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**Community Safety Committee**

**Council Chambers, City Hall  
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
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 January 12, 2021.*



**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

March 9, 2021, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

**COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

1.      **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – 2020  
YEAR IN REVIEW**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6593405)

**CS-10**

**See Page CS-10 for full report**

*Designated Speakers: Susan Lloyd and Carli Williams*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – 2020 in Review”, dated January 12, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*



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2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2020**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 6597287)

CS-18

See Page CS-18 for full report

*Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2020”, dated January 12, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*

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3. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

*Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson*

Item for discussion:

*Update on Red Cross Contract*

4. **EMERGENCY PROGRAMS QUARTERLY ACTIVITY UPDATE – FOURTH QUARTER 2020**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 6604432)

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See Page CS-29 for staff memorandum

*Designated Speaker: Deputy Fire Chief Jim Wishlove*

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2020**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6583131)

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See Page CS-31 for full report

*Designated Speaker: Supt. Will Ng*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – December 2020”, dated January 8, 2021, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

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6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**  
(Verbal Report)

*Designated Speaker: Supt. Will Ng*

Items for discussion:

*None.*

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT





## Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair  
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)  
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)  
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)  
Councillor Harold Steves (entered at 4:20 p.m. by teleconference)

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au (by teleconference)  
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)

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

### AGENDA ADDITION

It was moved and seconded

*That Pedestrian Safety be added to the agenda as Item No. 6A, Richmond Fire-Rescue Personnel Certification be added to the agenda as Item 6B, and COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution be added to the agenda as Item 6C.*

**CARRIED**

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on March 10, 2020, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

February 9, 2021 (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

**1. COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6570938)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) reviewing the regulations related to the discharging of firearms and amending the areas where such activity is permitted, (ii) providing notice of parking enforcement and installing no parking signs along Gilley Road in the Hamilton area, and (iii) incidences of birth tourism in the city.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted the following:

- transportation staff can provide an update on concerns related to bright lights on a golf driving range facility along No. 6 Road;
- (i) the firearm discharge incident that occurred in the city was not permitted under the City's bylaws and that the Richmond RCMP is pursuing criminal charges, (ii) there are areas where discharging a firearm is permitted, such as in agricultural land, and (iii) the Richmond Rod and Gun Club has not expressed concerns regarding the City's regulations related to discharging of a firearm; and
- (i) farmers in the Hamilton area have expressed concern with regard to parked vehicles along Gilley Road restricting the transportation of farming equipment, (ii) there are currently construction projects occurring in the area around Gilley Road, and (iii) signs restricting parking will be installed along Gilley Road.

As a result of discussion on firearms discharging regulations, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

***That staff revisit the City's firearms discharge bylaws for potential modification and editing of the firearms discharge map.***

**CARRIED**

As a result of discussion on parking enforcement along Gilley Road, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

***That the process of enforcing bylaws violations, such as parking tickets, be looked at to provide warnings or signage before fines.***

**CARRIED**

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It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – November 2020", dated December 7, 2020, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**2. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 6573725)

The Chair acknowledged Richmond Fire-Rescue's service for events during the first few weeks of January 2021.

*Cllr. Steves entered the meeting by teleconference (4:20 p.m.).*

In reply to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Wilkinson, Richmond Fire-Rescue, noted that no issues are expected to arise from building height regulations as part of the City's Industrial Lands Intensification Initiative.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2020", dated December 15, 2020, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**3. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Fire Chief Wilkinson noted that Richmond Fire-Rescue will be moving forward to assist the Emergency Programs department in strategic direction and management.

**4. RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6567745 v. 3)

Will Ng, Superintendent, Officer in Charge, reviewed statistics from the staff report, noting that (i) there have been an increase in incidents of arson and the Richmond RCMP has a task force to address the matter, (ii) there has been an increase in assault incidents, (iii) mental health calls have decreased, (iv) the Richmond RCMP has issued more than 30 COVID-19 public health order violation tickets, and (v) the Richmond RCMP has coordinated with Transport Canada on increased visibility in Vancouver International Airport.

In reply to queries from Committee, Supt. Ng noted that enhancements to the Richmond RCMP Mental Health Car can be examined and Richmond RCMP is working with Vancouver Coastal Health to reduce officer wait times during the transfer of patients to Richmond Hospital.

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It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2020", dated December 8, 2020, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**5. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

**(i) Launch of the Diversity Unit**

Supt. Ng briefed Committee on the Diversity Unit to provide anti-hate awareness and outreach to underrepresented groups and training to officers.

**6. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**(i) Community Ambassador Program**

Cecilia Achiam, General Manager, Community Safety, provided a summary of Community Ambassador Program as part of the City's COVID-19 response, noting that the program works closely with community partners and provides community awareness of public health regulations and COVID-19 prevention.

**(ii) Emergency Programs – Reporting Structure**

Community Safety and Richmond Fire-Rescue staff spoke on the City's Emergency Programs, noting that the department will be reporting to Richmond Fire-Rescue and would align with the Canadian Red Cross.

**6A. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

(File Ref. No.)

In reply to queries from Committee regarding recent pedestrian incidents, Supt. Ng, noted that the Richmond RCMP is engaging in pedestrian safety awareness that includes communication through social media, distribution of reflectors to pedestrians, and enforcement of traffic violations. He added that Richmond RCMP is working with transportation staff to enhance road safety features.

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**6B. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION**  
(File Ref. No.)

It was moved and seconded

*That staff investigate:*

- (1) the City of Delta's Fire and Emergency Services and the qualifications provided to their Fire personnel for a status upgrade; and*
- (2) the City of Delta's Fire and Emergency Services' relationship with the British Columbia Ambulance Service, especially in the area of mental health response;*

*and report back.*

The question on the referral motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to (i) advocating the Province for additional paramedics and improvements to paramedic services, and (ii) options for supplemental medical transportation services.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

**6C. COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION**  
(File Ref. No.)

The Chair spoke on COVID-19 potential vaccine and testing sites in the city and introduced the following **referral motion**:

It was moved and seconded

*That staff discuss the potential for utilizing City sites for COVID-19 vaccinations, including options for a drive-thru vaccination program in Richmond, in coordination with Vancouver Coastal Health, and report back.*

**CARRIED**

The Chair noted that an update on Shooting Activity in Richmond be added to agenda as 6D.

**6C. SHOOTING ACTIVITY IN RICHMOND**  
(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with regard to recent shooting activity in the city and options to support Richmond RCMP's investigation and prevention of future shooting incidents.



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In reply to queries from Committee, Supt. Ng updated Committee on the recent shooting activity noting that the Richmond RCMP (i) is engaging with youth and promoting gang prevention awareness in Richmond schools, (ii) has deployed gang suppression teams and utilized road blocks, curfew checks and special gang patrols to curtail gang activity, and (iii) has coordinated with regional policing partners.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:56 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 Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

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Councillor Bill McNulty  
Chair

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Evangel Biason  
Legislative Services Associate



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

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**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** January 12, 2021  
**From:** Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8060-01/20-Vol01  
General Manager, Community Safety  
**Re:** **Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – 2020 Year in Review**

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### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – 2020 in Review”, dated January 12, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

Cecilia Achiam  
General Manager, Community Safety  
(604-276-4122)

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<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> <b>MO</b>
<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 	

## Staff Report

### Origin

This monthly report for the Community Bylaws department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Grease, Soils, Property Use, Short-Term Rentals, Pay Parking, Parking Enforcement, Animal Control and Dog Licencing as well as education and public awareness initiatives.

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.*

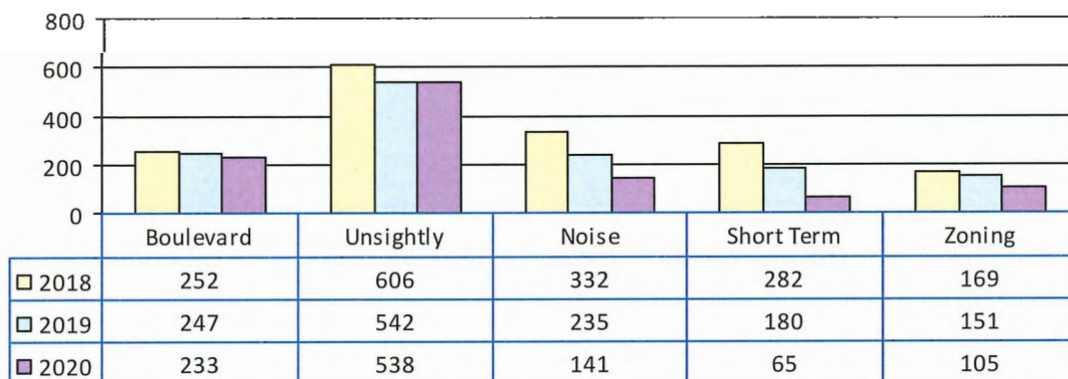
*1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.*

### Analysis

#### Property Use

Property use enforcement matters are divided among several groups in Community Bylaws, Engineering, Business Licencing and Vancouver Coastal Health. Figure 1 shows the calls for service (files opened) by Property Use Inspectors in the Community Bylaws department. Figure 2 shows all other property related enforcement.

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



Property Use enforcement in 2020 included education and enforcement of public health orders in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This included support for over 2,500 complaints that came into Community Bylaws. Calls were particularly high, requiring support from all groups, in March, April and May. Once calls for service decreased, which were related to the public health orders,, enforcement staff in Property Use were able to focus back to their core duties.

While call volume was slightly lower than previous years, there was a significant decrease in calls related to illegal short-term rentals. This decrease was anticipated due to the travel

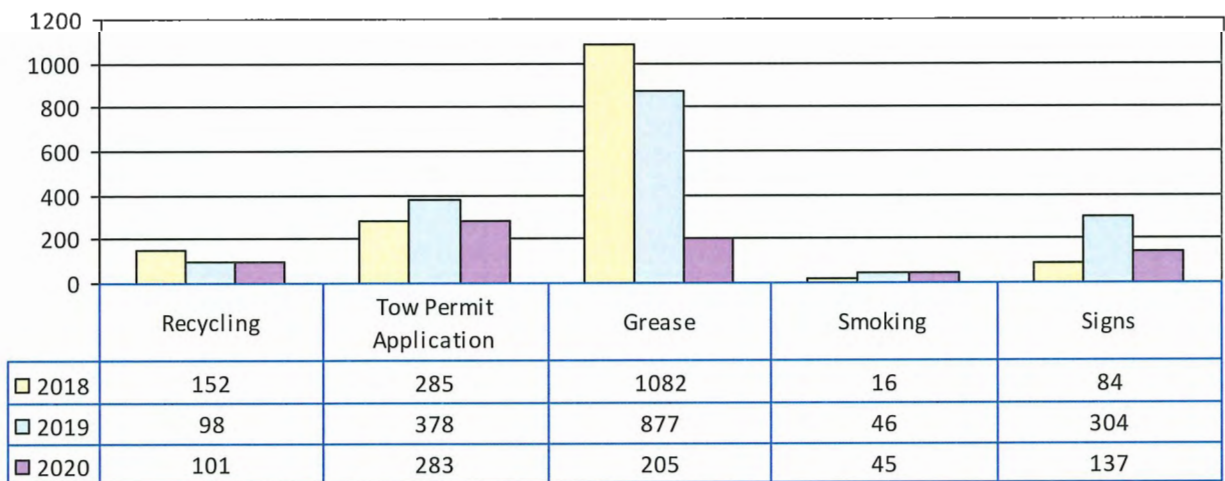
restrictions put in place and recruitment for the two inspectors dedicated to enforce illegal short-term rentals was postponed as a result.

Another impact to Property Use related to the COVID-19 Pandemic was the closure of Provincial Courts for several months. This delayed several bylaw enforcement matters from proceeding to trial in 2020. Of those that did make it through the court process, the City was successful in obtaining findings of guilt on all matters. Fines were collected on a range of matters including those related to construction without permits, illegal suites, boulevard maintenance and demolition without a permit.

### Grease

The Grease Officer is currently unavailable and systematic grease inspections have not taken place through the regular inspection program. During this time, sanitary sewer operations and Engineering staff continue to investigate and inspect properties on demand based on observed problematic areas. There were no violation notices issued for contraventions of the Drainage, Dike and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551 in December 2020.

Figure 2: Other Calls For Service - December Year-To-Date Comparison



### Soils

2020 was a busy year for the Soils portfolio both in terms of applications received and the number of properties managed for issues of non-compliance. The goal of the program is to regulate the movement of soil within properties in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The City's Soil Bylaw Officer is responsible for monitoring projects with a permit to remove or deposit soil as well as providing enforcement against those properties removing or adding soil without or permit or those not in compliance with their permit. Enforcement includes issuing tickets, stop work orders, removal orders or pursuing court charges. The annual statistics for this are shown in the tables below.

Table 1: Regulation of Soil Deposit/Removal – 2020 Permits

Permit Activity	Annual Total
Number of Permit Applications Received	12
Number of Permits Issued	9
Number of Permit Extensions Granted	4
Number of Applications sent to Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for Review	3

Table 2: Soil Bylaw Enforcement for 2020

Enforcement Activity	Annual Total
Non-Compliant Properties brought into Compliance	31
Number of Tickets issued	8
Number of Stop Work Orders	36
Number of Removal Orders Issued	16
Number of Complaints Received	30

### Dog Licencing and Patrols

The start of the annual dog licencing program began in December 2020, with a total of 2,393 dogs being licenced. This figure represents 94 new dog licence applications and 2,299 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced in the 2020 dog licencing season was 7,290 compared to 7,362 which was the total number of dogs licenced in 2019.

Regional Animal Protection Society (RAPS) Officers conduct patrols of the dikes, parks and school grounds within the City. The following locations were patrolled during the month of December 2020, resulting in one bylaw violation notice being issued under the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932 for failure to leash a dog. This violation notice was issued at Odlin Neighbourhood Park:

- Aberdeen Park
- Birch Neighbourhood Park
- Burkeville Park
- Woodward's Landing
- Garratt Neighbourhood Park
- Hugh Boyd Secondary
- Burnett Secondary
- Katsura Neighbourhood Park
- McDonald Beach
- McCallan Neighbourhood Park
- Archibald Blair Elementary
- Blundell Elementary
- Diefenbaker Elementary
- Garden City Community Park
- Dolphin Neighbourhood Park
- Odlin Neighbourhood Park
- James Gilmore
- London Park
- McMath Secondary
- McDonald Beach

### Parking

For the month of December 2020, Parking Officers proactively patrolled for stopping and parking infractions while continuing to monitor assigned files. Parking Officers received 161 Calls for Service for parking related offences, bringing the year-to-date to 3,846. In comparison, 2019's year-to-date figure lists 3,193; Parking Officer attendance through Calls for Service since 2019, has risen by 653 calls. This marked increase can be attributed to COVID-19 which saw Parking Officers attending calls for service to educate both sports groups and individuals on maintaining social distancing due to COVID-19. Management of files by Parking Officers is priority-based, with all safety and obstruction requests receiving top priority.

Figure 3 reflects the monthly and year-to-date parking enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 4.

Figure 3: Parking Violations Issuance Comparison

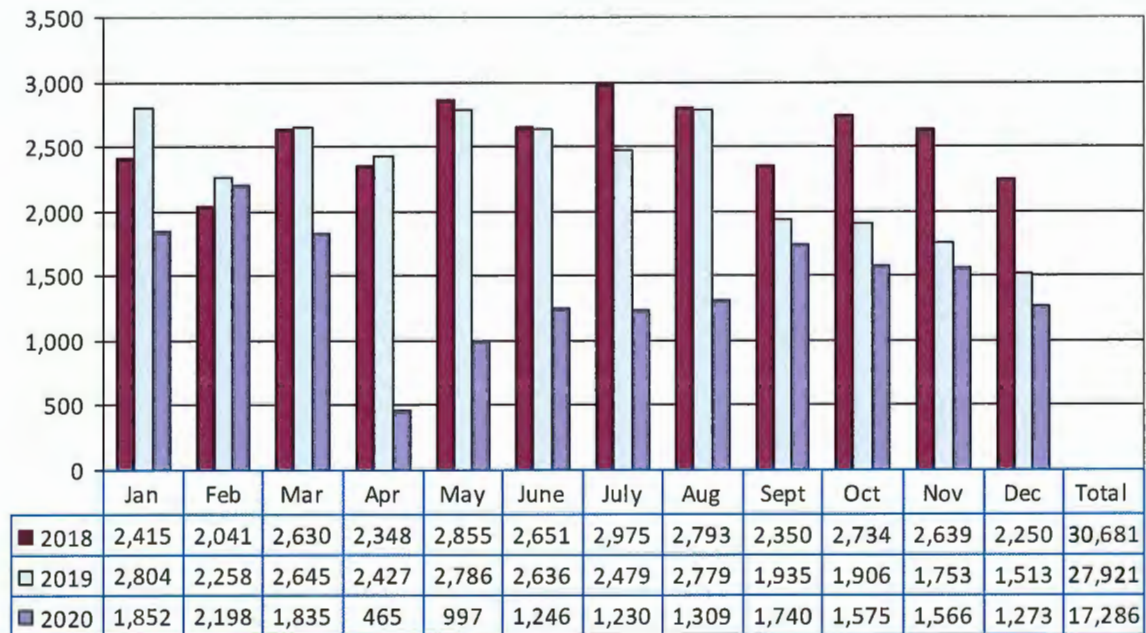
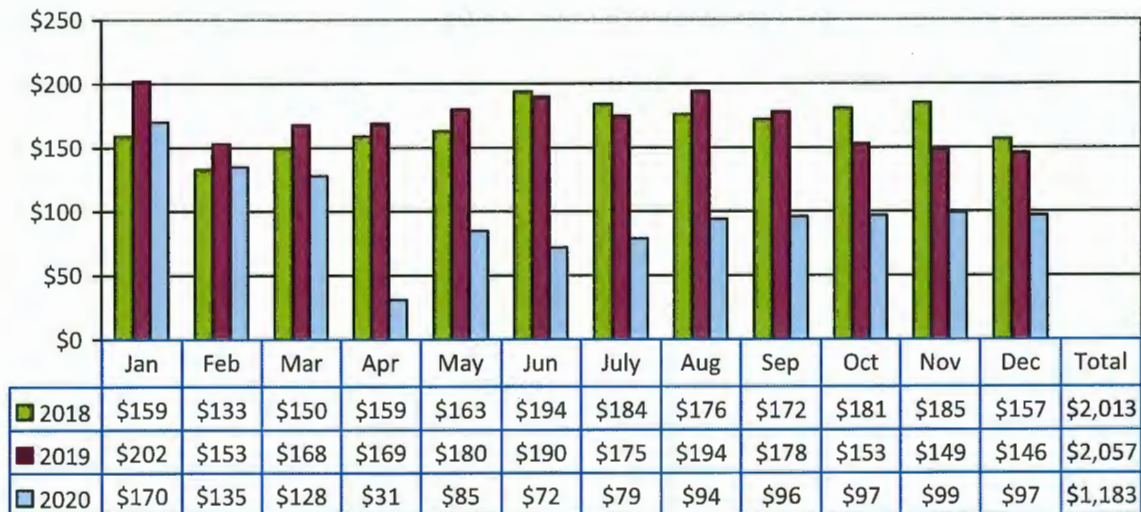




Figure 4: Consolidated Parking Program Revenue Comparison (000's)



#### All Enforcement Activity

While parking violations make up the majority of tickets issued by Bylaw Enforcement Officers, there are a number of other categories under which Officers issue tickets. Table 2 exhibits the number of parking violations issued along with additional categories of interest to the public.

Table 2: Community Bylaw Violations

Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTI's)	December	YTD
Short-Term Rental Offences	0	40
Soil Removal & Fill Deposit Offences	0	1
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	9
Grease Trap Offences	0	2
Parking & Stopping Offences	1,273	17,286
Animal Control Offences	16	597
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>17,935</b>

Ticketing in 2020 was lower than projected due to the redeployment of resources throughout the department to support education and enforcement of the public health orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### Bylaw Adjudication

The next Adjudication is scheduled for February 25, 2021.

Revenue and Expenses

The Community Bylaws department derives much of its revenue from parking meters, parking permits and parking violations. The remainder of revenue generated is from dog licences, false alarm disturbances, tow permits and other permits and bylaw fines. Table 3 outlines individual revenue types while Table 4 highlights revenue and expenses for the three main programs within Community Bylaws.

Table 3: Department Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Dec 2020	Actual Dec 2020	YTD Budget Dec 2020	YTD Actual Dec 2020
Contract Revenue <sup>1</sup>	5,725	5,000	60,000	60,000
Filming Revenue	0	204	0	12,112
False Alarm	4,533	0	54,400	1,830
Dog Licences	45,243	65,518	243,500	264,752
Towing Permits	454	1,794	16,000	19,681
Other Permits <sup>2</sup>	1,078	100	38,000	20,140
Other Bylaw Fines <sup>3</sup>	4,065	4,125	86,700	96,825
Parking Revenue <sup>4</sup>	194,924	97,288	2,042,800	1,183,331
Receivable Income <sup>5</sup>	9,543	466	100,000	57,521
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>265,565</b>	<b>174,495</b>	<b>2,641,400</b>	<b>1,716,192</b>

Table 4: Revenue and Expenses by Program in Community Bylaws

Community Bylaws by Program		YTD Budget Dec 2020	YTD Actual Dec 2020
<b>Parking</b>	Revenue	2,202,800	1,312,964
	Expenses	1,571,000	1,200,015
	<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>631,800</b>	<b>112,949</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	Revenue	253,700	312,552
	Expenses	279,500	211,280
	<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>(25,800)</b>	<b>101,272</b>
<b>Property Use</b>	Revenue	184,900	90,676
	Expenses	1,383,500	853,097
	<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>(1,198,600)</b>	<b>(762,421)</b>
<b>Total Net Revenue (Expense)</b>		<b>(592,600)</b>	<b>(548,200)</b>

<sup>1</sup> City Towing Contract with Rusty's Towing

<sup>2</sup> Newspaper box and soil permit applications

<sup>3</sup> Property Use and Animal control violations

<sup>4</sup> Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement

<sup>5</sup> Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries for 2019 (which was reconciled in March 2020).



Revenue in Property Use was lower than projected due to the closure of the Provincial Courts and the corresponding delay of bylaw matters proceeding to trial. However, this decrease in revenue was balanced by a larger decrease in expenses due mostly to the postponement of hiring of enforcement officers dedicated to short-term rentals.

#### **Financial Impact**

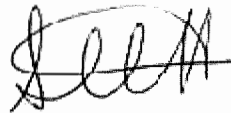
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#### **Conclusion**

Community Bylaws administers a wide range of bylaws related to property use, parking, animal control, soil and grease. This report provides a summary of annual enforcement activity for 2020, including revenue and expenses. Due primarily to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, calls for service decreased along with ticketing and fine revenue. However, the decrease in revenue was managed and partially offset by a decrease in costs in all areas of the department.



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Enforcement and Animal Control  
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## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee

**Date:** January 12, 2021

**From:** Tim Wilkinson  
Fire Chief

**File:** 99-Fire Rescue/2021-  
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**Re:** Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2020

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2020”, dated January 12, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Tim Wilkinson  
Fire Chief  
(604-303-2701)

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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: <b>MO</b>
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## Staff Report

### Origin

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

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### Analysis

#### Emergency Response

Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) staff continue to support calls emanating from Health Orders issued by the Province to combat the COVID-19 pandemic as well as provide regular services to the community.

RFR's goal is to respond to events in a manner where loss of life, reduction of property damage and protection of the environment is mitigated. In December 2020 there were a total of 663 incidents, representing a 16 per cent decrease in calls from December 2019 (Attachment 1).

The average time on scene for RFR crews was 29 minutes, which was the same in 2019. Time on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each call.

<b>Table 1a: Total Incidents - December 2020</b>			
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Percentage Change (December 2019)</b>	<b>Number Change (December 2019)</b>
Alarm Active No Fire	132	-7%	-10
Explosion	0	-	0
Fire	31	72%	13
Haz-Mat	11	38%	3
Medical	311	-22%	-86
MVI	72	-21%	-19
Public Hazard	8	-38%	-5
Public Service	64	3%	2
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	32	-41%	-22
Specialized Transport	2	-	0
Tech Rescue	0	-	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-124</b>

In December 2020 there were 31 reportable fires to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, representing a 72 per cent increase from December 2019. The average figure for fires reported in December over the last five years is 29.

<b>Table 1b: Total Incidents - January to December 2020</b>			
	<b>Year to Date Totals</b>	<b>Percentage Change (2019 / 2020)</b>	<b>Number Change (2019 / 2020)</b>
Alarm Active No Fire	1,501	-7%	-113
Explosion	2	100%	1
Fire	433	-2%	-7
Haz-Mat	105	-9%	-11
Medical	2,360	-45%	-1,952
MVI	709	-36%	-403
Public Hazard	87	-48%	-80
Public Service	766	1%	8
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	426	-54%	-502
Specialized Transport	21	-49%	-20
Tech Rescue	2	-60%	-3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>-3,082</b>

RFR continues to experience decreases in medical responses due to the changes of the Provincial Health Orders and Medical Health Officer's direction. RFR continues to monitor all activities to identify and create programs to respond to emerging trends.

RFR's emergency fire response goal is to contain the fire to the room of origin. The room of origin standard is especially important in terms of fire loss, which increases significantly once the fire leaves the room of origin.

Fire damage and property losses during December 2020 are estimated at \$1,016,120. This total includes \$774,500 for building/asset loss and \$241,620 for content loss. The total building/asset and content value at risk was estimated to be \$219,732,920 and the total value preserved from damage was \$218,716,800. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of value protected (Table 1); this is the same per cent protected value observed in 2019.

<b>Table 2: Fire Calls By Type and Loss Estimates - December 2020</b>						
<b>Incident Type Breakdown</b>	<b>Call Volume</b>	<b>Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Content Value (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Content Loss (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)</b>
Residential: Single family	5	1,148,100	742,000	647,820	20	1,053,900
Multi family	7	48,110,000	1,500	188,900	2,000	48,295,400
Commercial/Industrial	5	78,378,000	10,000	91,000,000	500	169,367,500
Outdoor	8	-	-	235,100	235,100	-
Vehicle/Vessel	6	21,000	21,000	4,000	4,000	-
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>127,657,100</b>	<b>774,500</b>	<b>92,075,820</b>	<b>241,620</b>	<b>218,716,800</b>

\* 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).

### Training and Public Education

Fire Training staff facilitated multiple training activities during December including; Fire Ground Survival, Recruit Fire Prevention Office Orientation, First Responder Courses, Pool Officer Exams, Gas and Electrical Safety, Playbook drills and driver training.

During December, public education events remained on hold. Fire staff continued to create and post educational videos on the RFR Facebook and website pages for events including the lighting of the Hamilton Fire Hall and the annual charity tree chipping event.

### Significant Events

Fire crews minimized harm and limited fires to the place of origin in these notable December 2020 incidents:

- **December 2 - Structure Fire on Petts Road.** RFR crews responded to a large house fire on Petts Road. First arriving crews reported the house was 75 per cent involved with fire. Crews worked to quickly manage the fire by deploying ladder trucks and using large volume water lines to assist with the extinguishment and protection of adjacent properties. RFR crews extinguished the fire and a Fire Investigator attended the scene and worked closely with RCMP as this fire appeared to be suspicious in nature. Due to the structure damage the building was unsafe to enter. RCMP attended the scene and secured the site. RFR Fire Prevention coordinated with the owner, the owner's insurer, a structural engineer and the RCMP investigators to establish a safety and investigation plan prior to any other work beginning. There were no reports of injury.
- **December 26 – Pedestrian struck on No 2 Road.** Upon arrival RFR crews blocked south bound traffic and assessed and initiated treatment on a female patient with serious injuries. BC Ambulance Services arrived on scene and RFR crews assisted BC Emergency Health Service (BCEHS) personnel with further patient care. RCMP attended the scene to investigate and RFR crews provided assistance to decontaminate the scene after the event, including PPE. Due to the nature of the incident RFR crews were provided with a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing session.
- **December 28 – Commercial fire on Leslie Road.** RFR crews responded to a building on fire. Damage was localized to the exterior of the building, including a door and a window. The fire was contained to the exterior of the building and no injuries were reported. The RCMP and a Fire Investigator attended to investigate the suspicious nature of the fire.
- **December 30 – Structure fire on Arcadia Road.** First arriving crews found a fire had occurred in one of the stairwells but was essentially out on arrival. There was significant smoke within the three floors of the building; and all residents were evacuated. RFR crews searched for other hot spots and began to ventilate the building. Residents reported suspicious activity prior to the fire event. RCMP and RFR investigators collaborated on scene to investigate the cause of the fire and its origin as the fire origin appeared suspicious.

There was only one minor injury reported; an occupant treated on scene for smoke inhalation by BCEHS personnel. Most residents returned to their units later that night.

#### Freedom of Information Requests

Over the last five years Freedom of Information requests received by RFR have continued to increase. However, in 2020 RFR saw a reduction. In 2020 there were 94 requests received, compared to 173 in 2019. In 2020, Freedom of Information requests, received by RFR accounted for over half of the overall City's requests.

#### **Financial Impact**

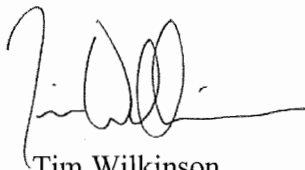
None.

#### **Conclusion**

During December 2020 and, since the start of the pandemic, Richmond Fire-Rescue crews have continued to experience impacts on all call volumes. For medical incidents, this is due to the decreases in medical responses emanating from the temporary changes by order of the Provincial Medical Health Officer in response to the pandemic.

The impacts of the pandemic, on call volumes, has resulted in RFR Management pivoting staff to learning, development and preparedness activities. Richmond Fire-Rescue staff remain ready to react and adapt to the ever changing pandemic situation.

Richmond Fire-Rescue has not experienced any negative impacts to emergency response and continues to monitor activities to identify and create programs to respond to emerging trends.



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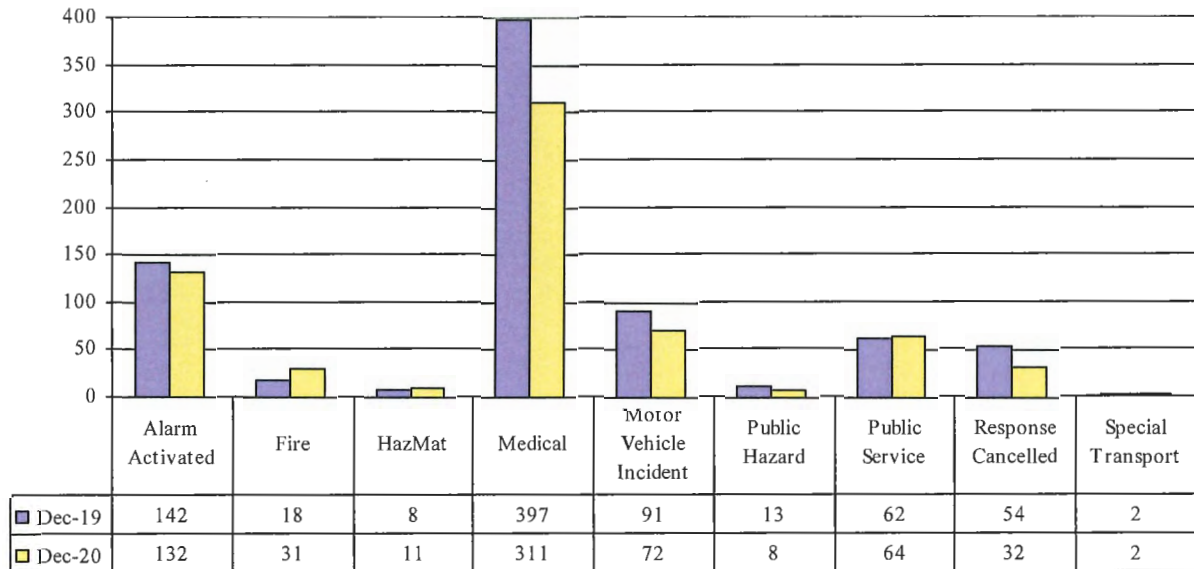
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Att. 1: Suppression Activity, including location of December's Fire, Medical and MVIs

### Calls for Service Volumes

The following chart provides a month to month comparison regarding incidents occurring in December 2020 and 2019. In December 2020, there were a total of 663 incidents, compared to 787 in December 2019. This represents a decrease of 16 per cent.

Table 3: December 2019 & 2020 Calls for Service Volumes



**Call Type Legend:**

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

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

**Public Hazard** includes: aircraft emergency, bomb removal standby, 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 45 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of December 2020. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for December 2019 and 2020 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were a total of 311 medical incidents in December 2020 compared to 397 in December 2019, a decrease of 22 per cent.

Table 4a: December 2019 & 2020 Medical Calls by Type

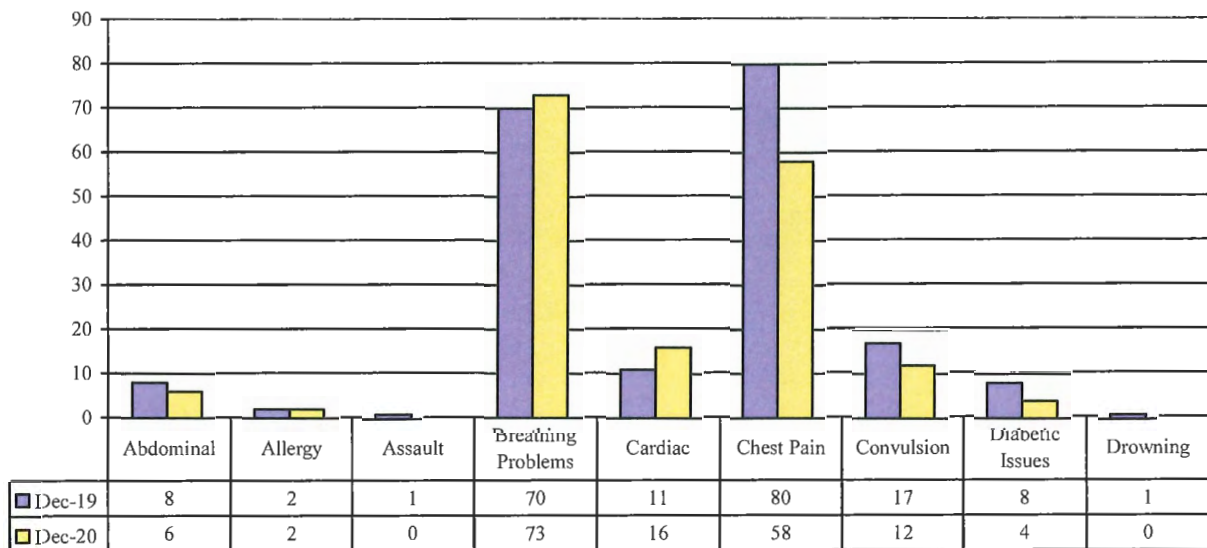
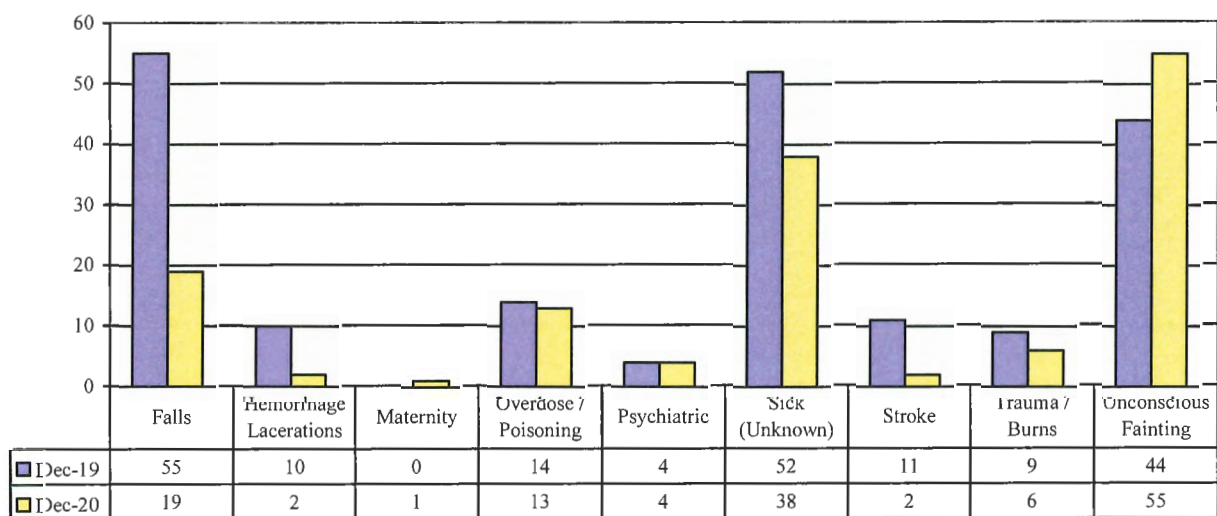


Table 4b: December 2019 & 2020 Medical Calls by Type





## Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for December 2020 are listed below:

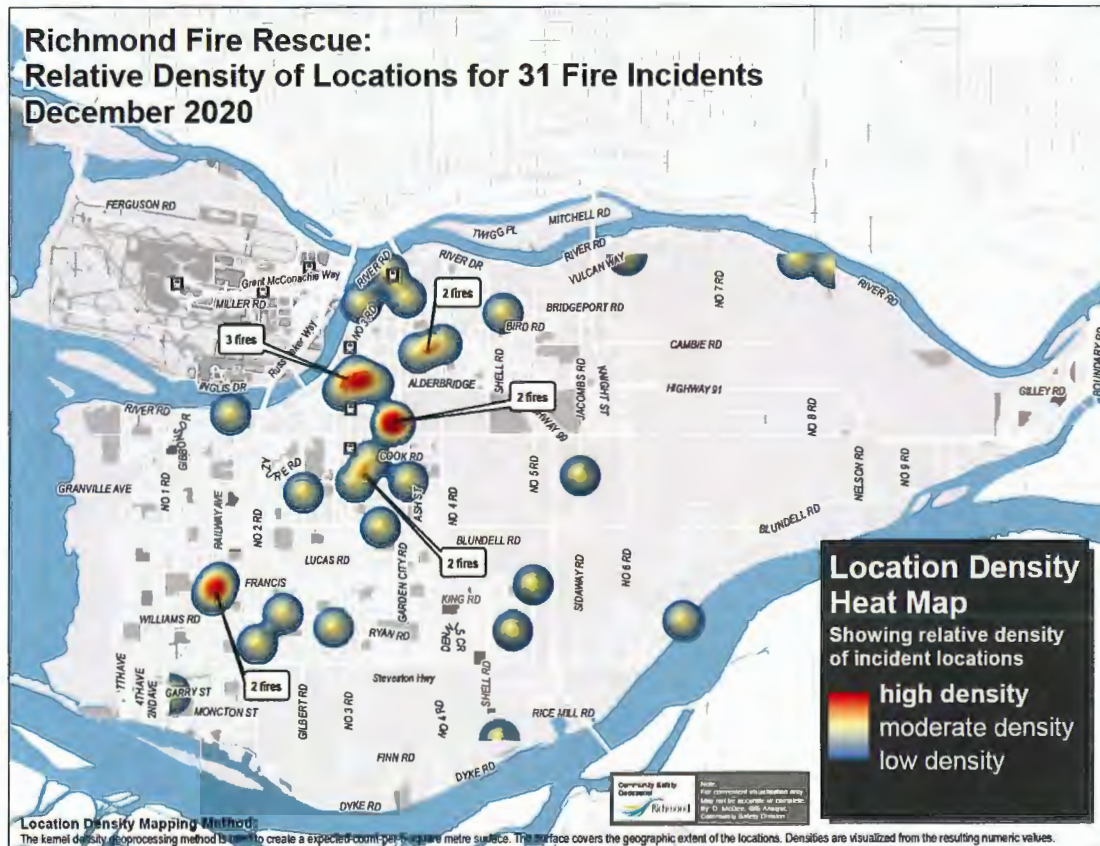
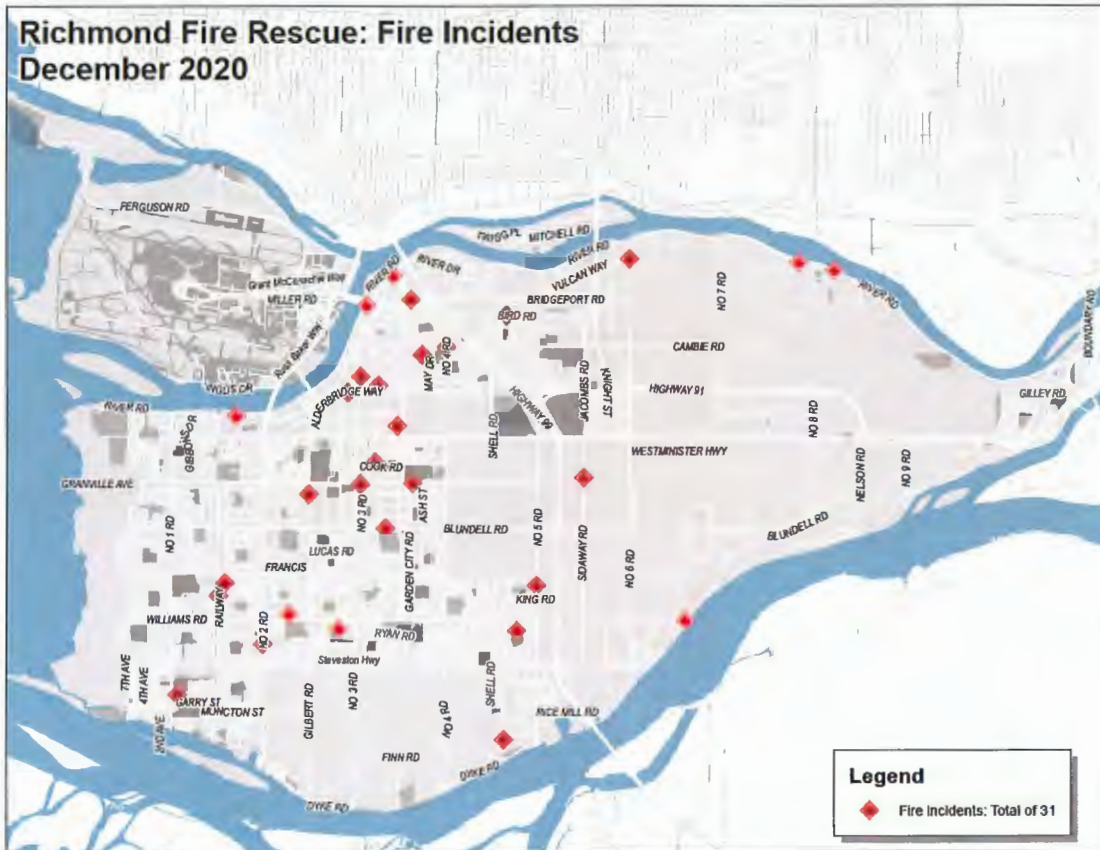
<b>Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – December 2020</b>			
	<b>Suspicious</b>	<b>Accidental</b>	<b>Undetermined</b>
Residential - Single-family	1	4	-
Residential - Multi-family	1	6	-
Commercial/Industrial	-	4	1
Outdoor	2	4	2
Vehicle	2	3	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>

Richmond Fire-Rescue investigators report all suspicious fires to the RCMP, while working alongside RCMP staff to address potential risks to the community.

## Hazardous Materials

<b>Table 6: HazMat Calls By Type – December 2020</b>	
	<b>Details</b>
Natural Gas / Propane Leaks (small)	9
Unclassified	1
Flammable / Combustible Liquids	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>

Figure 1: Location of reportable fires attended in December 2020 (total 31)





**Figure 2: Location of medical calls in December 2020 (total 311)**

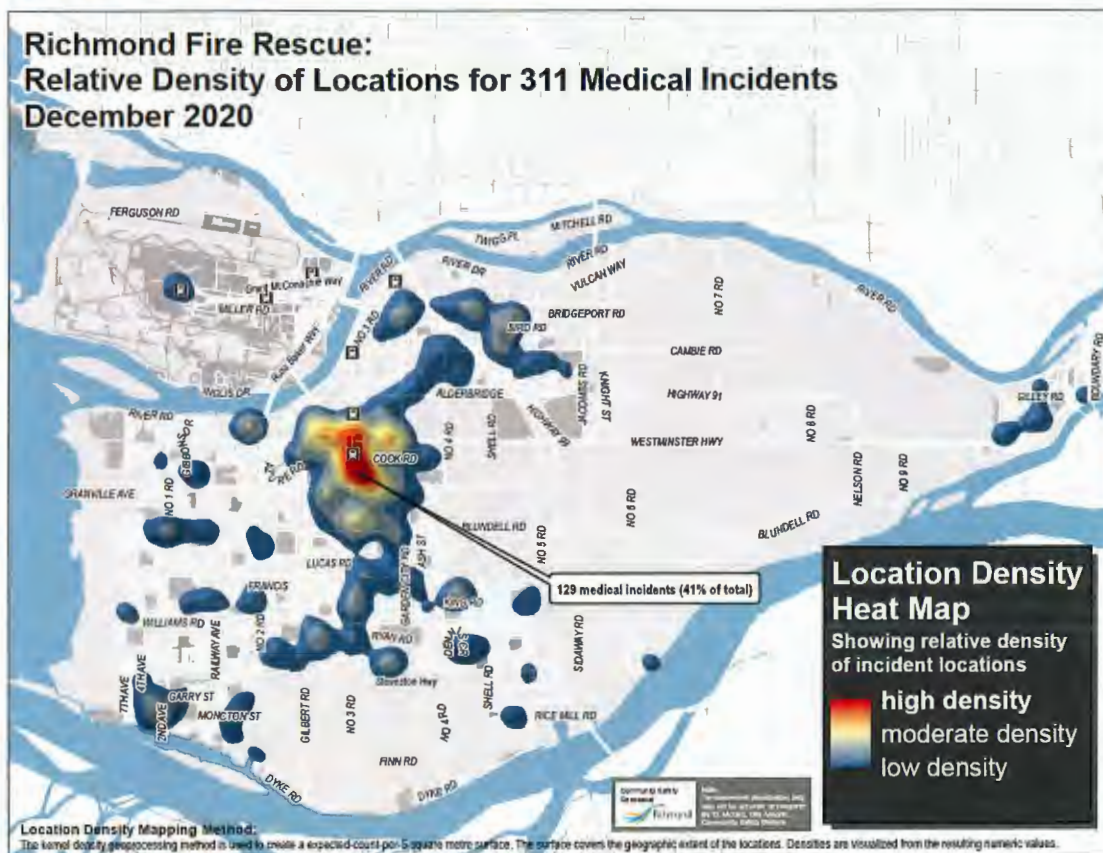
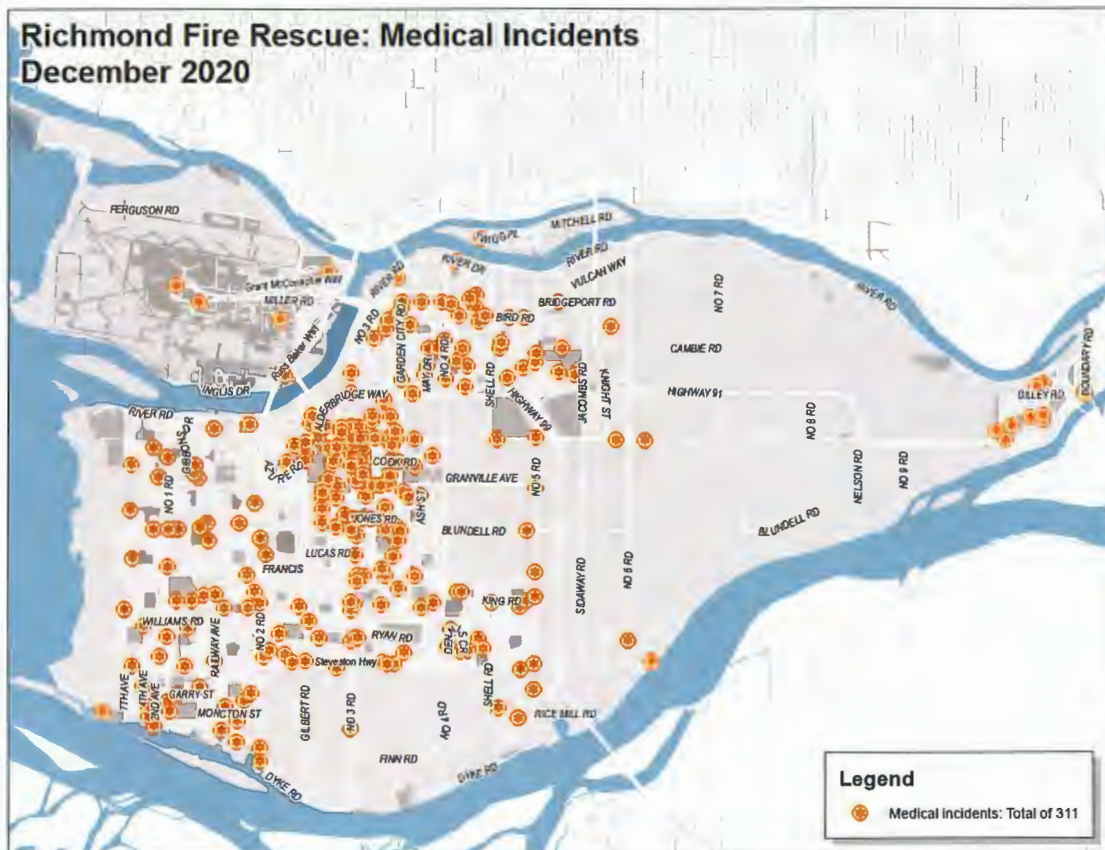
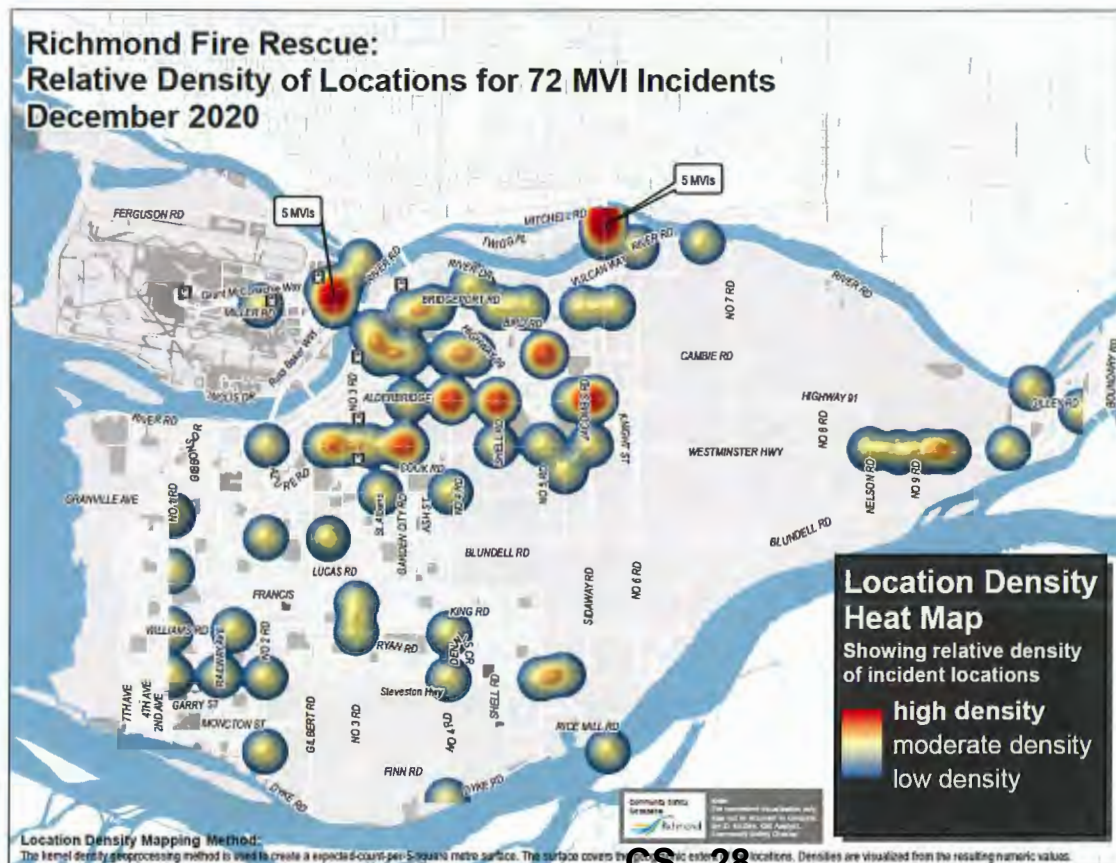
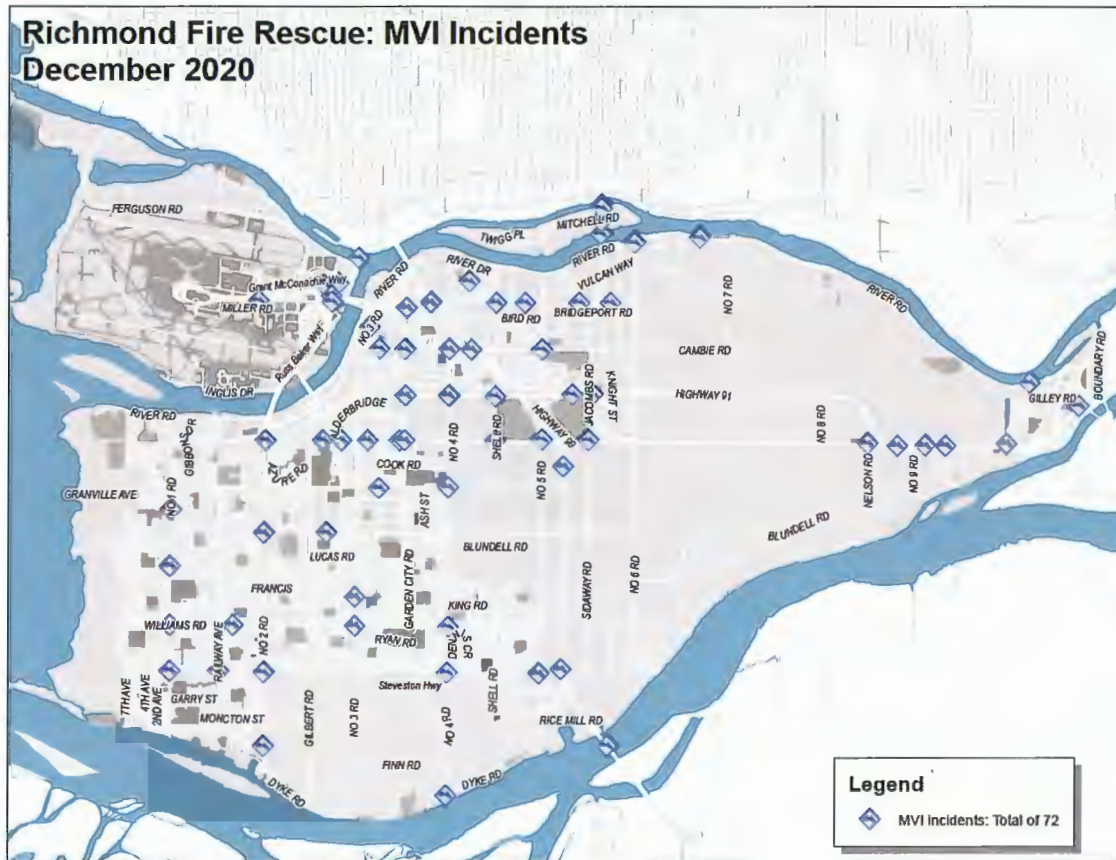




Figure 3: Location of MVI calls in December 2020 (total 72)





# City of Richmond

## Memorandum Community Safety Division Emergency Programs

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<b>To:</b>	Community Safety Committee	<b>Date:</b>	January 20, 2021
<b>From:</b>	Jim Wishlove Deputy Chief	<b>File:</b>	09-5140-01/2021-Vol 01
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Emergency Programs Quarterly Activity Update – Fourth Quarter 2020</b>		

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update on Emergency Programs planning and response activities during the fourth quarter of 2020.

### Community Information

Due to the potential exposure of COVID-19, organized face-to-face public education activities were temporarily suspended. Emergency Programs staff transitioned to creating and providing virtual, online education sessions in collaboration with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. In the fourth quarter of 2020, approximately 67 attendees participated in online learning presentations. The online sessions provided newly arriving Richmond community members with emergency programs information available in both English and Chinese.

Emergency Programs staff continued to reach out to the community to register additional residents into the Emergency Notification System (ENS). During the fourth quarter of 2020, an additional 55 registrations were added to the system, totalling over 6,717 Richmond residents registered for RichmondBC Alert Notifications.

### Emergency Planning

Emergency Programs staff continued to plan and support City business processes to ensure service continuity in the event of an emergency event. Staff connected with leadership teams across the City to maintain these supportive planning roles.

### Emergency Support Services (ESS) Response and Transition

Emergency Support Services callout and response continued to provide emergency accommodation and support to residents displaced from a structure fire occurring in their home.

In the fourth quarter of 2020, Emergency Programs staff supported the following two events:

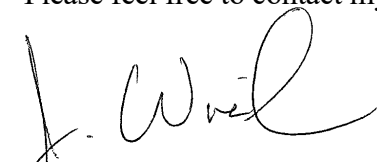
- Single House Fire: October 1, 2020 – one adult and two children accommodated
- Apartment Fire: November 10, 2020 – nine adults (four apartment units displaced)

Emergency Programs staff continued to work with the Canadian Red Cross (Red Cross) society to prepare for the transition to the Red Cross ESS service in February of 2021. The transition of volunteers from the Richmond ESS program to the Red Cross system was complete in the fourth quarter of 2020. The Red Cross will be focussing on incorporating the Richmond volunteers into their new system with training, support and education.

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Support

In the fourth quarter of 2020 the City's EOC remained activated and in alignment with the ongoing Provincial State of Emergency. Staff have continued to update the EOC with information from the Provincial Emergency Management directives and coordinate any recoverable costs related to COVID-19 impacts.

Please feel free to contact myself, should you require any further information.



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Deputy Fire Chief  
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# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

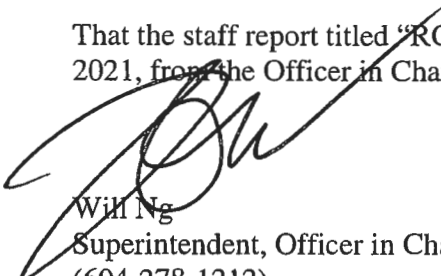
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**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Will Ng  
Superintendent, Officer in Charge  
**Date:** January 8, 2021  
**File:** 09-5000-01/2021-Vol  
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**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – December 2020

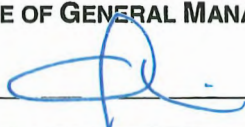

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### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – December 2020", dated January 8, 2021, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

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

Att. 3

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
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SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: MO
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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

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**

##### ***Safe Place Program***

On December 1, 2020, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release promoting the Safe Place program, which is a police-sponsored initiative for LGBTQ2S+ victims of crime. As part of the Safe Place program, participating schools, business and other institutions pledge to assist victims and witnesses of anti-LGBTQ2S+ crimes, while offering them a safe place to wait for police. Participating locations are identified by the Safe Place decal, which is placed prominently near the main entrance to the building.

##### ***Child Luring***

On December 3, 2020, a male driving a van approached a boy in the 10400 block of Seacote Road and attempted to lure him away. The boy immediately left the area and reported the incident to school officials, who contacted police. The Richmond RCMP issued a media release with a description of the suspect driver, in addition to a photograph of a vehicle of interest. The incident is under investigation.

##### ***Search Warrants***

On December 19, 2020, Richmond RCMP specialized units were assisted by the RCMP Lower Mainland Integrated Emergency Response Team with the execution of three search warrants.



The search warrants were the result of an ongoing investigation targeting a multi-jurisdictional crime group responsible for frauds throughout the province. Police arrested five suspects and seized stolen property, including a vehicle. Police also discovered materials used for the production of fraudulent identification and credit cards. The investigation is ongoing.

#### *Pedestrian Fatality*

On December 26, 2020, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a collision involving a pedestrian at the intersection of No. 2 Road and Andrews Road. A female pedestrian was struck by a vehicle while crossing at a marked crosswalk. The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and was cooperative with police. The pedestrian was taken to hospital but later succumbed to her injuries. Richmond RCMP have ruled out alcohol and speed as contributing factors in the collision. The collision remains under investigation.

#### *Shooting*

On December 29, 2020, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a shooting in the 8000 block of Jones Road. Police located a 19-year-old male victim at the scene suffering from a gunshot wound. The man was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police believe this was a targeted event and suspects have been identified. The incident remains under investigation and is not believed to be related to the ongoing Lower Mainland gang conflict.

#### Analysis of Police Statistics

##### *Arson*

In December 2020, there were 16 reported arsons, which is up 10 incidents from the previous month and up 15 incidents from December 2019. Investigators have identified suspects in three of these events. Police have also linked one of the suspicious fires to a series of arsons, which are under investigation. No additional patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is above the expected range.

In 2020, the number of arsons was more than double the number reported in 2019. Police have identified links between a number of these events and the incidents remain under investigation.

##### *Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were 25 assault serious events in December 2020, which is a 79 per cent increase from the previous month and is more than three times the number reported in December 2019. Of the incidents reported this month, 32 per cent were domestic in nature. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is above the expected range.

In 2020, the number of assault serious events increased 36 per cent when compared to 2019. Criminal analysis has not identified any notable patterns or trends.

*Auto Theft*

In December 2020, there were 26 incidents of auto theft, which is a 10 per cent reduction from the previous month and a seven per cent reduction from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range.

In 2020, the number of auto thefts decreased eight per cent when compared to 2019.

*Drugs*

In December 2020, there were 28 drug files, which is down 20 per cent from the previous month and down 76 per cent from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

In 2020, the number of drug incidents decreased 20 per cent when compared to the total reported in 2019.

*Mental Health*

There were 141 mental health-related incidents in December 2020, which is up four per cent from the previous month and down 27 per cent from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the expected range.

Police apprehension numbers increased to 106 events this month, representing a 41 per cent increase from the previous month; 13 individuals accounted for 28 per cent of these events.<sup>1</sup> Conversely, the average hospital wait time decreased to 75 minutes, which is a 23 per cent reduction from the previous month and represents a return to the expected range.

The number of mental health-related incidents in 2020 decreased 17 per cent when compared to 2019.

*Residential Break and Enter*

There were 47 break and enters to residences in December 2020, which represents a four per cent increase from the previous month and a six per cent increase from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range.

In 2020, residential break and enters decreased 21 per cent when compared to the number reported in 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> A person apprehended under the Mental Health Act may be brought to a hospital for assessment by a health practitioner who would determine if hospitalization, medical treatment or a further referral is required.

*Commercial Break and Enter*

In December 2020, there were 25 break and enters to businesses, which represents no change from the previous month and is down 26 per cent from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is below the expected range.

In 2020, commercial break and enters decreased four per cent when compared to 2019.

*Robbery*

There were four robbery incidents in December 2020, which is up two incidents from the previous month and down two incidents from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the expected range.

In 2020, the number of robberies decreased 35 per cent when compared to 2019.

*Sexual Offences*

In December 2020, there were nine sexual offence files, which represents a 31 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 25 per cent decrease from December 2019. Sexual offences declined for the fourth consecutive month in December 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the expected range.

In 2020, the number of sexual offences decreased 14 per cent when compared to the number reported in 2019.

*Shoplifting*

There were 65 shoplifting thefts in December 2020, which up 10 per cent from the previous month and down 30 per cent from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of reported shoplifting thefts this month is within the expected range.

In 2020, shoplifting thefts decreased 38 per cent when compared to 2019.

*Theft from Automobile*

There were 141 theft from automobile incidents in December 2020, which is up four per cent from the previous month and down 30 per cent from December 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the expected range.

In 2020, the number of thefts from automobiles decreased 18 per cent when compared to 2019.

*COVID-19 Statistics*

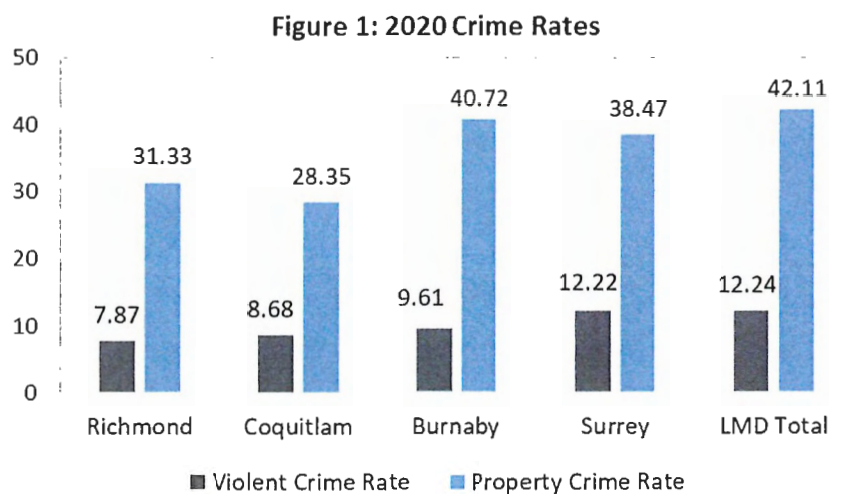
Table 1 outlines the number of police calls for service related to COVID-19. In December 2020, there were 35 COVID-19-related files and 36 Violation Tickets were issued under the *COVID-19-Related Measures Act*. Notable incidents occurred at the end of December and included a

large social gathering in a condominium. Police also discovered an illegal liquor den in a commercial area and issued 20 Violation Tickets, including 18 Violation Tickets for Failure to Wear Face Covering in Indoor Public Space.

Table 1: COVID-19-related Calls for Service December 2020	
Total COVID-19-related files	35
Quarantine Act (Federal)	3
Public Health Act (Provincial)	10
COVID-19-Related Measures Act	22

### Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.<sup>2</sup> 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 in 2020. Richmond's property crime rate decreased 12 per cent when compared to 2019.



### Auxiliary Program

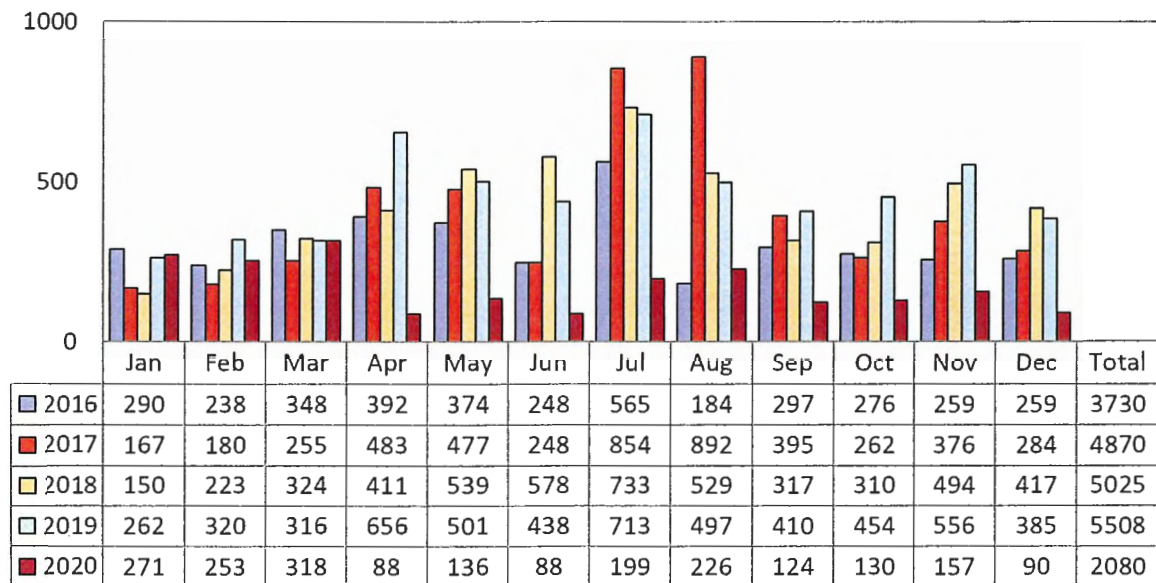
In December 2020, the Richmond RCMP Detachment had a complement of 31 Auxiliaries.<sup>3</sup> Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, volunteer activities have been significantly reduced. The number of volunteer hours in 2020 were considerably lower than in previous years. Auxiliaries provided a total of 90 volunteer hours during the month of December.

<sup>2</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2020 population projections).

<sup>3</sup> Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided from 2016 to 2020.

**Figure 2: Auxiliary Volunteer Hours**



#### *Auxiliary Program Activities*

Auxiliaries attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and assist with community policing and crime prevention initiatives, as well as traffic and crowd control. During the month of December, Auxiliaries participated in:

- Bait Car
- Departmental Operations Centre
- Home Security Checks (virtual)
- Media (videos shared on Twitter)
- Mobile App

#### Block Watch

At the end of December 2020, the Block Watch program had 309 groups totaling 6,732 participants. Currently, the program includes 442 captains and co-captains. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Block Watch program has suspended training for new captains.

#### Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations enhance the Richmond RCMP Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all three community police stations have been closed to the public since March 2020. Volunteer deployments resumed in June, in accordance with guidelines established by RCMP "E" Division's Crime Prevention Services; however, the scope of volunteer activities has been limited. City staff and volunteers continue to pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility.

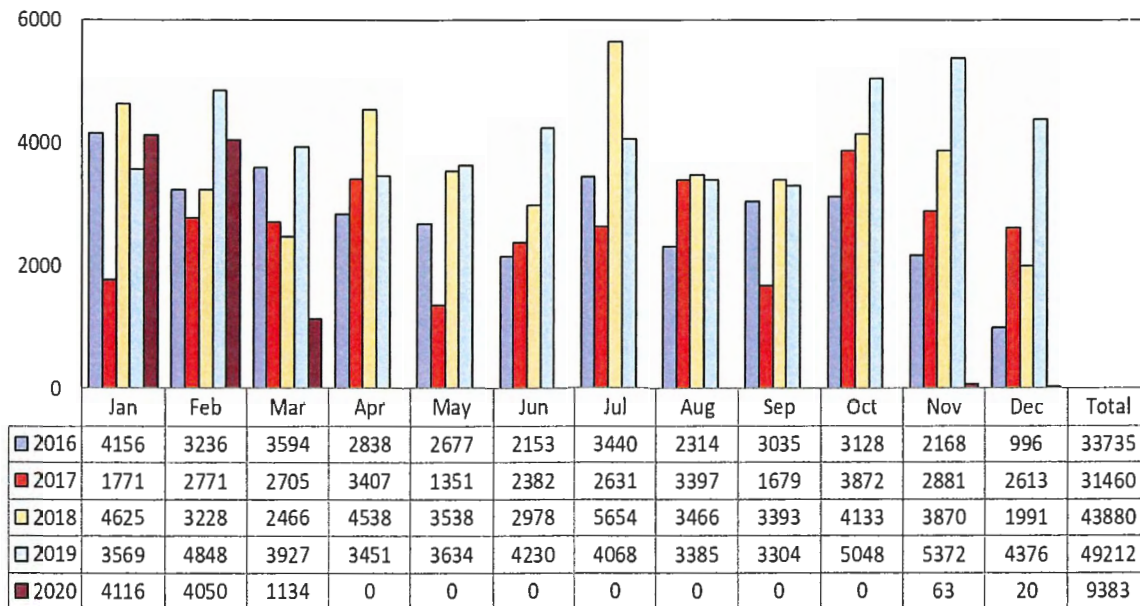
During the month of December volunteer highlights included:

- December 7 and 17 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with Lock Out Auto Crime deployments and issued 20 information letters. Crime prevention notices have been temporarily replaced by information letters, which are mailed to registered vehicle owners.
- December 12 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Toy Drive Fundraiser at the Lansdowne Mall. Police officers wore Red Serge to raise money for the Richmond Christmas Fund.
- December 15 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Speed Watch deployment. Nine information letters were mailed to registered vehicle owners.

### *Lock Out Auto Crime*

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.<sup>4</sup>

**Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



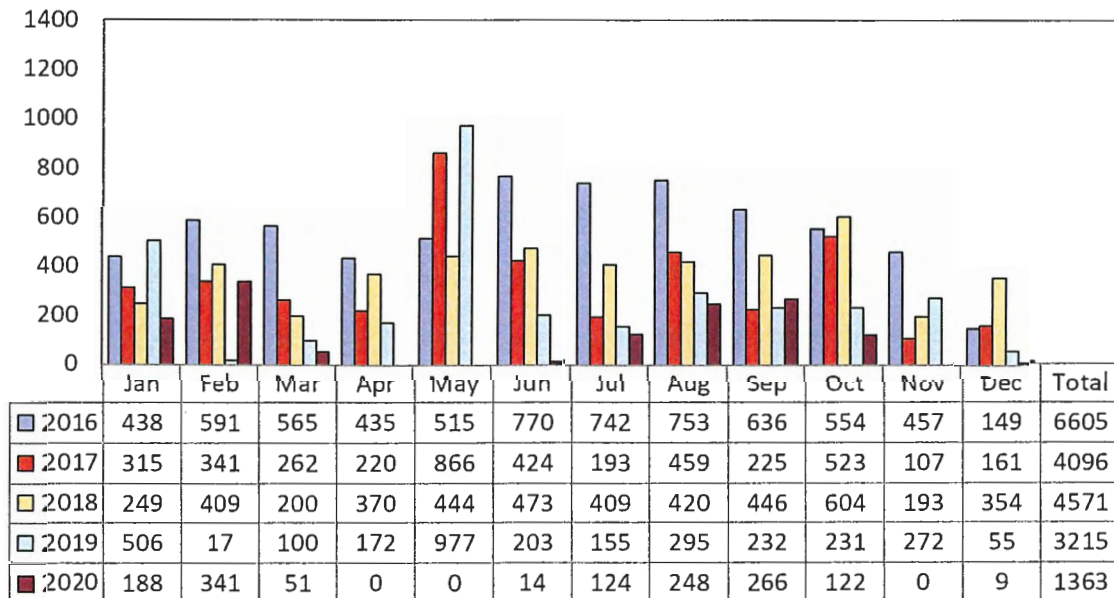
<sup>4</sup> Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices.



### 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 education initiatives. During the month of December, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Richmond Christmas Fund Event
- Safe Place Program
- Speed Watch
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Presentation

### 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. In December, the Road Safety Unit partnered with frontline officers and the Metro Vancouver Transit Police for increased road safety enforcement, including police road blocks. Notably, during one three-hour operation, officers issued 34 Violation Tickets and impounded/towed four vehicles. The offences included driving while prohibited, a 90-day Immediate Roadside Prohibition and two suspensions under the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

Table 2 compares statistics for December 2020 to both October 2020 and November 2020. Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>October 2020</b>	<b>November 2020</b>	<b>December 2020</b>
Distracted Driving	130	84	122
Driver License	230	207	198
Impaired	23	27	35
Intersection Offences	55	54	55
Moving Infractions <sup>5</sup>	165	217	204
Speeding	288	332	289
Seatbelts	5	4	2
Vehicle Related <sup>6</sup>	99	82	109
Other <sup>7</sup>	7	0	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>1,063</b>

### Victim Services

In December 2020, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 53 new clients and attended seven crime/trauma scenes after hours. Victim Services reduced in-person client services in March 2020 and began offering services by phone but continue to attend some of the more serious calls in-person. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 207 files. In December, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, mental health issues and a fatal pedestrian accident.

### 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 December, Youth Section highlights included:

- Twenty Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes delivered via Zoom as the program continued through virtual lessons. The first term of the program successfully concluded with virtual DARE graduations.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 33 proactive school visits at Secondary Schools and 25 visits at Elementary Schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

<sup>5</sup> Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

<sup>6</sup> Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

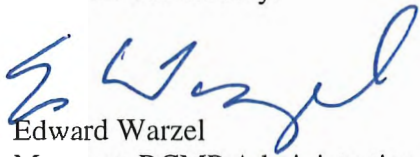
<sup>7</sup> Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.



## Conclusion

In December 2020, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including the execution of search warrants relating to a multi-jurisdictional crime group and the targeted shooting of a 19-year-old man. There was also a pedestrian fatality this month, which remains under investigation. Police statistics for 2020 indicate that there were notable reductions in almost all crime types, including a 35 per cent decrease in robberies and a 21 per cent decrease in residential break and enters. The property crime rate in 2020 also declined by 12 per cent.

In December, the Richmond RCMP promoted the Safe Place program, a police sponsored initiative for LGBTQ2S+ victims of crime. In addition, the first term of the DARE program successfully concluded with virtual lessons and student graduations. 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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(604-207-4767)

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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs  
2: Crime Statistics  
3: Crime Maps

#### Auxiliary Constables

- The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community policing activities related to public safety and crime prevention.
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm](http://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](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## DECEMBER 2020 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**.

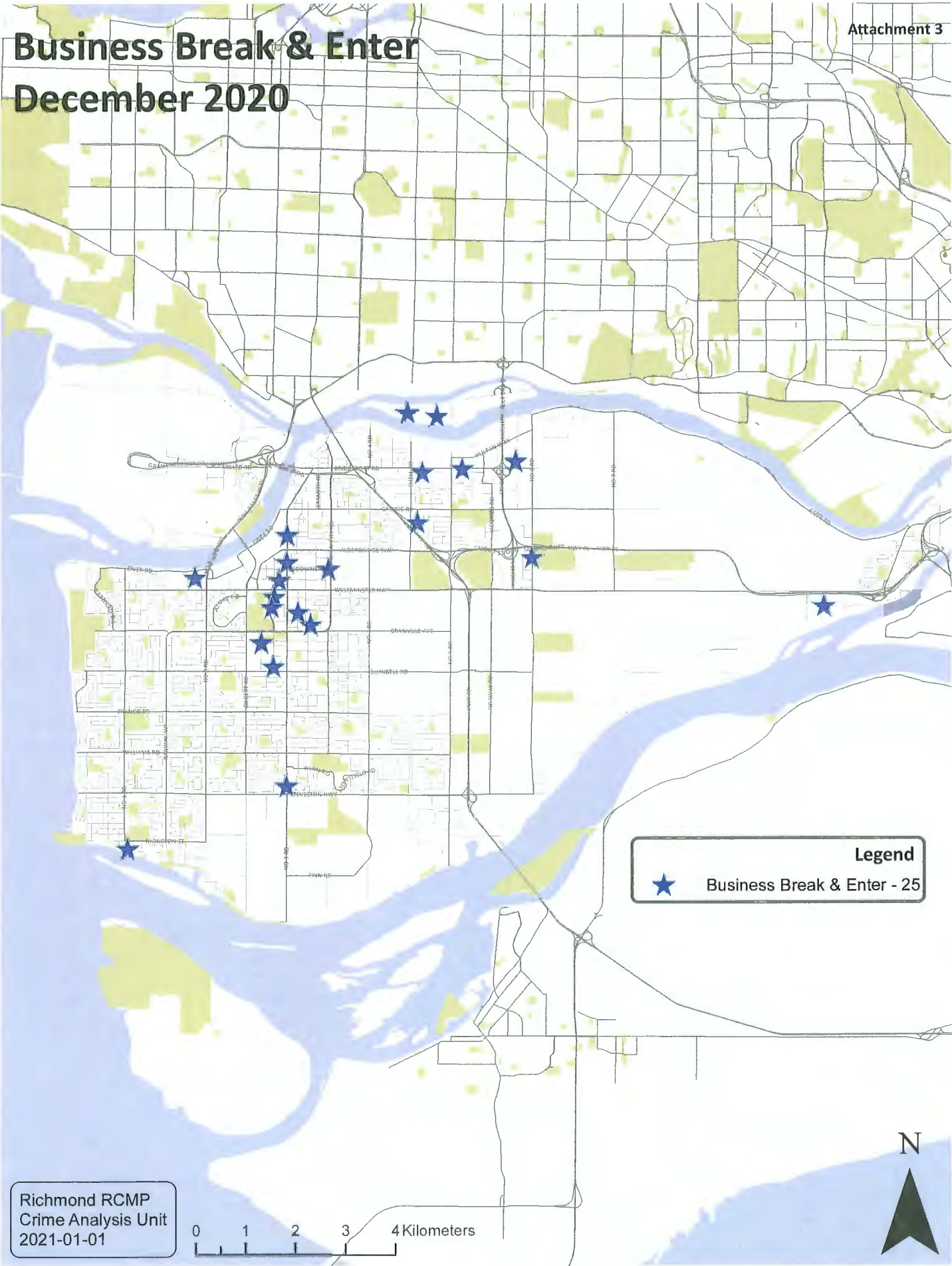
Year-to-Date percentage change is used to numbers from the prior year, but the new CCJS/UCR standards reduce the utility of this metric. 2019 YTD numbers will be biased to increase from the 2018 totals, despite any positive police action.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Dec-20	December		2019	2020	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>144</b>	<b>110.2</b>	<b>92-129</b>	<b>1733</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-29</b>
Robbery <small>UCR 1610 (1-3)</small>	4	4.4	2-6	83	54	-35%	-29
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	53	43.8	33-54	631	611	-3%	-20
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410, 1420</small>	25	10.0	7-13	127	173	36%	46
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 145, 136, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000</small>	9	8.6	5-12	221	189	-14%	-32
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>592</b>	<b>665.4</b>	<b>621-710</b>	<b>7831</b>	<b>6712</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-1119</b>
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	25	41.8	38-46	395	379	-4%	-16
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	47	63.6	42-86	583	462	-21%	-121
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178</small>	26	29.2	24-35	302	277	-8%	-25
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2141</small>	141	202.4	175-230	2041	1671	-18%	-370
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	49	96.2	87-105	1159	703	-39%	-456
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>	65	64.6	49-80	1037	641	-38%	-396
Fraud <small>UCR 2150 (10-11), 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 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<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>217</b>	<b>182.2</b>	<b>162-203</b>	<b>2329</b>	<b>2316</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-13</b>
Arson <small>UCR 3120, 3121</small>	16	2.6	1-4	35	87	149%	52
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>954</b>	<b>957.8</b>	<b>892-1024</b>	<b>10873</b>	<b>10878</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>28</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>25-91</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>-147</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>141</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>118-170</b>	<b>2291</b>	<b>1907</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>-384</b>

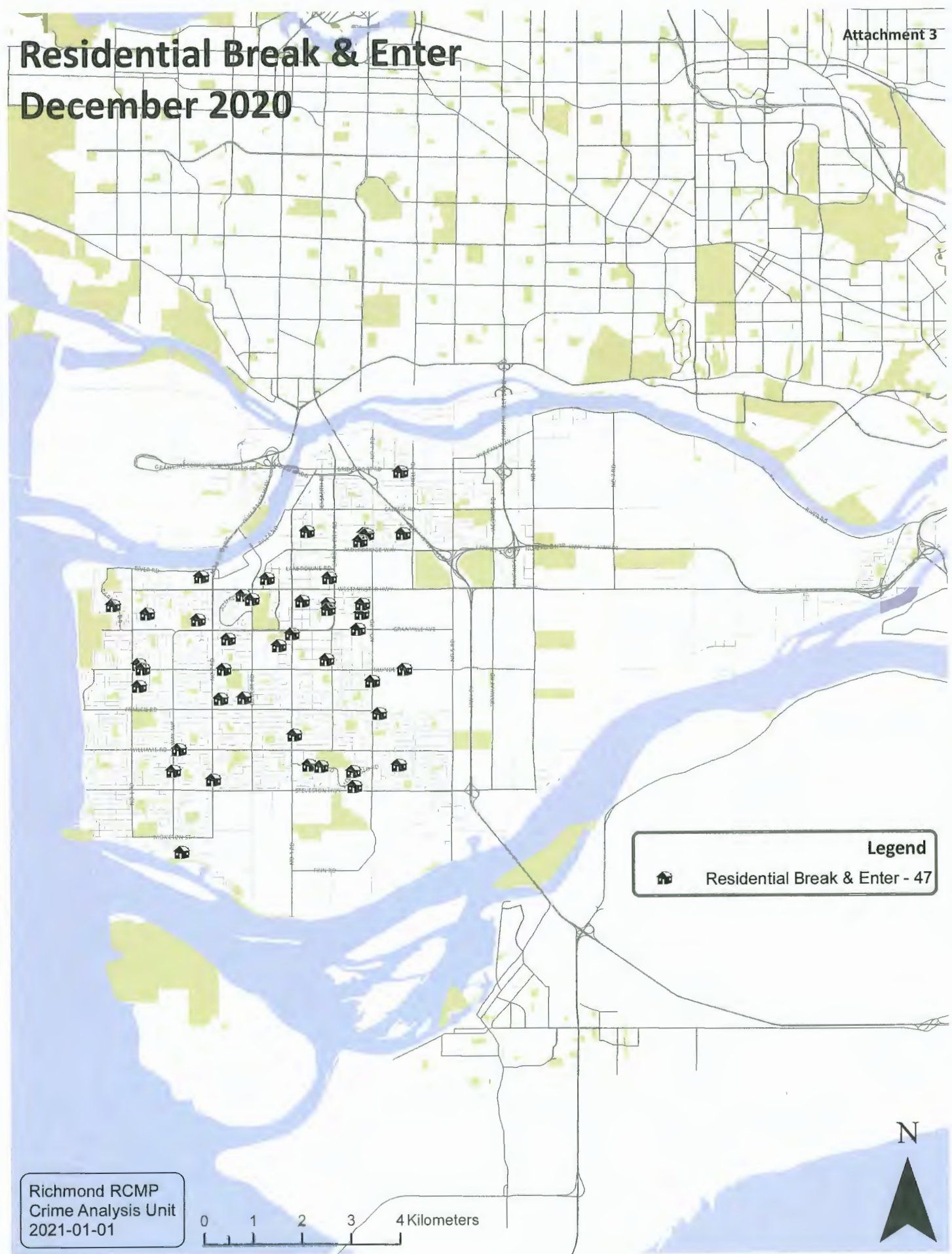
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# Business Break & Enter December 2020



# Residential Break & Enter December 2020



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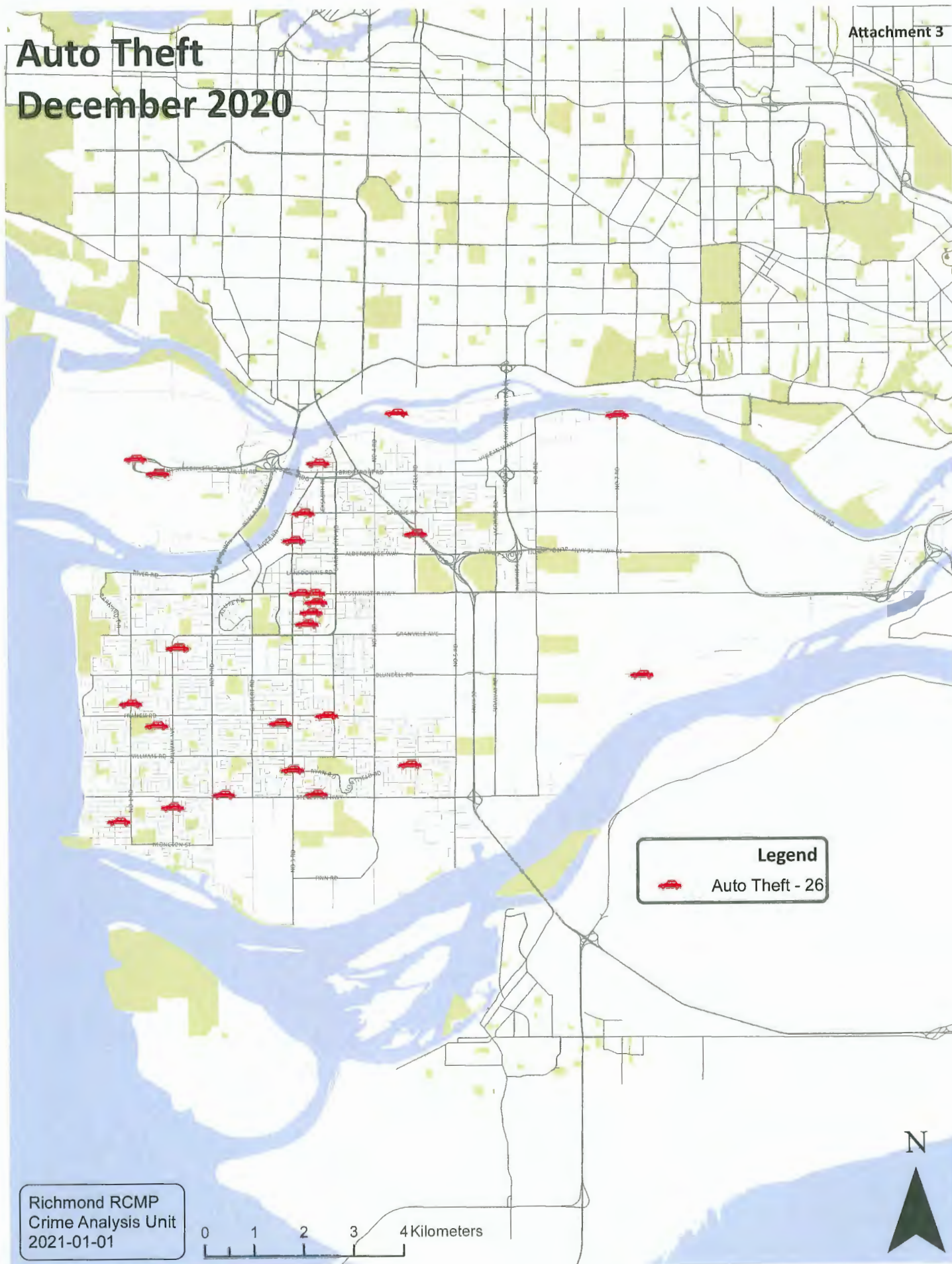
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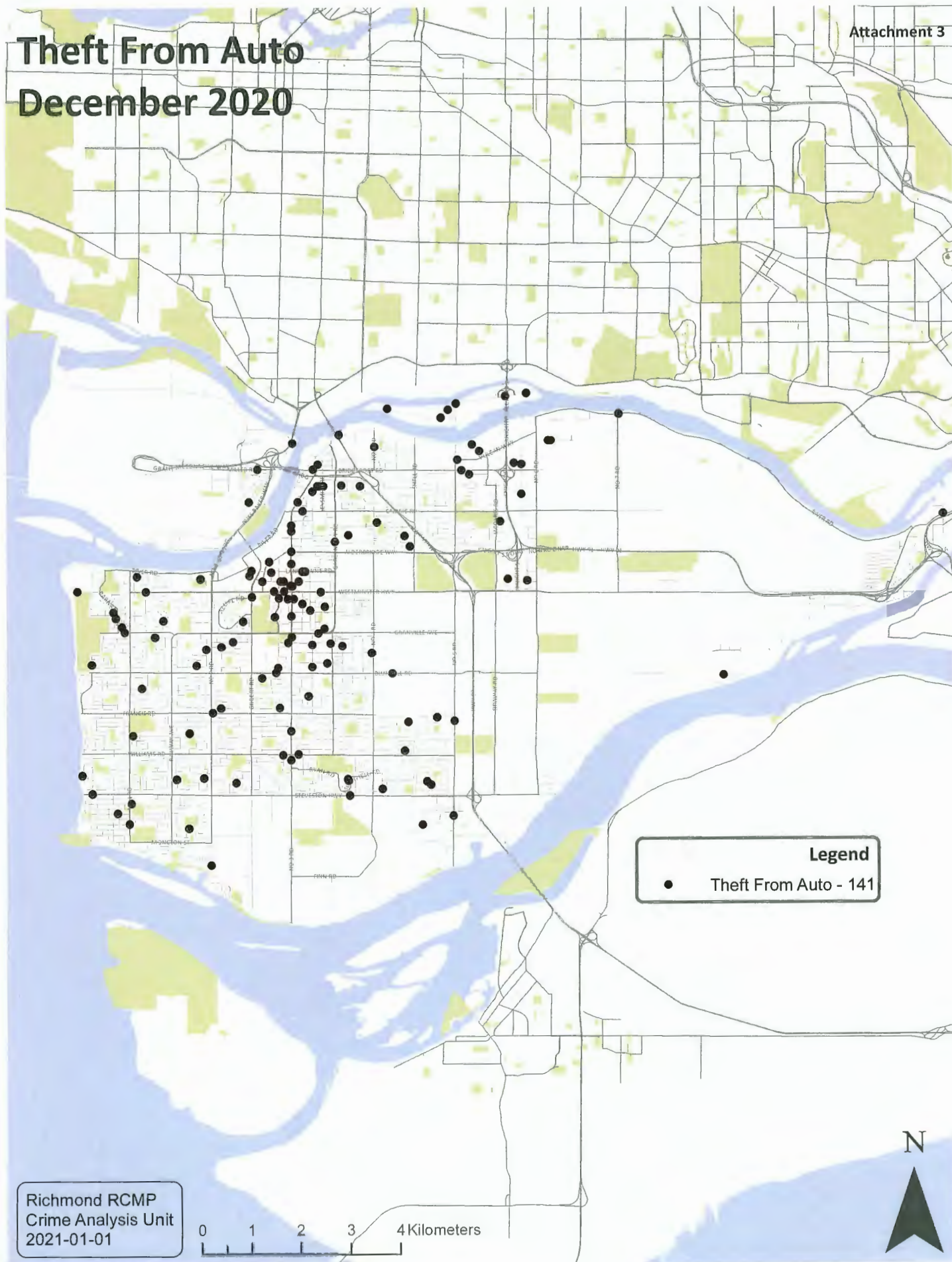




# Auto Theft December 2020



# Theft From Auto December 2020



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