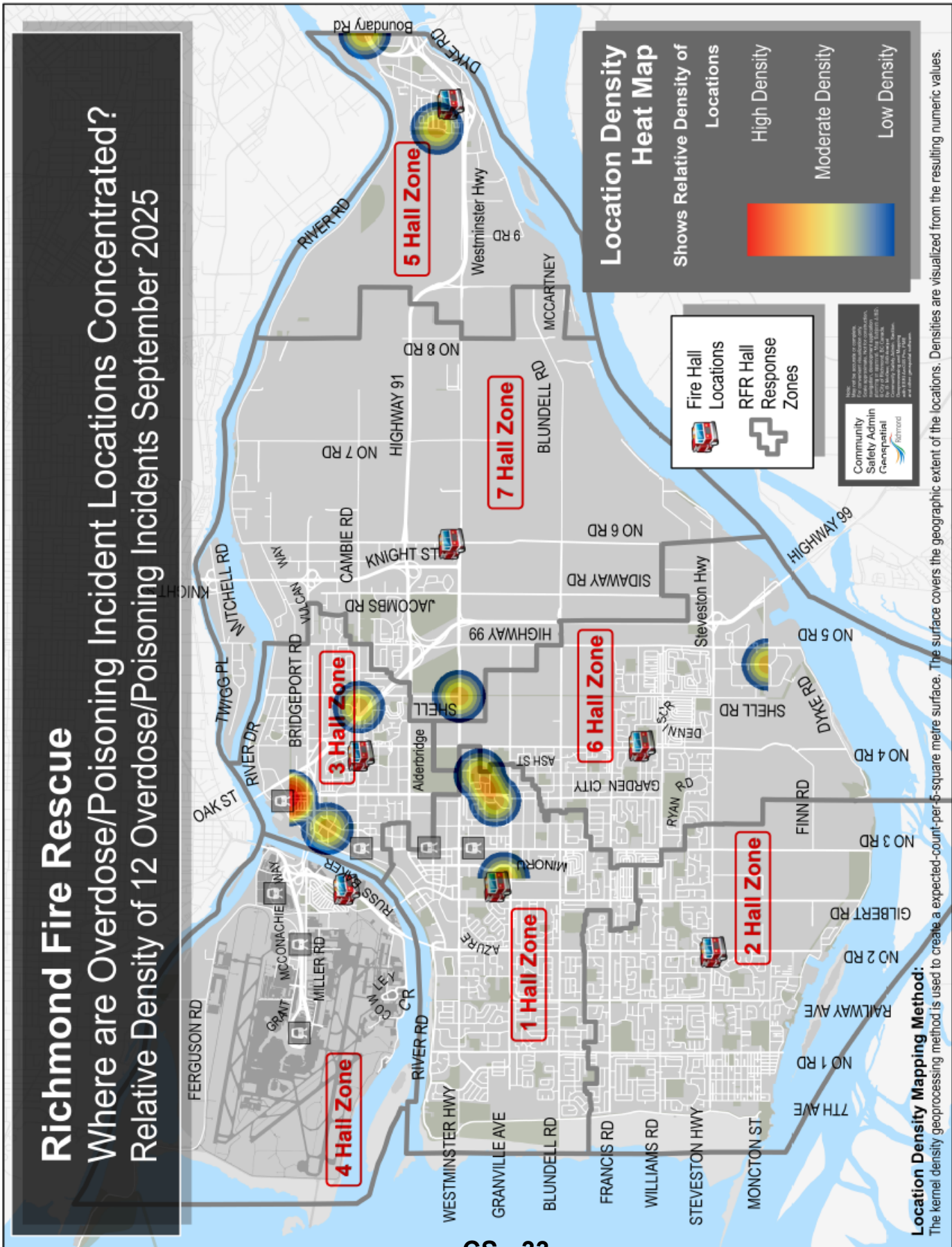


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City of Richmond

Report to Committee

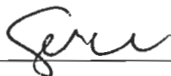
To:	Community Safety Committee	Date:	October 14, 2025
From:	Dave Chauhan Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge	File:	09-5350-01/2025-Vol 01
Re:	RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2025		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2025”, dated October 14, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

Dave Chauhan
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge
(604-278-1212)

Att. 3

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 
APPROVED BY CAO 	

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. Communications Unit
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3: A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Fraud in Progress

On September 11, 2025, the Richmond RCMP responded to a report from a bank teller that an elderly victim had just withdrawn a large amount of cash and was headed to a local mall to meet with an unknown person. Police located the victim and stopped him from purchasing gift cards related to the scam. The swift police response prevented the completion of the fraud.

Possible Explosive Device

On September 15, 2025, Richmond RCMP officers arrested two men after possible explosive devices were discovered in a residential apartment in the 5100 block of Brighthouse Way. Police secured the residence and conducted a partial evacuation of the building. The RCMP Explosives Disposal Unit attended and safely secured the devices.

Fraudulent Vehicle Sales

On September 19, 2025, the Richmond RCMP issued a public warning of fraudulent vehicle sales. In this scam, victims are approached with a "money-making opportunity" involving the purchasing and exporting of a luxury vehicle, which is then locally reported as stolen. The

Richmond RCMP recommends that individuals not register vehicles for other parties to prevent becoming a victim of fraud.

Distracted Driving Blitz

September is Distracted Driving Month, and the Richmond RCMP conducted various education and enforcement initiatives in support of this road safety priority. On September 18, 2025, the Richmond RCMP partnered with ICBC, BC Highway Patrol, Metro Vancouver Transit Police, CN Police, City of Richmond staff and volunteers for a joint operation combatting distracted driving. Police issued 102 tickets for use of an electronic device while driving and 48 charges for other offences, resulting in \$66,357 in fines.



Figure 1: Distracted Driving Blitz

Analysis of Police Statistics¹

Arson

There was one reported arson in September 2025, which is a decrease of seven incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are down 22 per cent compared to the same period in 2024.²

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 30 serious assaults in September 2025, which represents an increase of 58 per cent from the previous month. Year to date, the number of serious assaults is up eight per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of serious assaults this month is above the average range.

Twenty-six per cent of serious assaults reported in September 2025 were domestic incidents. There were two unprovoked incidents involving strangers. One event involved youths throwing trash at a sleeping person, and another incident involved a group of males who were bear-sprayed by an unknown individual.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, no patterns or trends have been identified in this month's statistics.

² In January 2024, a new Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) code was introduced for intentionally set fires that do not meet the *Criminal Code* definition of Arson. This new UCR code prevents comparison to multi-year arson counts and averages.

Auto Theft

There were 28 auto thefts in September 2025, which is more than double the number of incidents reported the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 12 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

Mental Health

There were 296 mental health-related incidents in September 2025, which is a five per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, mental health-related incidents are up nine per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is above the average range.

There were 78 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 117 minutes; both statistics are within the average ranges. Thirty-three individuals were responsible for two or more calls in September, with one caller generating 12 incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 18 break and enters to residences in September 2025, which is a five per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down six per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In September 2025, there were 30 break and enters to businesses, which is a seven per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up 27 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were six robberies reported in September 2025, which is double the number of incidents reported the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down nine per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

All six incidents reported this month involved the use of a weapon.

Sexual Offences

There were 25 sexual offence files in September 2025, representing no change from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are down two per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of sexual offences this month is above the average range.

Twenty per cent of the offences reported in September 2025 were sexual assaults, 20 per cent were indecent acts/exposing, and 15 per cent were sexual interference.

Shoplifting

There were 122 reported shoplifting thefts in September 2025, which is a 10 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are down 13 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 70 thefts from automobiles in September 2025, which is a 25 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, the number of thefts from automobiles is up two per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

Drugs

In September 2025, there were 24 drug offences, which is an 11 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 36 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of drug incidents this month is below the average range.

Drug-Related “Social Disorder” Calls

Public complaints related to drug use fall under call categories such as nuisance, cause disturbance, mischief, unwanted person, suspicious person, and check well-being. Table 1 presents the number of police calls for service related to a public complaint of suspected drug use.

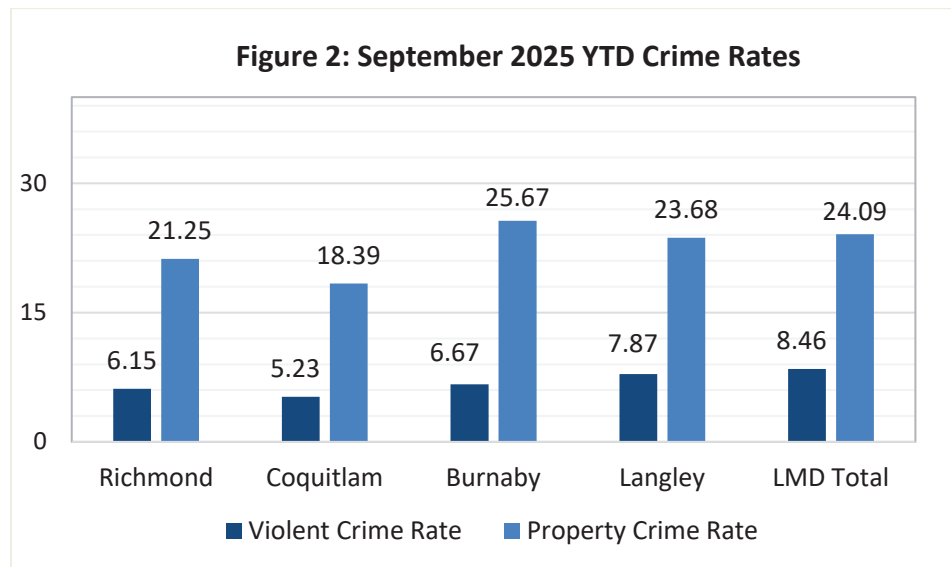
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

Month	Total Number of Drug-Related Calls	Suspected	Confirmed
January	71	42	29
February	38	23	15
March	49	31	18
April	58	41	17
May	57	36	21
June	70	44	26
July	40	20	20
August	59	44	15
September	57	35	22

Confirmed incidents refer to files where direct observation of drug use or apparent signs of intoxication is noted. Most calls involved incidents where drug use was suspected, including reports of unwanted persons who were possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Figure 2 presents crime rates in September 2025 for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which are policed by the RCMP.³ The property and violent crime rates in Richmond were below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of September 2025, the Block Watch program had 301 groups, totalling 6,708 participants. Currently, the program includes 423 captains and co-captains. On September 18, 2025, Block Watch staff participated in the Walter Lee Elementary BBQ and distributed crime prevention and road safety resources.

Communications Unit

The Communications Unit provides public safety and crime prevention messaging to enhance community awareness of various policing-related issues. During September, the Communications Unit conducted the following:

- Distracted driving month coincides with the resumption of school following the summer break, and the Richmond RCMP launched an enforcement and education campaign promoting safe driving practices, particularly near schools.
- 14 media releases were issued, including two related to missing persons.
- 56 social media posts were made on X, including road safety and enforcement messaging.



Figure 3: Distracted Driving Safety

³ Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on October 8, 2025

Community Police Office Programs

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

During September, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of one bike patrol, totalling 12 hours, and two van patrols, totalling five hours.
- A total of 49 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 2,111 information letters issued.
- There were three Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, resulting in 51 information letters issued.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 2,764 vehicles, resulting in 95 information letters issued.
- September 3 – Volunteers assisted with distracted driving operations at No. 5 Road and Steveston Highway, and No. 3 Road and Cambie Road, reminding drivers not to use their phones. A total of 32 information letters were issued.
- September 4 – Volunteers attended the “Back to School Fair” at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and assisted RCMP officers with the RCMP community engagement table, distributing safety reflectors and distracted driving cards
- September 10 and 11 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers and City Bylaw officers with “Think of Me” deployments at four elementary schools. A total of 69 “Think of Me” cards were handed out.
- September 18 – Fifteen Volunteers participated in a large-scale Distracted Driving joint forces operation at two locations in Richmond.
- September 20 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with crime prevention outreach at the Minoru Centre for Active Living for the “Culture Moves Us” event, recognizing Richmond’s ParticipACTION achievement as Canada’s most active community.
- September 27 – Volunteers assisted with a Child Passenger Safety event at the Brighthouse Fire Hall, which featured the participation of BCAA and Richmond-Fire-Rescue. A total of 11 car seats were checked at the event.



Figure 4: Car Seat Safety

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and education initiatives. During September, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in various activities, including diversity and inclusion initiatives, road safety deployments and the following events:

- A total of 129 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On September 20, 2025, RCMP officers partnered with Canadian Tire in Ironwood Mall to host a free catalytic converter etching event. Participants were able to have their vehicle's catalytic converter etched free of charge, to help deter theft and aid in the recovery of vehicles, in addition to the prosecution of offenders.
- On September 27, 2025, RCMP officers participated in a community engagement booth at the "One Richmond, Many Cultures" community celebration at Minoru Caring Place.



Figure 5: You Etch It. We Catch It initiative

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. A total of 998 violation tickets were issued in September. Figure 6 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in September:

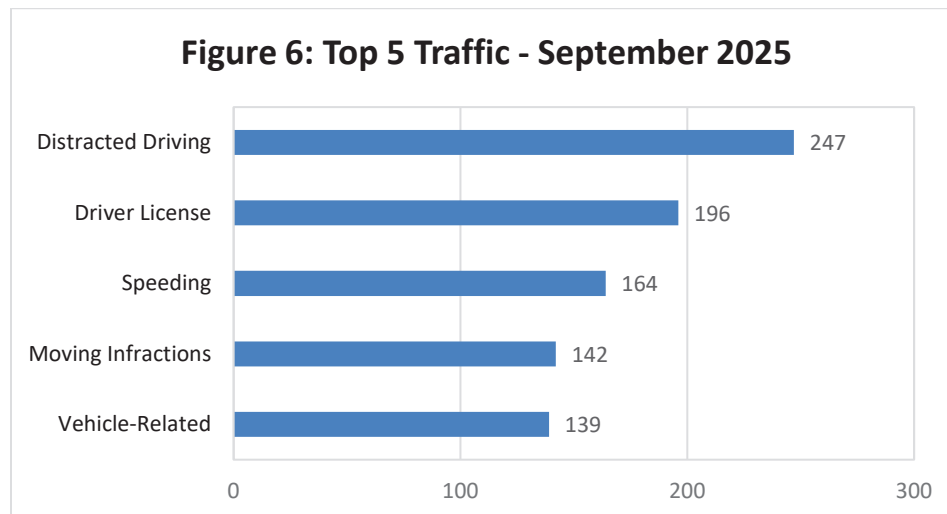


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2021, and September 30, 2025.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2021 ⁴	355	4
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025 (YTD) ⁵	276	1

Victim Services

In September 2025, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 65 new clients and attended 11 crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 91 files. In September, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, mental illness, and fraud.

Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies which contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to developing productive and civic-minded adults. During September, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 93 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 233 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes launched for the 2025-2026 school year. A total of 456 students in 16 classes are participating in the program.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In September 2025, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable investigations, including disrupting a fraud in progress and responding to a possible explosive device. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average range, except for sexual offences, serious assaults, mental health-related incidents and shoplifting, which were elevated. Thefts from vehicles, auto thefts, arsons, residential break and enters, and drug offences were below average.

⁴ Motor Vehicle collisions decreased during the pandemic due to changes in behaviour patterns and fewer vehicles on the roads.

⁵ A fatal collision occurred on July 7, 2025.

In September, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including deployments for Distracted Driving Month. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



Edward Warzel
Director, Police Services
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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
- 2: Crime Statistics
- 3: Crime Maps

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.

SEPTEMBER 2025 STATISTICS - RICHMOND RCMP

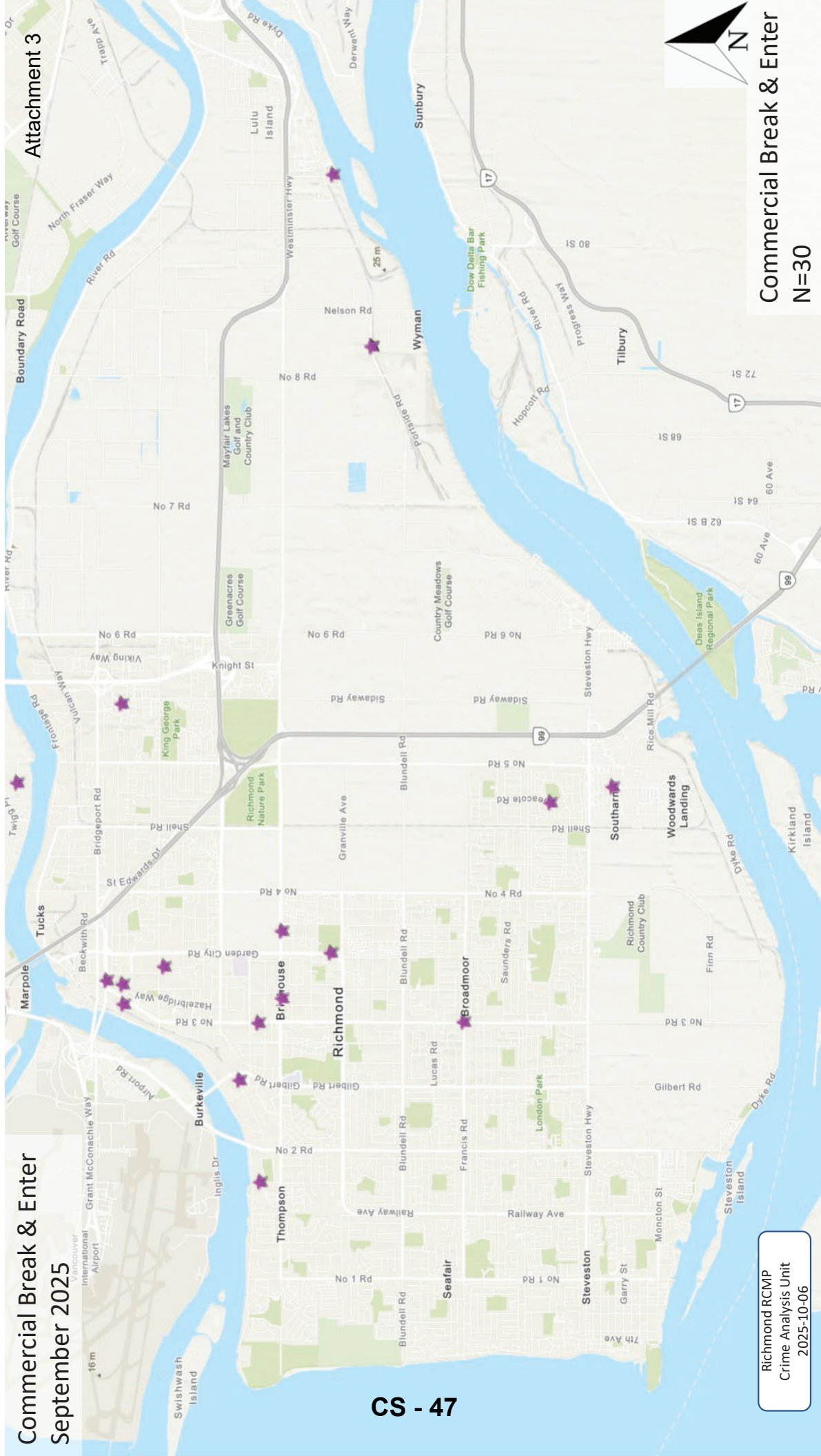
The following information is a limited list of select crime-type samples, which does not comprise the entirety or assortment of all crimes captured by the RCMP. The statistics in this chart should be considered independently of the analysis provided as the data is unrelated to the research provided earlier in this report.

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.

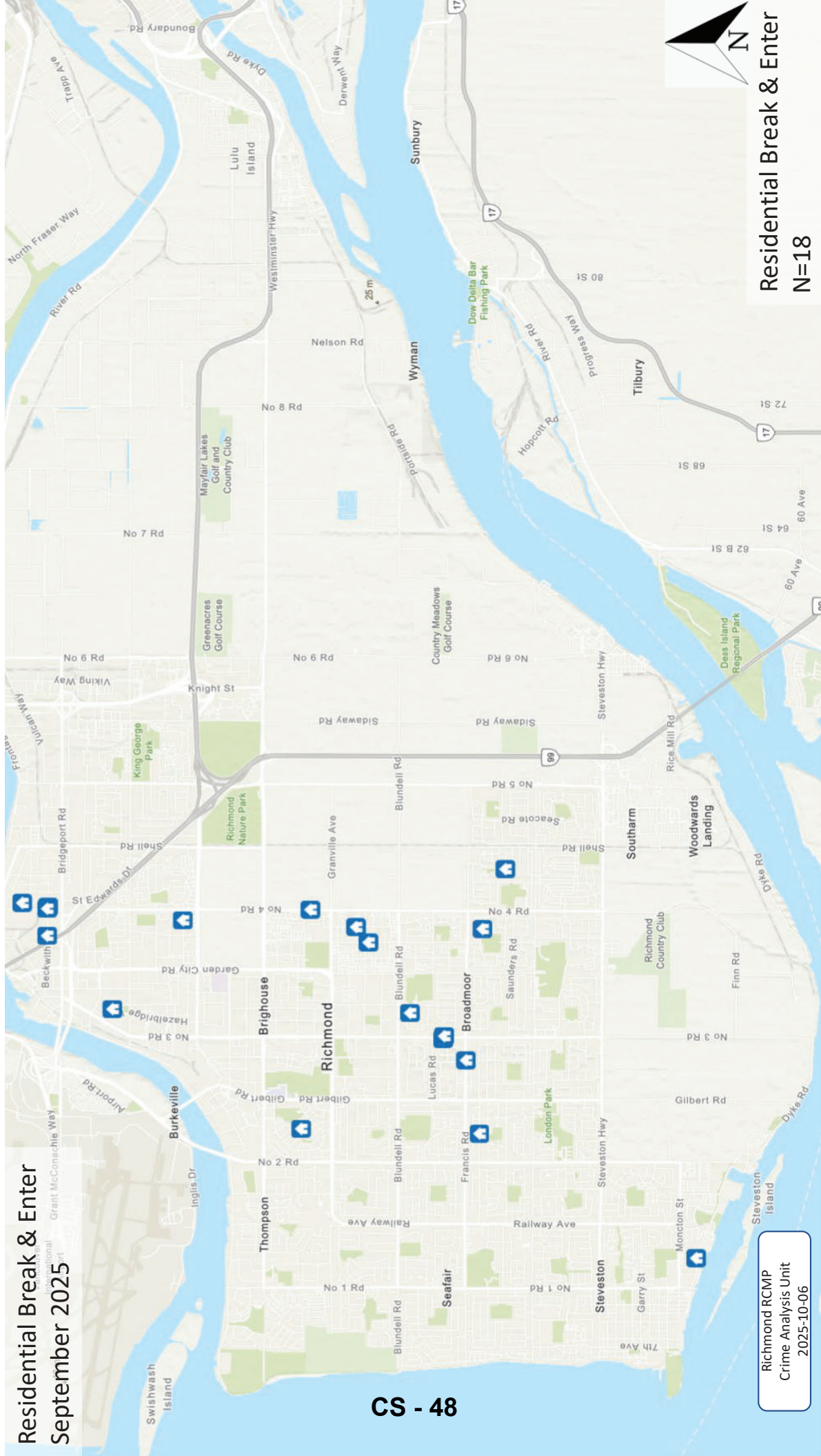
The 5 year average is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence falls outside the 5 year range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the 5 year range due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR standards or other scoring issues, the total will be noted in **purple**.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Sept - 25	September		2024	2025	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	202	145.6	131-161	1421	1639	15%	218
Robbery UCR 1610 (1-3)	6	4.8	3-7	43	39	-9%	-4
Assault Common UCR 1430	67	51.4	47-56	474	572	21%	98
Assault Serious UCR 1410, 1420	30	15.4	11-20	163	176	8%	13
Sexual Offences UCR 1345, 1330, 1305, 1310, 3450/55/56	25	15.6	13-18	184	180	-2%	-4
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	632	585.8	546-625	5600	5637	1%	37
Business B&E UCR 2120 (1, 3)	30	25.6	17-34	175	222	27%	47
Residential B&E UCR 2120-2	18	24.4	19-30	179	168	-6%	-11
Auto Theft UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178	28	24.0	19-29	205	180	-12%	-25
Theft from Auto UCR 2132, 2142	70	115.8	81-151	641	657	2%	16
Theft UCR 2130, 2140	135	84.8	63-106	996	1158	16%	162
Shoplifting UCR 2133, 2143	122	85.8	53-119	1228	1066	-13%	-162
Fraud UCR 2160 (all), 2165, 2166	106	77.0	65-89	872	896	3%	24
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	282	269.6	246-294	2640	2564	-3%	-76
Arson UCR 1629, 2110	1	6.0	4-8	55	39	-29%	-16
Cause Disturbance UCR 3430	184	200.0	174-226	2003	1764	-12%	-239
Collisions - all	152	150.0	126-174	1463	1495	2%	32
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1116	1001.0	943-1059	9729	9830	1%	101
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	24	38.4	28-49	170	232	36%	62
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	296	247.4	227-268	2194	2388	9%	194

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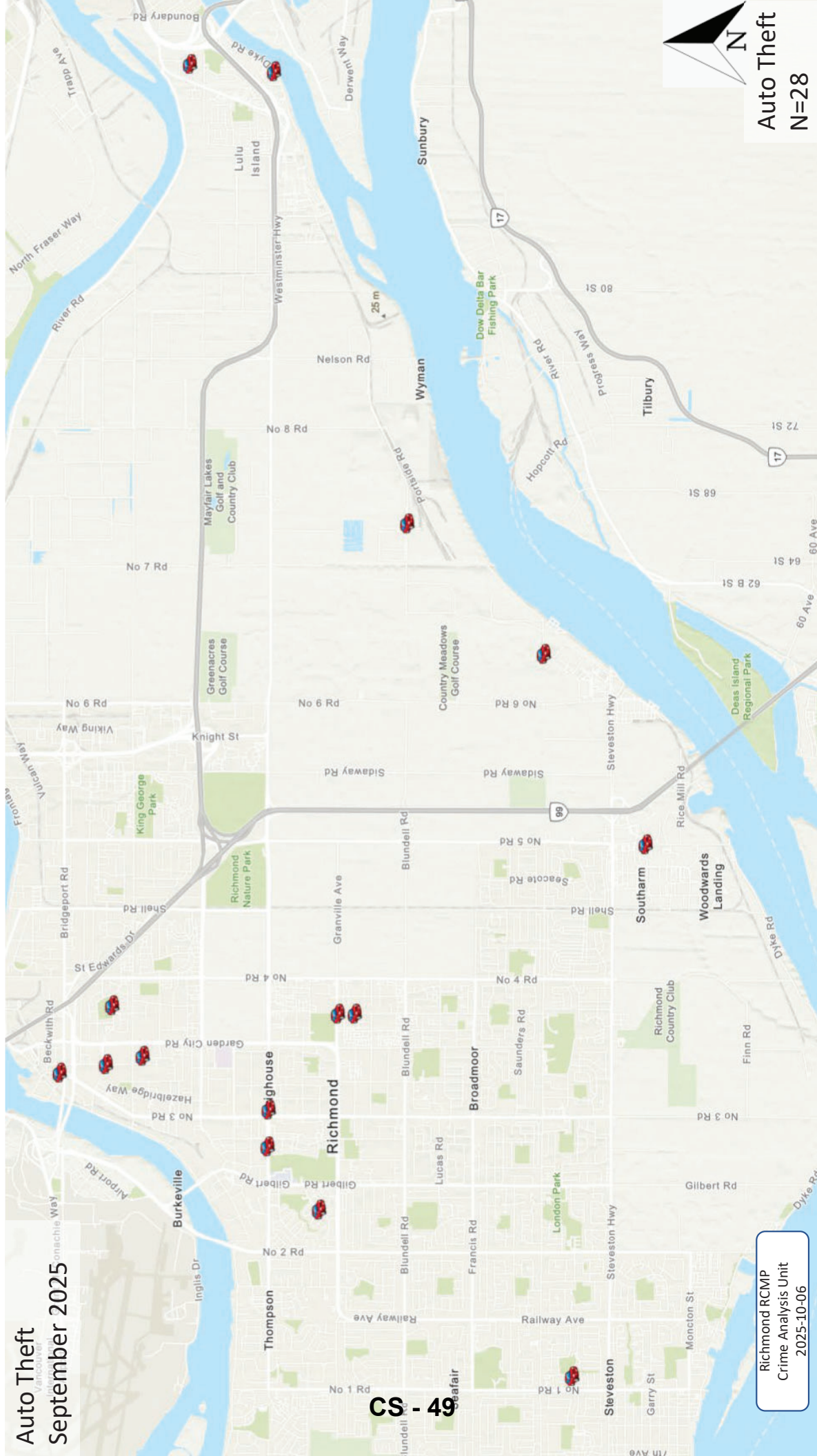


Residential Break & Enter
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Auto Theft
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