



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

CS-4 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on February 10, 2026.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

April 14, 2026, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

DELEGATIONS

1. Captain Kylie MacDonald, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR), to provide a brief update on education and outreach the RFR team has delivered to the community in the recent times.



Pg. # ITEM

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2026**
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8315728)

CS-18

See Page CS-18 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – January 2026”, dated February 10, 2026, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8316072)

CS-25

See Page CS-25 for full report

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2026”, dated February 13, 2026, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**
(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

Community Safety Committee Agenda – Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Pg. # ITEM

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8295225)

CS-45

See Page CS-45 for full report

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2026”, dated February 11, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

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

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

7. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026
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 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 January 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2025
AND YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8284213)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) reactive and proactive calls for service, (ii) the process of prioritizing calls for service for soil deposition and/or removal calls, (iii) the process of handling complaints against City bylaw officers, (iv) school patrols and traffic signage around schools, and (v) repainting of medians on Chatham Street and installation of traffic signage.

Community Safety Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) support is needed from the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) to address issues on Provincial land such as decamping sites within the city, (ii) over 50 percent of calls about unauthorized soil deposition and removal activity involve repeat offenders with some properties receiving multiple tickets per week, and several cases proceeding to Provincial court, (iii) in 2025, staff removed five derelict vessels and two sunken vessels from docks and moorage areas, these were complex operations involving multiple different agencies, (v) in 2025, 55 properties were deemed non-compliant for soil deposition or removal, with an average of 52 active files at any time. The addition of a second full time Soil Bylaw Enforcement Officer has increased capacity to deal with many of the calls for service, and expedite soil permits, and (vii) through the SPCA, there is a network of veterinarians in Richmond that provide care to unhouseed animals, staff will provide Committee with more information on this program.

Staff will provide Council with a breakdown of calls for service and with information on any Canada geese related calls.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Activity Report – December 2025 and Year in Review”, dated January 15, 2026, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2025 AND YEAR IN REVIEW**
(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8278848)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) the on-going toxic drug crisis in BC and the effectiveness of naloxone on the illicit drug supply, and (ii) Richmond Fire Rescue’s process for prioritizing calls for service.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2025 and Year in Review”, dated January 13, 2026, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**
(Verbal Report)

None

2.

Community Safety Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

4. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8260839)

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – December 2025”, dated January 16, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

None

6. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

(i) City of Richmond’s Public Safety Camera System Program- city of Williams Lake

Staff shared correspondence received from the City of Williams Lake expressing support for the City of Richmond’s Public Safety Camera System Program (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1). Staff spoke to the next steps in the application for judicial review of the Order of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and advised that they have corresponded with City of Surrey who has indicated support for the City’s Public Safety Camera System and will be releasing a press release to that effect.

(ii) Oak Street Bridge – Clean Up Overview

Staff referred to the memorandum titled “Oak Street Bridge – Clean Up Overview” (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2) and updated Committee on the City’s coordinated response to the accumulation of abandoned structures, debris, and materials located on MOTT lands beneath the Oak Street Bridge. Staff highlighted that all 14 sites were cleaned and hazards removed without MOTT’s participation in the clean-up operation. The City led the effort using its own resources and inter-agency partnerships to address safety, environmental, and public concerns and multiple social service agencies worked to connect individuals residing under the bridge deck with housing, treatment, and detox services.

Discussion ensued with respect to invoicing MOTT for the clean up efforts made by the City, and the possibility of conducting a similar coordinated operation at Westminster Highway and No. 5 Road.

Staff advised that they will invoice MOTT for the Oak Street Bridge clean up and coordinate with the Communications department on a public news release highlighting the operation’s success.

3.

Community Safety Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:53 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, February 10, 2026.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate

CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.



February 9, 2026

File No. 2-9-13A / 0530-08

Mayor Malcolm Brodie and Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC
V6Y 2C1

**TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**



Sent via email: mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca

Dear Mayor Brodie and Council:

Re: City of Richmond's Public Safety Camera System Program

At its Regular meeting on January 27, 2026, City of Williams Lake Council received information regarding the City of Richmond's public safety camera system program. Our understanding is that in May 2025, the BC Information and Privacy Commissioner commenced an investigation into whether the City of Richmond's pilot project to install high-resolution cameras at select intersections complied with privacy provisions set out in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. In January 2026, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) issued an order to the City of Richmond to remove the high-resolution intersection cameras, which the City is currently challenging.

With threats to public safety escalating, local governments must have the tools to be able to respond quickly to serious incidents that threaten the safety and security of their communities. They must have the ability to be creative and innovative, recognizing that local governments cannot always count on senior levels of government for immediate funding and support. Advancing the targeted use of public cameras in Richmond and comparable communities in BC is a critical tool to help ensure public safety.

Strategic camera use can assist in deterring and addressing criminal activity, accelerate investigations, and increase safety without eroding individual privacy rights. Local governments are constantly responding to ongoing and increasing challenges with vandalism, theft, illegal dumping, violence, and public disorder, the revolving door of the justice system and the ongoing need for bail reform, among other issues.

The option to implement security cameras to address specific safety issues is extremely important. When implemented with strict privacy protection measures in place, cameras are a proven tool to target illegal activity and can deliver meaningful reductions in crime, assist RCMP investigations, and improve community safety and confidence. This is not just the view of local governments, but is also supported by the RCMP for their investigative purposes.

PHOTOCOPIED

FEB 10 2026

& DISTRIBUTED

250.392.2311



450 Mart St. Williams Lake, BC V2Y 2N3

CS - 8

www.williamslake.ca



250.392.4408



There is no doubt that the OIPC's investigation and resulting order does not address the very real threats to public safety that exist across the province. It is local governments that must respond to issues in their communities proactively and quickly. The inability to implement a system that is effective and used judiciously only enables those acting outside the law to continue their activities, to the detriment of the public as a whole.

City of Williams Lake Council supports the City of Richmond's Public Safety Camera System Program, and urges senior levels of government to reconsider the outdated and unnecessarily restrictive approach to collecting data for public safety. Downloading the responsibility for public safety to local governments without the power to implement proactive and effective measures puts our communities at ever-increasing risk, and we must be able to use reasonable methods to help ensure our residents' safety, including the targeted use of public cameras.

Yours truly,



Mayor Surinderpal Rathor

c: Premier David Eby Premier@gov.bc.ca
Union of BC Municipalities ubcm@ubcm.ca
North Central Local Government Association admin@nclga.ca



City of Richmond

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Memorandum Law & Community Safety Division

To: Mayor and Councillors
From: Mark Corrado
Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing
Re: **Oak Street Bridge – Clean Up Overview**
Date: February 9, 2026
File: 12-8060-01/2025-Vol 01

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update regarding the City's coordinated response to the accumulation of abandoned structures, debris, and materials located on Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) lands beneath the Oak Street Bridge.

From January 27 through February 3, 2026, the City oversaw a carefully planned and phased clean-up operation of abandoned structures and discarded materials located beneath the Oak Street Bridge, between Van Horne Way and Bridgeport Road. Acting under authorities provided to the Fire Chief under the Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw No. 8306, the clean-up operation was led by Community Bylaws and conducted in close coordination with Joint Operations Team (JOT) members including, Richmond Fire-Rescue, City Homelessness Outreach staff, Environmental Programs, Richmond RCMP and Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) staff.

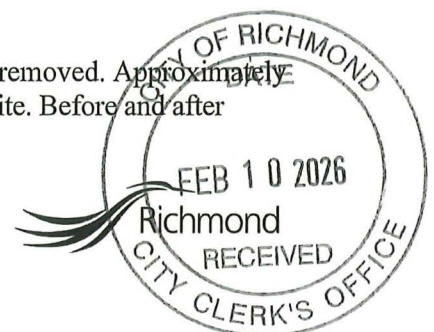
This multi-agency approach ensured the work was conducted safely, lawfully, and with appropriate consideration for both environmental and human impacts. The clean-up was conducted in phases, beginning at the southernmost portion of the bridge deck and progressing northward. This phased approach allowed crews to systematically address hazards while minimizing disruption and maintaining situational awareness.

For several months prior to the cleanup, multiple social service agencies worked to connect individuals residing under the bridge deck with housing, treatment, and detox services. These efforts reduced occupancy from a peak of 12 individuals to three. At the time of the cleanup, the three individuals still regularly occupying portions of the area were well known to City staff and partner agencies. In these cases, services had either been declined or engagement and support remained ongoing.

In accordance with jurisdictional authority limitations, no individuals were decamped or directed to vacate the site, and the clean-up was limited to abandoned structures, debris, and unsafe materials. Prior to removal, items identified for disposal were screened for personal effects such as ID or wallets. The remaining individuals were informed of the work in advance and, in some cases, assisted crews by sorting materials and identifying items for removal.

In total, 14 previously identified sites of structures and dumping sites were removed. Approximately 15 commercial truckloads of debris and materials were removed from the site. Before and after images are provided in Attachment 1.

PHOTOCOPIED
FEB 10 2026
CS 10



February 9, 2026

- 2 -

Where feasible, contractors made reasonable efforts to sort materials for appropriate recycling. The total contractor cost of the operation was \$18,678, exclusive of applicable taxes. This does not include internal or external staffing costs.

MOTT did not participate in the clean-up operation. MOTT policy requires that sites be fully vacated of all persons before a clean-up can take place. As the clean-up was conducted while individuals were still occupying the area, MOTT's procedural requirements could not be met at the time to enable their participation. As a result, the City advanced the clean-up using its own resources and inter-agency partnerships to address immediate safety, environmental, and public interest concerns.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.



Mark Corrado
Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing
604.204.8673
mcorrado@richmond.ca

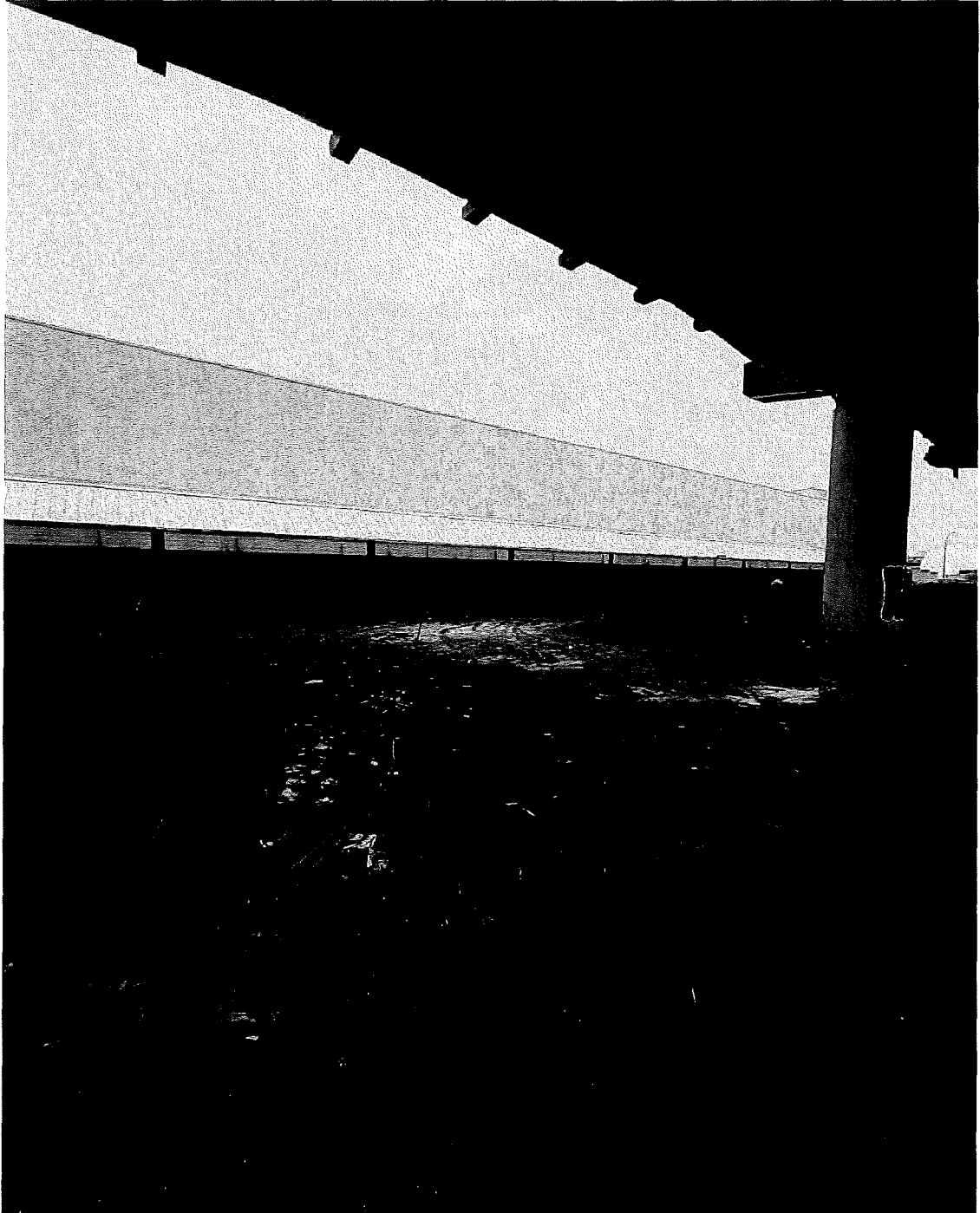
MC:gb

pc: SMT
Jim Wishlove, Fire Chief
Suzanne Bycraft, Director, Public Works
Dammy Ogunseitan, Director, Corporate Communications and Marketing
Kim Somerville, Director, Community Social Development
Geoffrey Bramhill, Manager, Community Bylaw Operations
Chris Duggan, Manager, Community Social Development
Kristina Grozdanich, Manager, Recycling & Waste Recovery

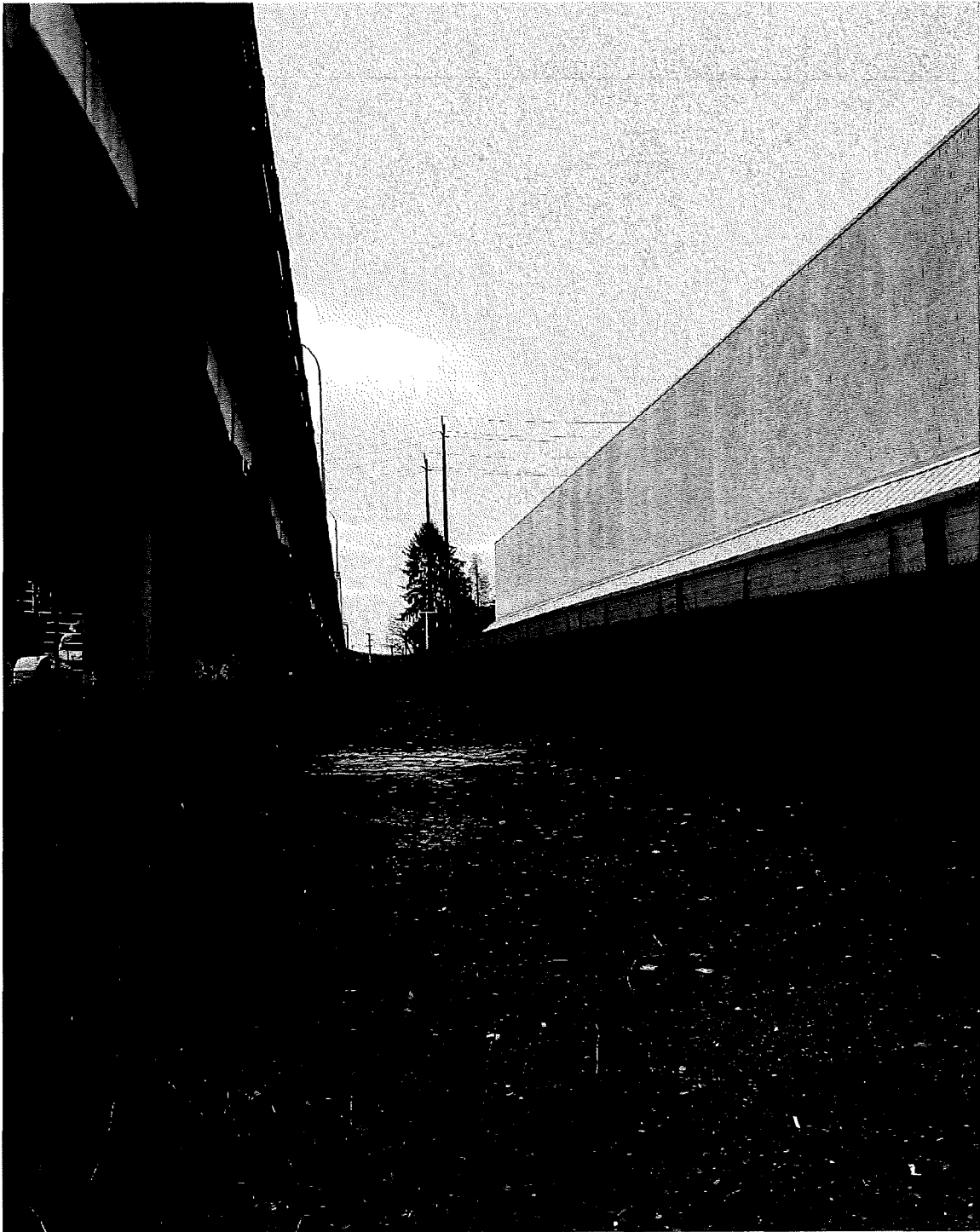
Att. 1

Selection Of Before and After Photos of Oak Street Bridge Clean Up

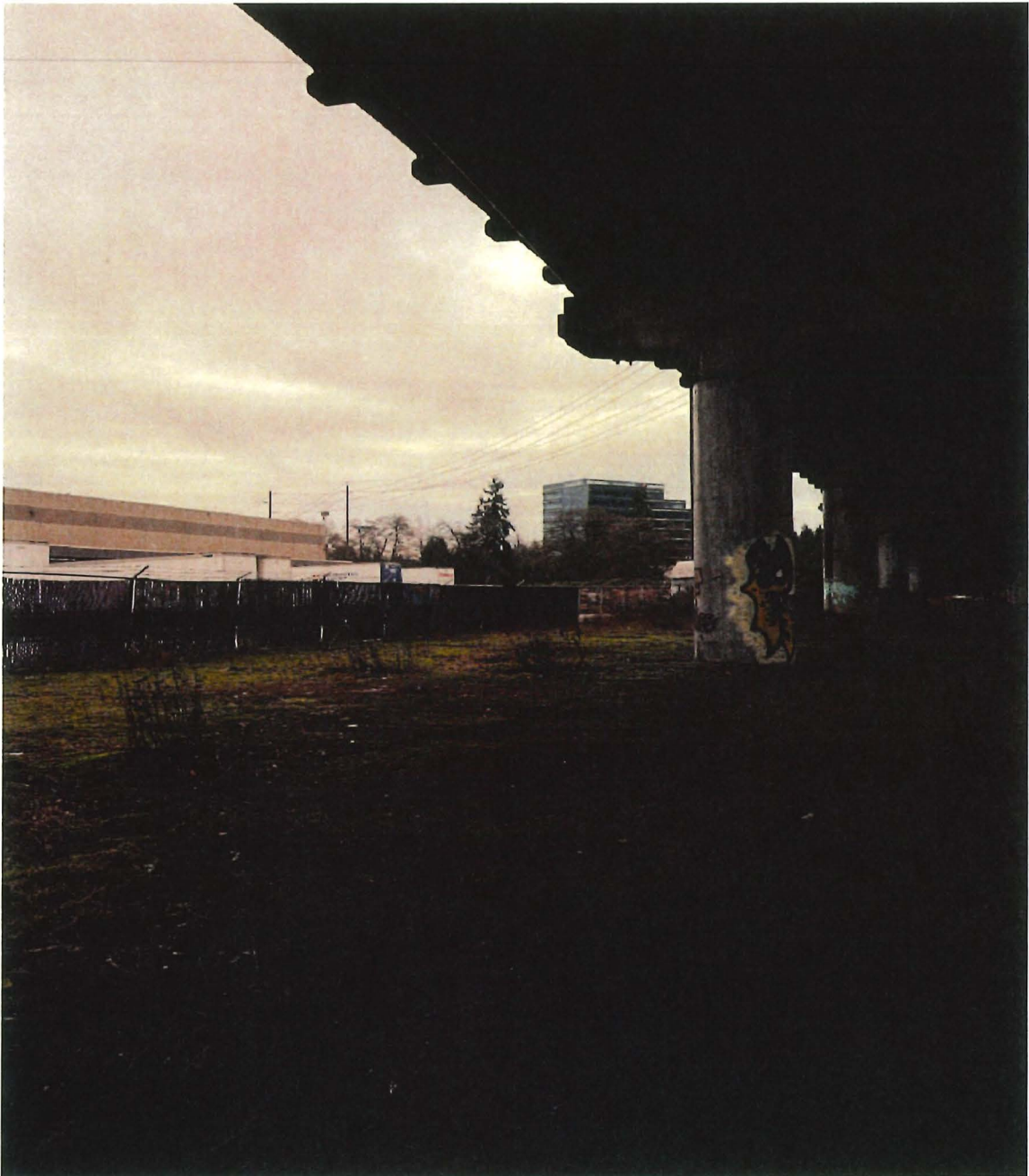














City of Richmond

Report to Committee

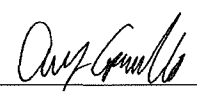

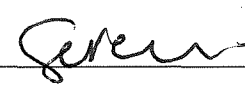
To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** February 10, 2026
From: Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8375-02/2026-Vol
 Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing 01
Re: **Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – January 2026**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – January 2026”, dated February 10, 2026, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.



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

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
Finance Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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.

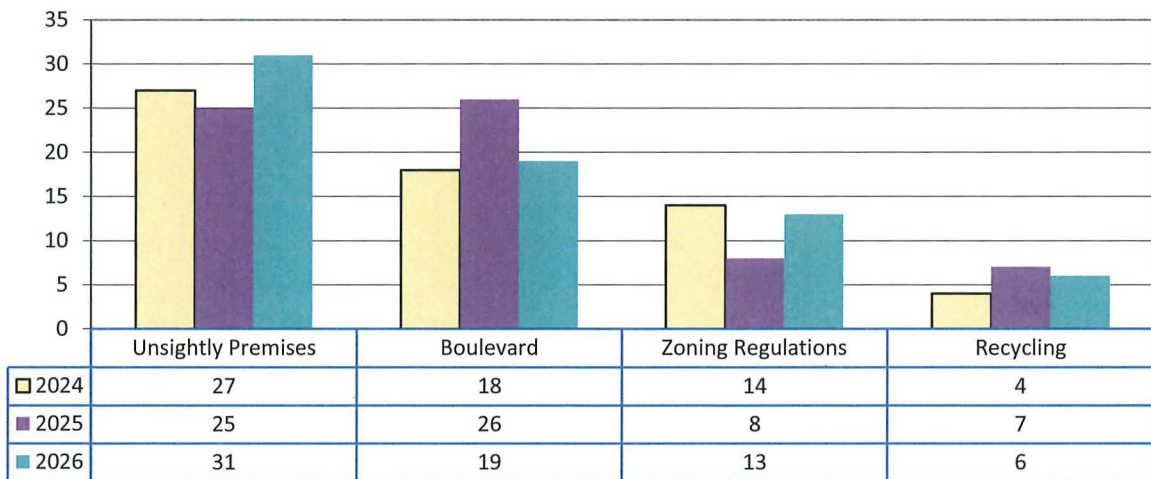
3.4 Ensure civic infrastructure, assets and resources are effectively maintained and continue to meet the needs of the community as it grows.

Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In January 2026, a total of 115 calls for service were opened for investigation, which represented a 7.5 percent increase (107) 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 thorough 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.

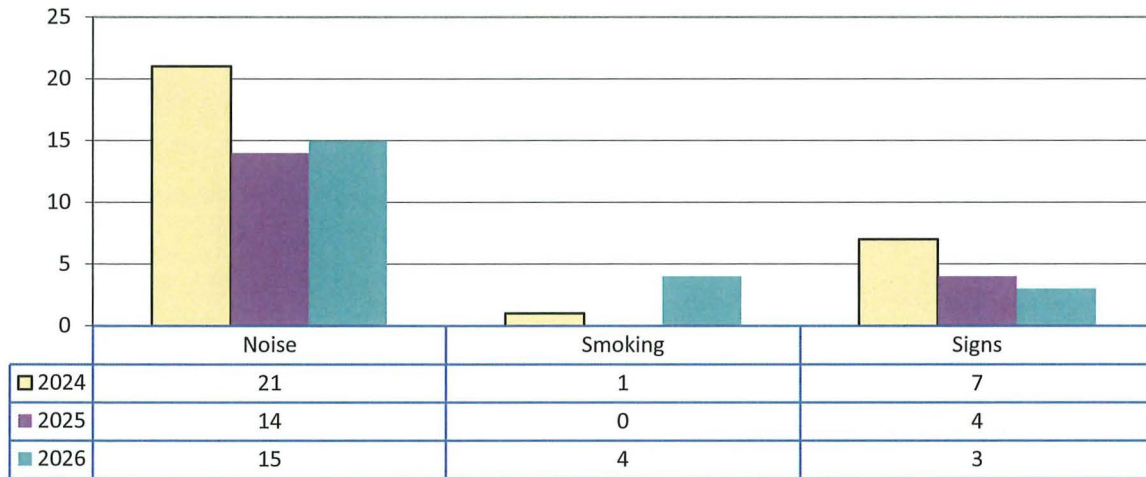
Figure 1: Property Use Calls for Service - January Year-To-Date Comparison



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: Other Calls for Service - January 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 116 site inspections in the month of January.

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

- 3135 Richmond Street
- 5840 Easterbrook Road
- 11911 Montego Street
- 19051 Westminster Highway
- 7400 No. 4 Road
- 6360 No. 6 Road
- 12561 Blundell Road

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 7100 No. 4 Road
- 3135 Richmond Street
- 8191 No. 6 Road

There are approximately 26 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process and staff continue to monitor 20 approved sites. Staff are currently addressing approximately 61 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

No new bylaw charges were sworn in the month of January.

Parking Enforcement

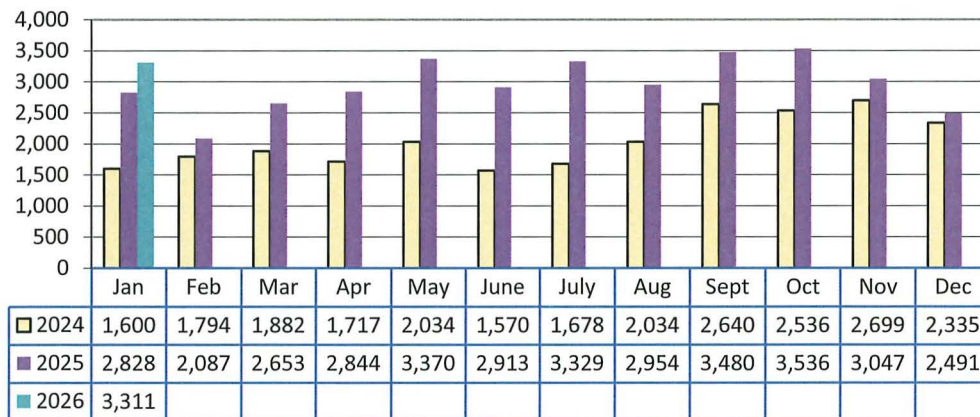
In January, staff responded to 371 calls for service, representing a 5.4 percent increase compared to the same period last year (352 calls). Parking enforcement revenue increased by 12.3 percent, which can be attributed to the increased demand for monthly parking permits. The number of parking violations also increased by 17 percent. This rise in violations is attributed to increased staff coverage compared to last year, allowing for more proactive patrols in targeted areas.

Officers conducted 41 school patrols in January. Patrols are pre-scheduled a month in advance on a rotational basis, prioritizing locations based on historical activity and service requests by the Richmond School District and the public. Monthly parking enforcement revenue is highlighted in Figure 3, and 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

Approximately 1,423 valid dog licences were issued in the month of January, representing new applications and renewals equivalent to 21.4 percent of the 6,648 licences on file the previous year. The slower renewal rate can be attributed to delayed notices being sent by mail due to the recent postal disruption.

Dog licences are valid for the full calendar year, regardless of the purchase date. As a courtesy, an extension will be granted to allow dog owners to purchase a licence at the discounted rate until May 1, 2026. After this deadline, staff will follow up on outstanding accounts that have not renewed or provided status updates.

In January, BC SPCA Officers responded to 111 calls for service related to animal control and dog licencing violations. Officers also proactively conducted 70 park patrols across various parks, dikes, and school grounds. The most frequently patrolled locations included Garry Point Park, A.R. MacNeill Secondary, Steveston-London Secondary, No. 3 Road Bark Park, Gilbert Beach, and South Arm Park.

In addition to enforcement activities, these patrols serve an important educational role by increasing public awareness and promoting compliance with animal control regulations. During the January patrols, officers issued 13 violation notices for dogs running at large and for failing to confine a dog to its owner's property.

Ticketing

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

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTL's)	January	YTD
Zoning Offences	38	38
Building Regulation Offences	15	15
Animal/Dog Licencing Offences	13	13
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	12	12
Unightly Premises Offences	2	2
Noise Offences	2	2
Parks Offences	2	2
Sign Offences	2	2
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	0
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Demolition Waste and Recyclable Materials Offences	0	0
Regulation of Material on Highways Offences	0	0
Watering Offences	0	0
Totals	86	86

Bylaw Adjudication

Adjudication hearings were held on January 21, 2026, addressing 12 disputed violations. Only 2 violations, related to parking and building regulation business licensing, were dismissed. The next adjudication hearing will be held on February 26, 2026.

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. In addition, 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 January 2026	YTD Actual January 2026
Property Use	Revenue ¹	\$38,732	\$33,909
	Expenses	\$170,033	\$103,086
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$131,301)	(\$69,177)
Parking	Revenue ²	\$201,602	\$235,361
	Expenses	\$177,595	\$189,469
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$24,007	\$45,892
Animal Protection	Revenue ³	\$124,828	\$80,841
	Expenses	\$122,426	\$115,821
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$2,402	(\$34,980)

Financial Impact

None.

¹ Property Use Revenue is primarily generated from soil permit applications and volume fees, property related bylaw tickets and court fines from bylaw prosecutions.

² Parking Enforcement revenue is largely derived from parking meters, monthly parking permits, and ticketing activity.

³ Animal Services revenue comes from the dog licencing fees and animal control-related tickets.

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 January.



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



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: February 13, 2026

From: Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief

File: 09-5140-01/2026-Vol
01

Re: Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2026

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2026”, dated February 13, 2026, 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 in the community and Richmond Fire-Rescue's community safety and prevention initiatives in January 2026.

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 January 2026 incidents¹:

Structure Fire on No. 9 Road

On January 16, 2026, RFR emergency crews responded to the report of a fire at an industrial site. On arrival it was discovered that a fire had occurred in an area of the structure storing cement kiln dust. Due to the fine powder nature of the dust the fire attack proved challenging for the crews. Crews exposures were limited to reduce potential hazards to staff and the fire was extinguished. Crews performed a cleaning process on scene to ensure no toxins were carried back to quarters. BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) attended to support RFR crews until they were out of the environment. There were no injuries. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Vehicle Fire on Granville Avenue

On January 24, 2026, RFR emergency crews responded to a vehicle fire. First-in crews found a large fire in the north east area of the parking garage. There were at least four vehicles on fire, and the parkade was full of thick, black smoke. The fire was extinguished and crews performed scene overhaul. Positive pressure fans were used to clear smoke from the garage and nearby building. There were no injuries and no displaced occupants. Due to the large size of the site, two Fire Investigators attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Structure Fire on Patterson Road

On January 24, 2026, RFR emergency crews responded to a garage on fire approximately 15 feet from a house that was producing a moderate amount of grey smoke. RFR crews quickly attacked and extinguished the fire. There were no injuries and no displaced occupants. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

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

Structure Fire on No. 1 Road

On January 29, 2026, RFR emergency crews responded to vehicle fire in an underground parkade. Crews quickly attached and extinguished the fire, along with a fire in a green can on the opposite side of the building. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Emergency Response

Table 1 provides incident data and comparisons for January 2025 and January 2026. In January 2026, there were 1,104 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall decrease of three per cent compared to the previous year.

	Incident Totals January (2026)	Incident Totals January (2025)	Number Change from January 2025 to 2026	Percentage Change from January 2025 to 2026	5 Year Average for January
Active Alarm	187	198	-11	-6	219
Explosion	0	0	0	0	0
Fire	30	38	-8	-21	30
Hazardous Materials	6	7	-1	-14	14
Medical	565	575	-10	-2	554
Motor Vehicle Incident	105	94	+11	+12	87
Public Hazard	7	5	+2	+40	10
Public Service	103	106	-3	-3	105
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	99	112	-13	-12	92
Specialized Transport	2	3	-1	-33	3
Technical Rescue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,104	1,138	-34	-3	1,115

The average time on scene for emergency response crews in January 2026 was 29 minutes per event, the same in January 2025. The time spent on the scene can vary due to the complexity and severity of each incident.

In January 2026, 30 fire incidents were reported to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, down from 38 in January 2025. The average number of fires reported each January over the last five years is 30.

Fire damage and property losses during January 2026 are estimated at \$124,420. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated at \$5,969,835, and the total value preserved from damage is \$5,845,415. These numbers translate to 98 per cent of the value protected (Table 2).

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	1	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Family Residence	3	185,500	70,000	129,850	50,070	195,280
Commercial	4	3,206,000	10	2,244,145	-	5,450,135
Outdoor	17	200,340	340	-	-	200,000
Vehicle/Vessel	5	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
Totals²	30	3,595,840	74,350	2,373,995	50,070	5,845,415

RFR Public Outreach & Education

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

- January 3 & 4, supported Richmond Firefighter Charitable Society in the annual Tree Chip event in Steveston. Over 150 members of the public attended.
- January 10, provided fire and life safety education to the Buddha's Light Temple. Education specific to the building, including fire safety preparedness, mobility issues, evacuation and fire safety plans, were discussed.
- January 13, 20 & 27, provided fire and life safety information to Dolphin Place Strata Council. Education specific to the strata buildings, including fire safety preparedness, mobility issues, evacuation and fire safety plans, were discussed with the strata council.
- January 14, Fire Hall and vehicle tours were provided for the Embers (Girl Guide) group. Over 40 attendees participated in the event.
- January 16, provided fire and life safety education to the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. Education specific to the building, including fire safety preparedness, mobility issues, evacuation and fire safety plans, were discussed.
- January 17, provided fire and life safety education to the Capstan Alliance Church. Education specific to the building, including fire safety preparedness, mobility issues, evacuation and fire safety plans, were discussed.

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.

- January 27, visited St Paul’s Elementary School to provide a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) demonstration to a class that completed the grade 2/3 online education program created by the RFR Community Outreach Team.
- January 28, provided fire and life safety information to Coppersky Strata Council. Education specific to the strata building, including fire safety preparedness, mobility issues, evacuation and fire safety plans, were discussed with the strata council.

Emergency Programs

Emergency Programs (EP) staff participated in the following engagement activities in January:

- On January 6 - Attended the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) Volunteer Meeting. Staff collaborated with CRC staff to arrange for a guest speaker from Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to attend the volunteer meeting and provide a presentation about the Evacuee Registration and Assistance (ERA) tool.
- On January 14 - Staff completed a “site survey” of the Sea Island Community Centre to determine the building’s suitability as a Reception Centre or Group Lodging facility during an emergency. The building was deemed unsuitable.
- On January 22 - Facilitated a “Building Resilience Together: Introducing the British Columbia Disaster and Climate Risk & Resilience Assessment” event. The event served to ensure emergency managers throughout the province used similar metrics when analysing risk in their areas. Additionally, Richmond was able to advocate for its needs and identify infrastructure risks to the province so the city can receive holistic support during an emergency.
- On January 28 - Attended the Greater Vancouver Integrated Marine Response Working Group meeting. This group meets quarterly to discuss issues pertaining to coastal marine environments and staff met with marine partners and coordinated response plans to hazards affecting our shores.
- On January 28 - Attended the South West Emergency Support Services (SWE ESS) monthly meeting for the Emergency Support Services (ESS) staff in the SWE region.
- On January 30 - Met with Richmond Salvation Army to discuss Emergency Support Services and how the Salvation Army can support residents before, during, and after a response as well as their capacity to assist.
- On January 31 – Presented to members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Regional Liaison Program who provided information on how the CAF can support emergency response operations, and under what conditions the City can request support. Additionally, the Fire Chief of West Kelowna Fire Rescue gave a presentation on experience and response management to the 2023 Kelowna Wildfires.

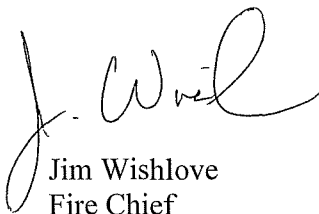
Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

During January 2026, the City continued to experience normalized calls for service for medical event types. RFR continues to improve the capacity and response capability to prioritize higher acuity calls for service, and trialling a risk-based approach with the E-Comm Calls Priority Re-assignment Pilot, to having the closest resources redeployed to specific event types.

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



Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief
(604-303-2715)

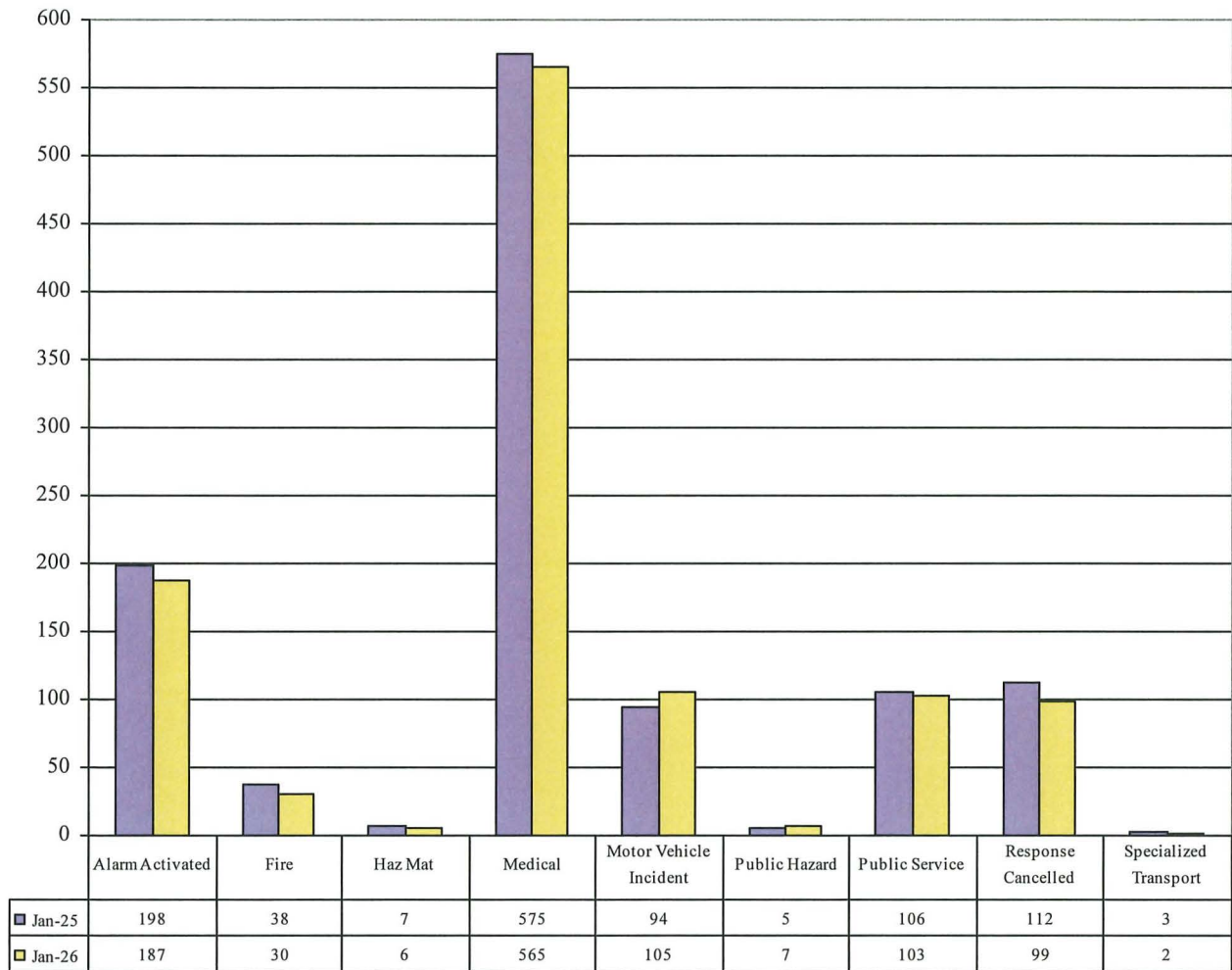
Att. 1: Emergency Response Activity for January 2026.

Emergency Response Activity for January 2026

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison of incidents occurring in January 2025 and 2026. In January 2026, there were 1,104 total incidents, compared to 1,138 in January 2025. This represents an overall decrease of 3 per cent between last year and 2026.

Table 3: January 2025 & January 2026 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 the public, ambulance or police, locked in/out, special events, trapped in an elevator, and water removal.

First Responder Totals

Medical first-responder incidents accounted for 51 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during January 2026. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for January 2025 and 2026, by sub-type, is set out in the following table. There were 565 medical incidents in January 2026 compared to 575 in January 2025, a decrease of 2 per cent.

Table 4a: January 2025 & January 2026 Medical Calls by Type

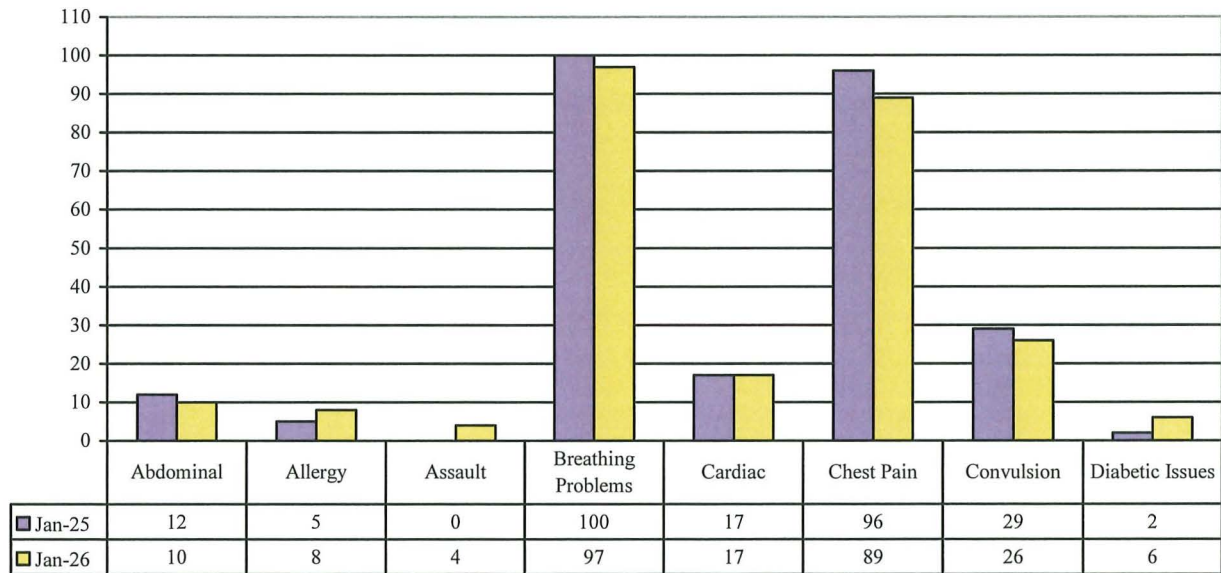
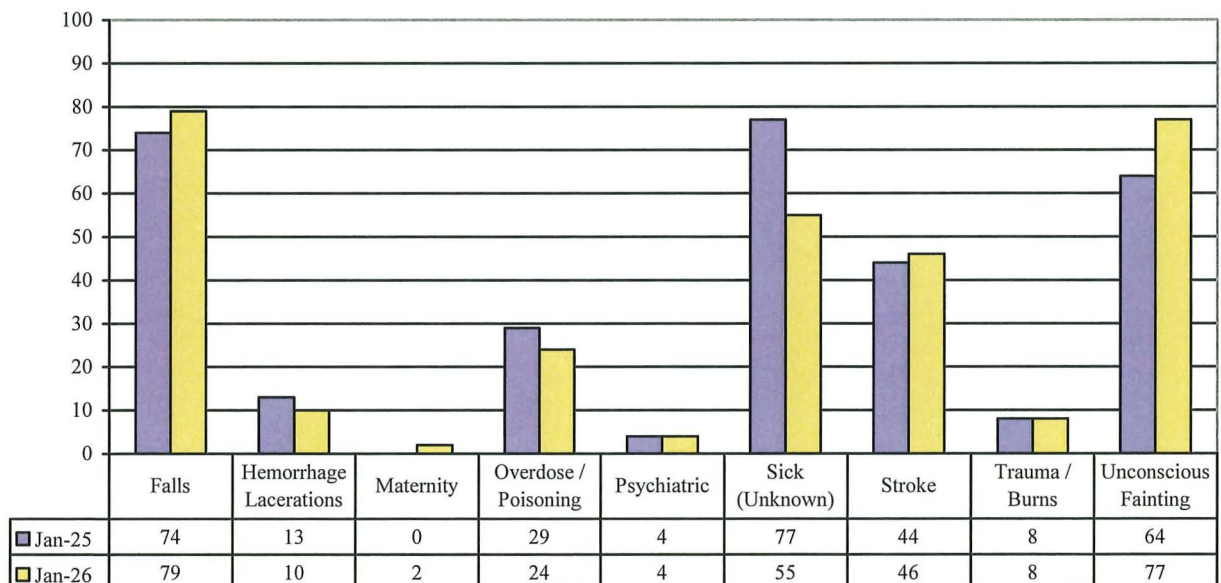


Table 4b: January 2025 & January 2026 Medical Calls by Type



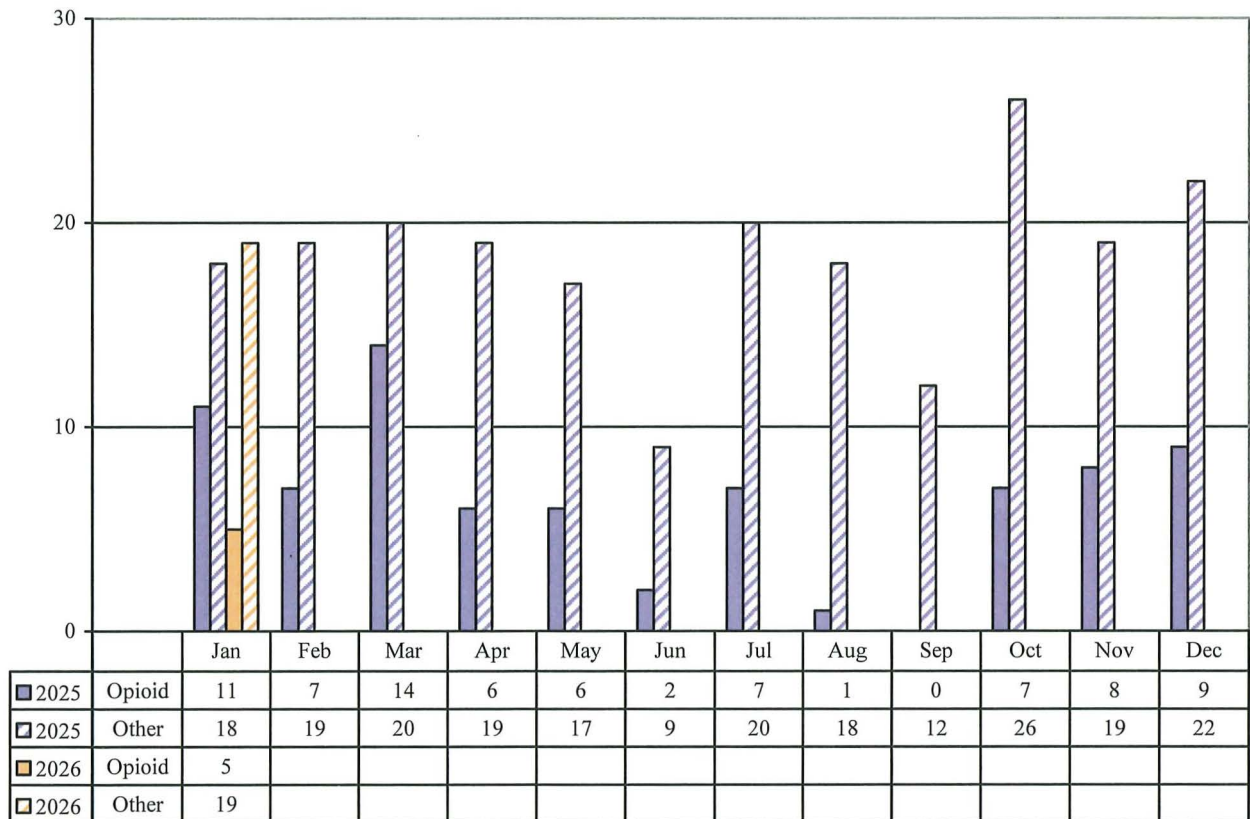
Overdoses

The following tables provide a breakdown of overdose/poisoning incident volume by month for 2025 and 2026. The tables include Opioid and Other overdose incidents (other incidents include alcohol, medications, unknown or refusal of treatment, and other drug types).

During January 2026, RFR staff administered Naloxone on one occasion.

Table 4c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents by Type – January 2026													
Year	Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	Opioid	11	7	14	6	6	2	7	1	0	7	8	9
	Other	18	19	20	19	17	9	20	18	12	26	19	22
2026	Opioid	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4d: 2025 and 2026 Overdose / Poisoning Incidents Type



Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for January 2026 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – January 2026			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	-	-	1
Residential - Multi-family	-	3	-
Commercial/Industrial	1	2	1
Outdoor	6	8	3
Vehicle	1	-	4
Totals	8	13	9

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

Hazardous Materials

Table 6: Hazardous Materials Incidents by Type – January 2026	
	Details
Gases (Natural / Propane)	5
Gas / Fuel Containment	1
Totals	6

The following charts provide year-to-year comparisons of total incident volumes for fires, medical, motor vehicle, and overdose/poisoning incidents in January, including year averages from 2017 to 2026.

Table 7a: Total Fire Calls for Service in January and year averages from 2017 to 2026

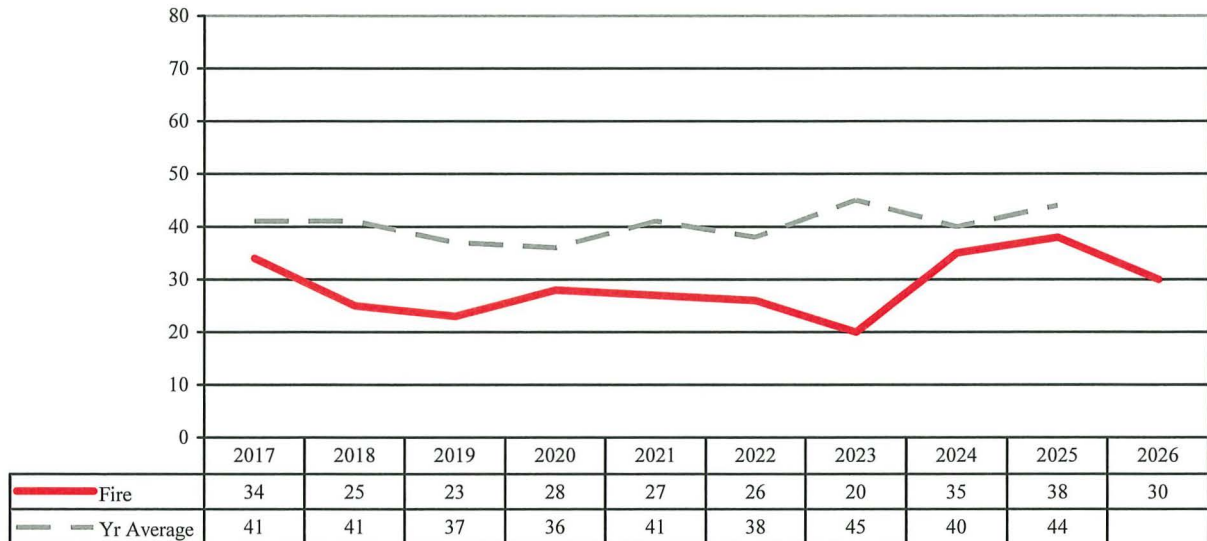
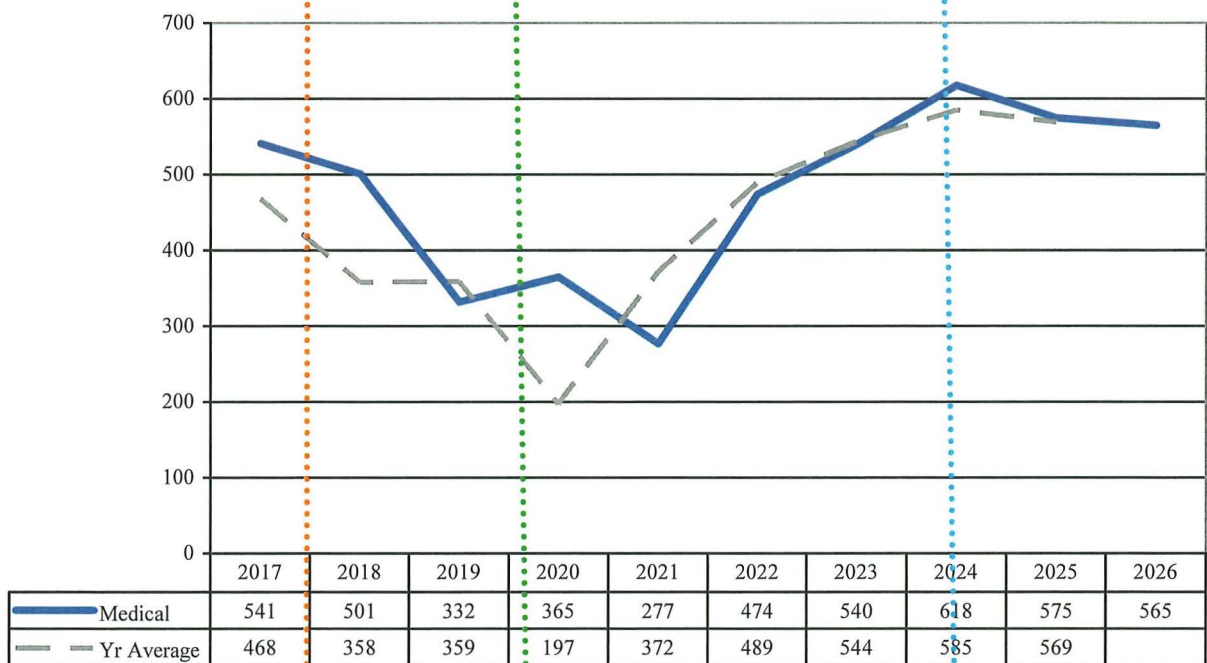


Table 7b: Total Medical Calls for Service in January and year averages from 2017 to 2026



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 January and year averages from 2017 to 2026

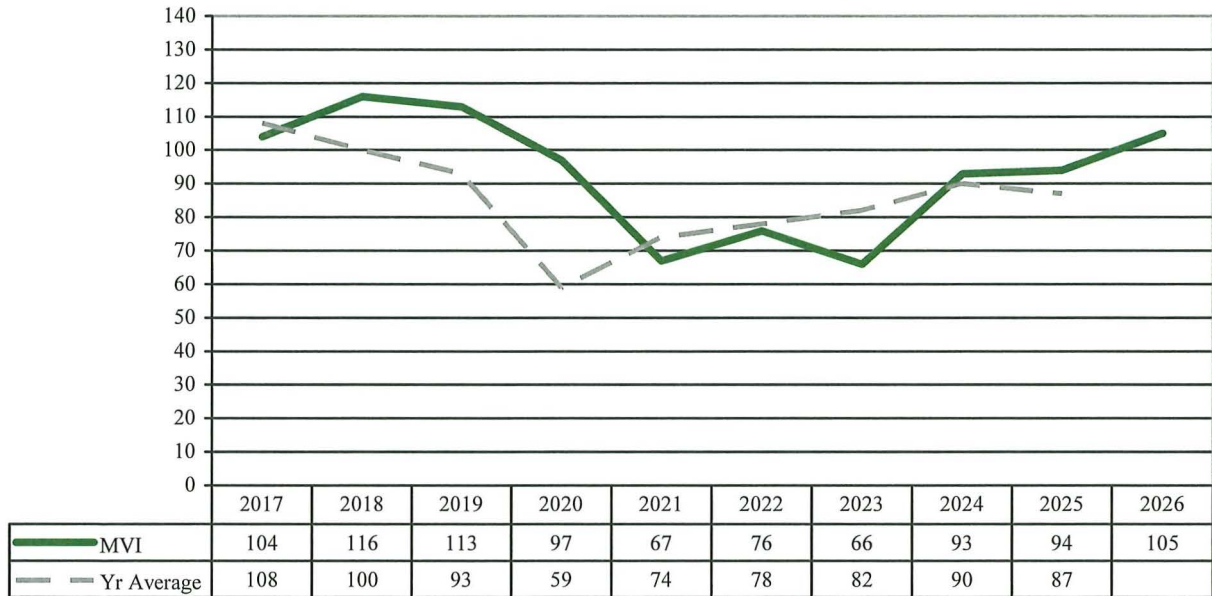
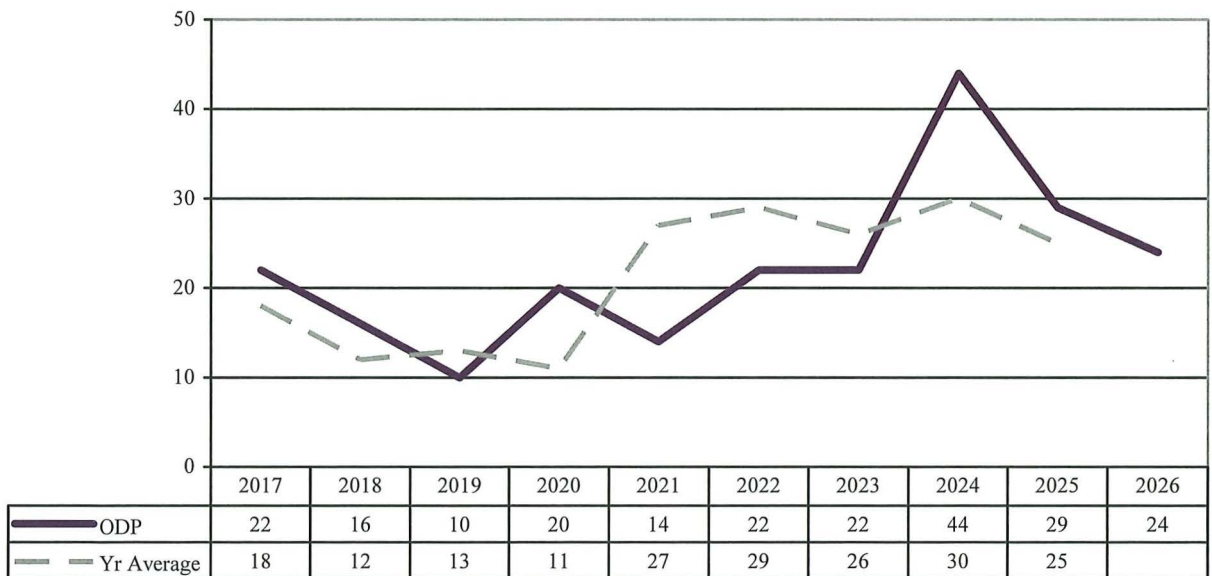


Table 7d: Total Overdose/Poisoning (ODP) Calls for Service in January and year averages from 2017 to 2026



Richmond Fire Rescue: Fire Incident Locations January 2026

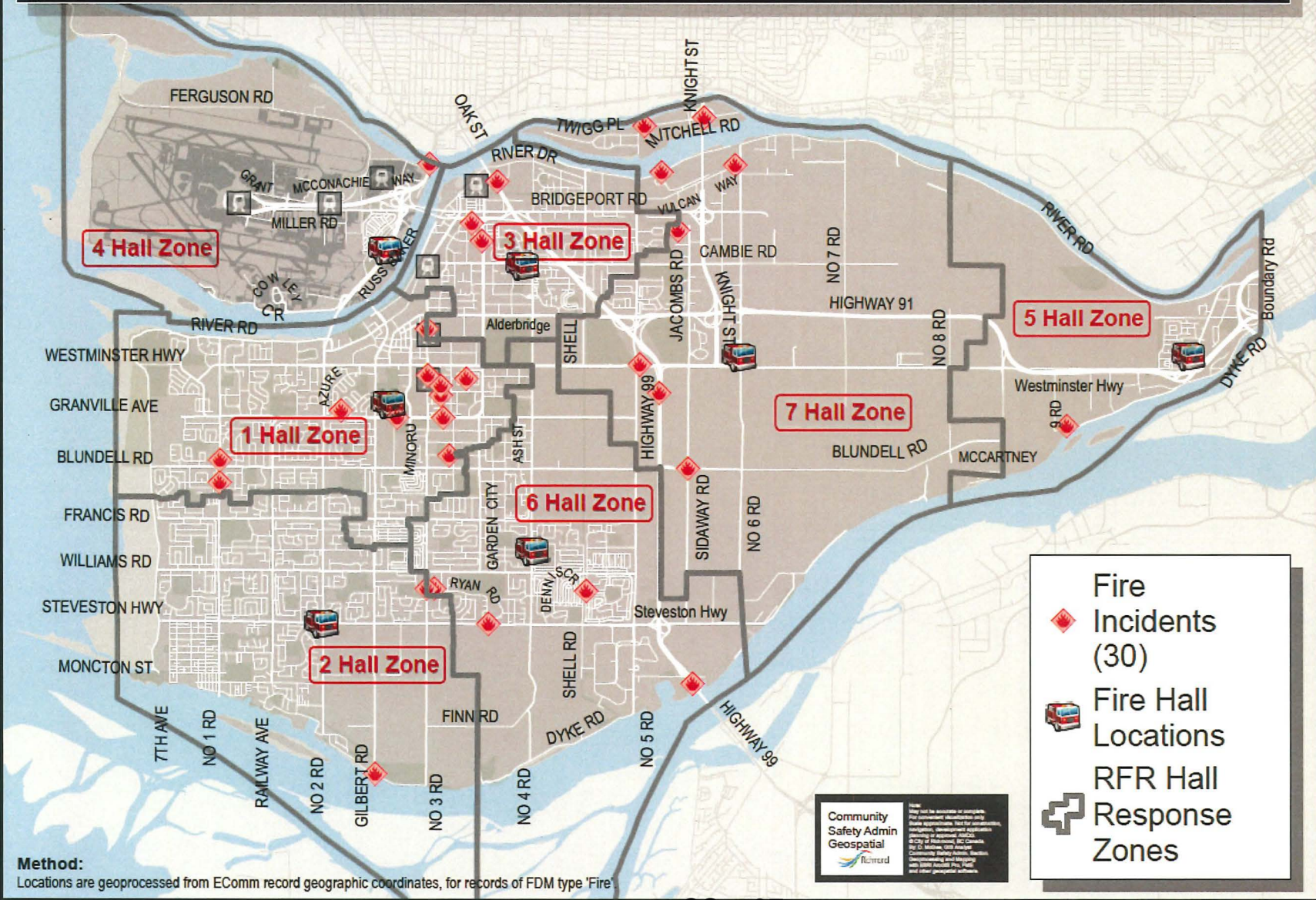


Figure 1a: Location of reportable fire incidents attended in January 2026 (total 30)

Richmond Fire Rescue

Where are Fire Incidents Concentrated?

Relative Density of 30 Fire Incidents, January 2026

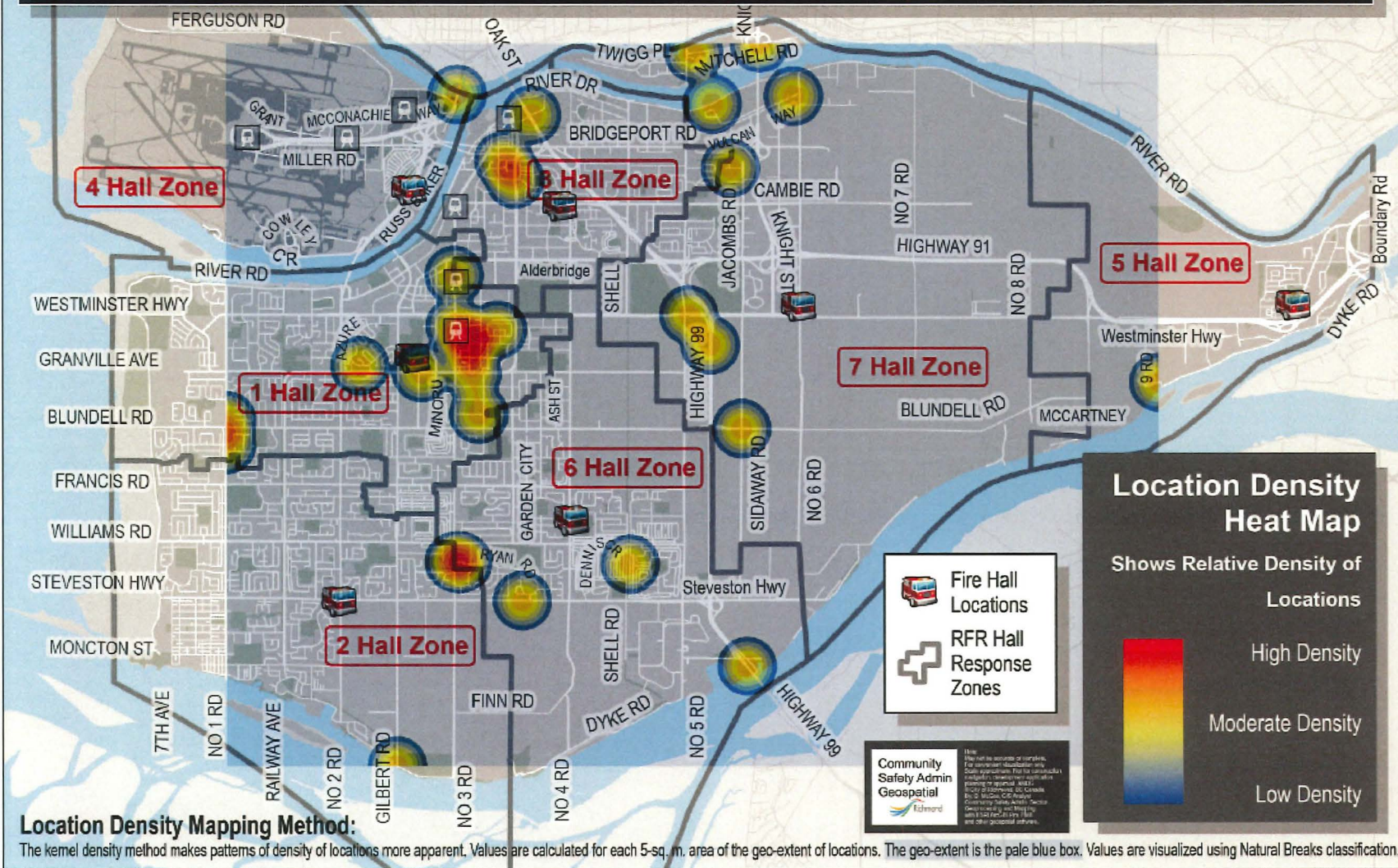


Figure 1b: Density of reportable fire incidents attended in January 2026 (total 30)

Richmond Fire Rescue: Medical Incidents January 2026

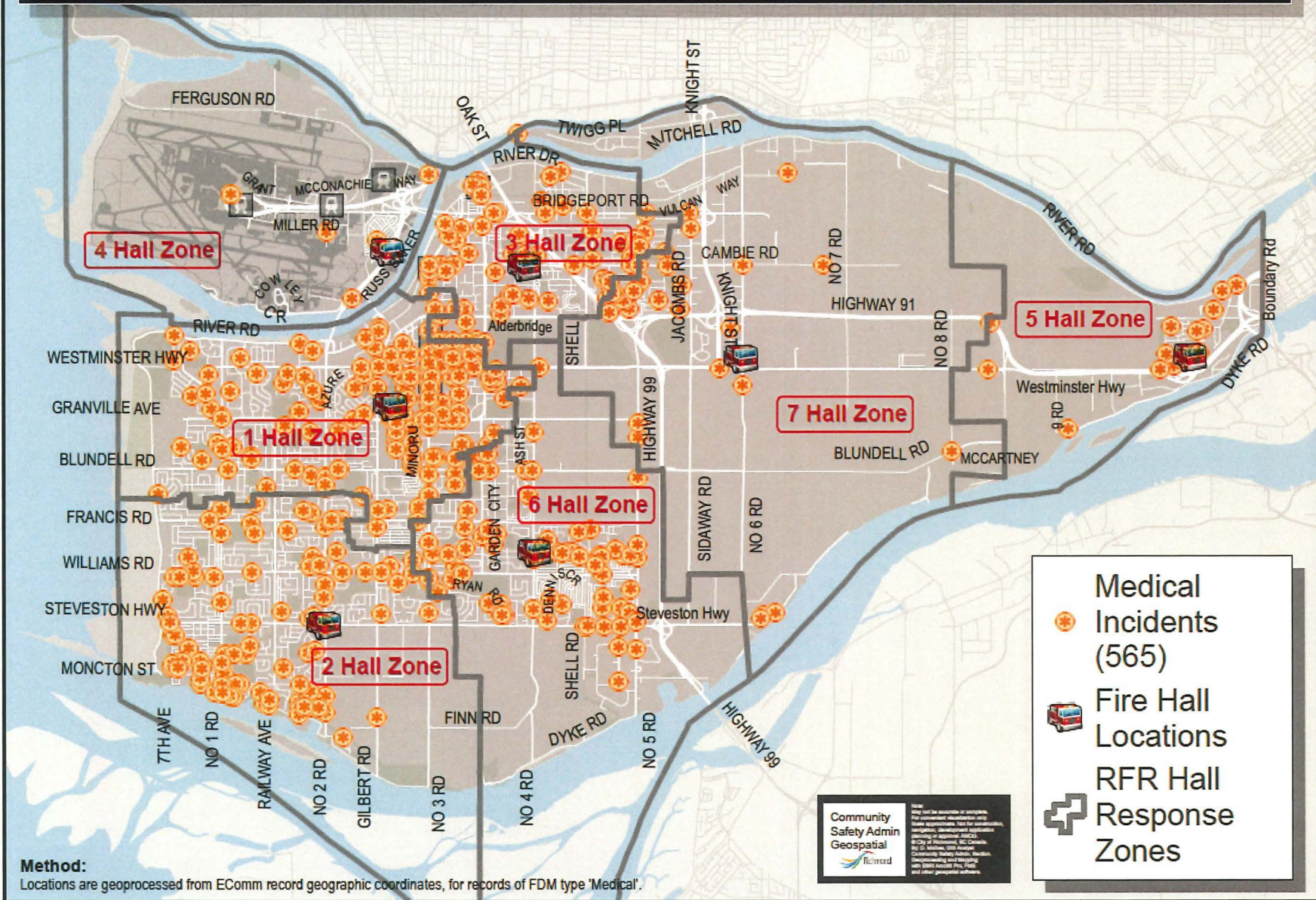


Figure 2a: Location of reportable medical incidents attended in January 2026 (total 565)

Richmond Fire Rescue

Where are Medical Incident Locations Most Dense?

Relative Density of 565 Medical Incidents, January 2026

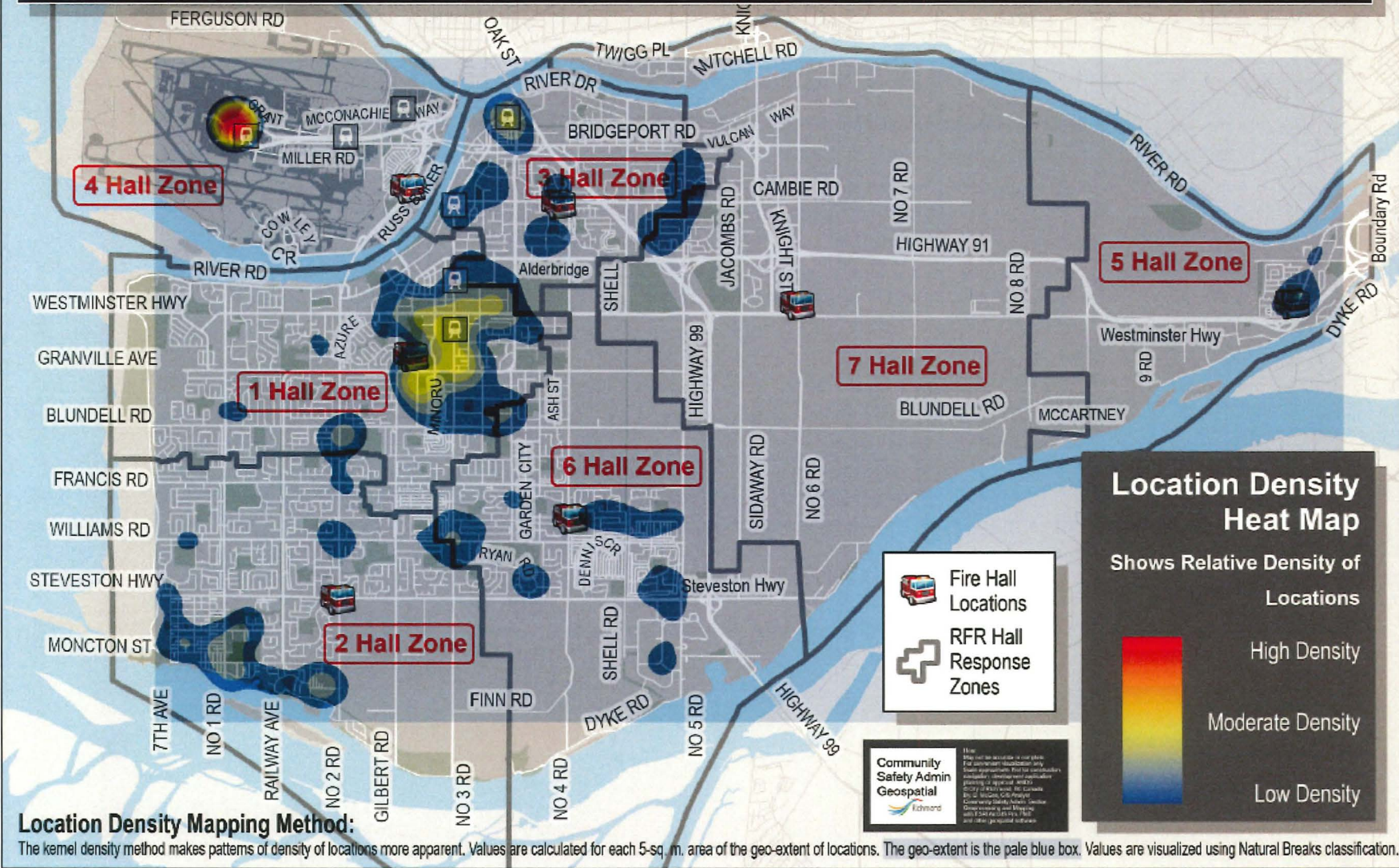


Figure 2b: Density of reportable medical incidents attended in January 2026 (total 565)

Richmond Fire Rescue: MVI Incidents January 2026

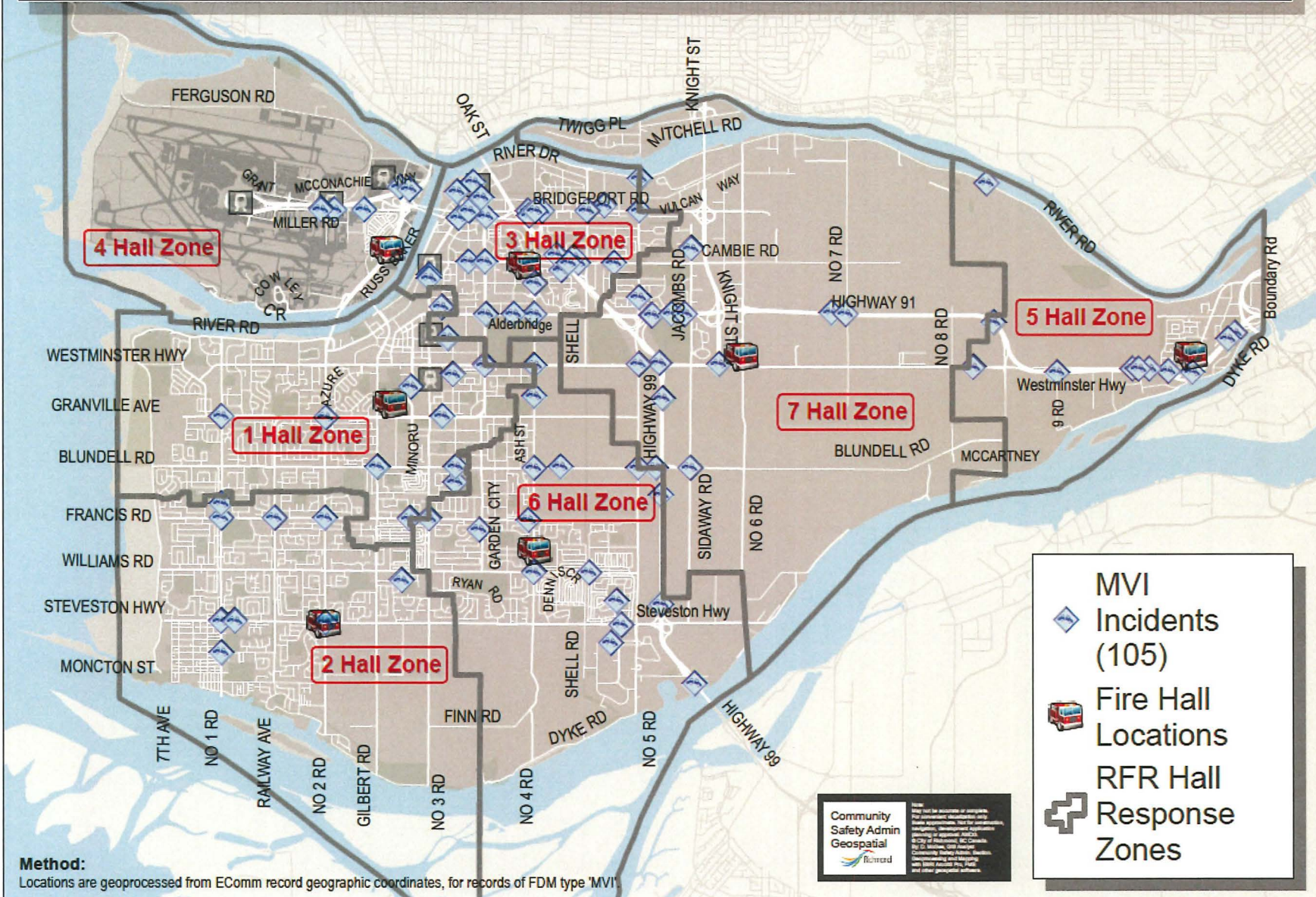


Figure 3a: Location of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in January 2026 (total 105)

Richmond Fire Rescue

Where is Fire Rescue Most Likely to Respond to MVIs?

Relative Density of 105 Motor Vehicle Incidents, January 2026

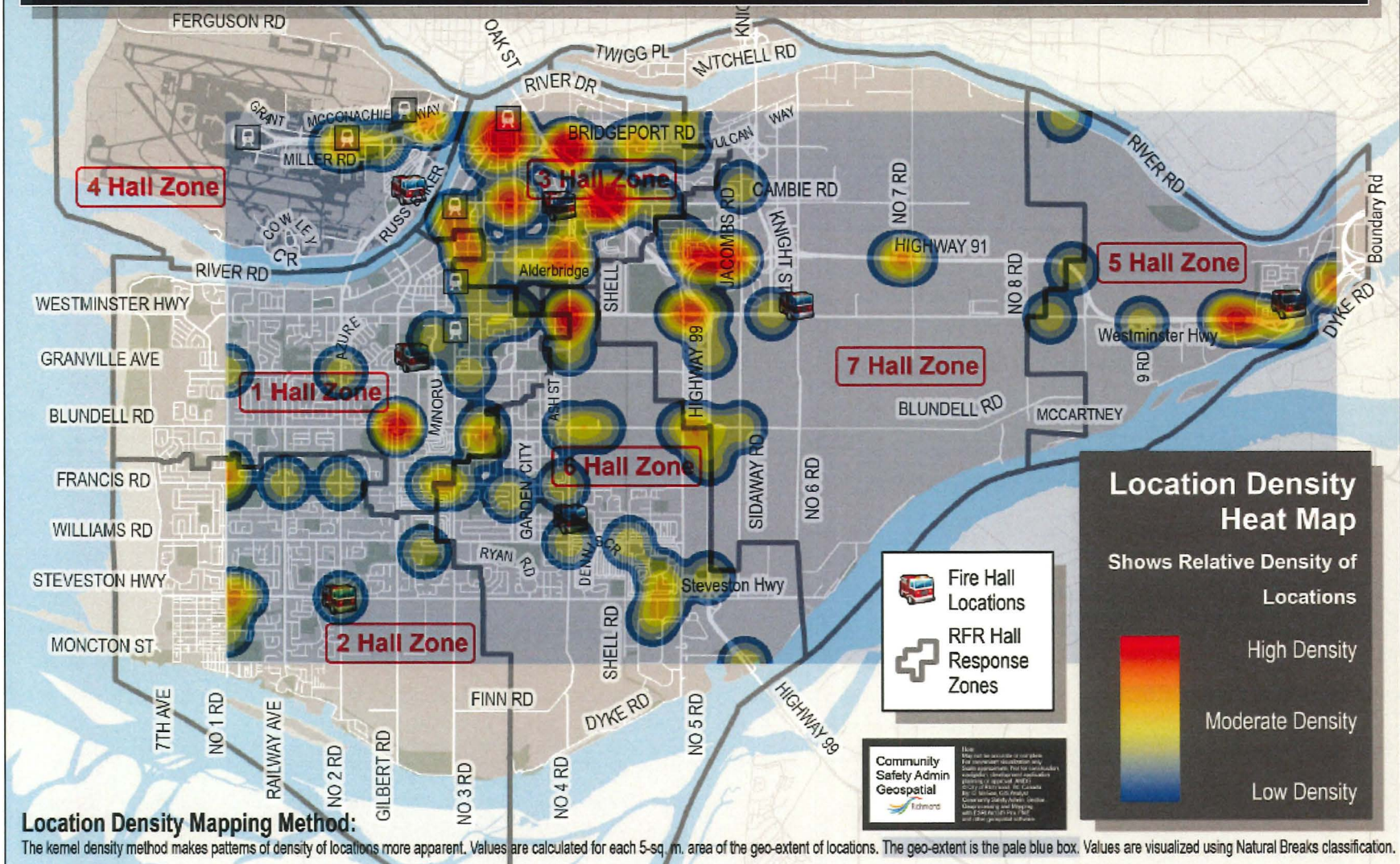


Figure 3b: Density of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in January 2026 (total 105)

Richmond Fire Rescue: Overdose/Poisoning Incidents (24) by Classification - January 2026



Figure 4a: Location of reportable overdose/poisoning incidents attended in January 2026 (total 24)



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

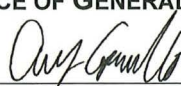


To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** February 11, 2026
From: Dave Chauhan **File:** 09-5030-01/2025-Vol
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge 01
Re: **RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2026**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2026”, dated February 11, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

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

Att. 4

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

Illegal Ride-hailing

On January 2, 2026, the Richmond RCMP's Road Safety Unit partnered with Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement officers in a joint-force operation targeting illegal ride-hailing. Police issued a total of \$10,615 in fines and penalty points. Repeat offenders also had their vehicles towed.



Figure 1: Enforcement Operation

Injured Pedestrian

On January 10, 2026, Richmond RCMP officers responded to reports of a disturbance in the 4200 block of No. 3 Road. Upon arrival, police located a 17-year-old male who was unconscious and bleeding. Police determined the victim had been involved in an altercation near the roadway and was struck by a vehicle. The driver did not remain at the scene. The incident is under investigation.

Fatal Collision involving Cyclist

On January 12, 2026, Richmond RCMP received a report of a missing person. During the investigation, police learned that the man cycled to work and focused their search on his usual route. The man was found deceased at the 22000 block of Westminster Highway. Police believe he may have been a victim of a hit-and-run. The incident remains under investigation.

Travel Agency Complaints

On January 12, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising the public of multiple complaints received about a local travel agency. Several members of the public reported not receiving the travel services for which they had paid. Police are investigating to determine whether any criminal offences may have occurred.

Cold Case Investigation

On January 29, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release seeking information relating to the 1985 homicide of a 21-year-old female victim. To support the renewed appeal, the Richmond RCMP released a short video on its social media channels outlining the key elements of the case and highlighting the ongoing investigative work.

Analysis of Police Statistics¹

Arson

There were seven reported arsons in January 2026, representing an increase of two incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up by four incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons this month is within the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 18 serious assaults in January 2026, representing a six per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are up 29 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is within the average range.

Twenty-two per cent of serious assaults reported in January 2026 were domestic incidents.

Auto Theft

There were 14 auto thefts in January 2026, representing a 36 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 13 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is below the average range.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, no patterns or trends have been identified in this month's statistics. In January 2026, statistics were re-collected for all crime categories, dating back to 2019. This was done to account for any changes to scoring or delayed reports and to ensure data is up-to-date and accurate. For this reason, there will be variations from previously reported statistics.

Mental Health

There were 166 mental health-related incidents in January 2026, representing a 11 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down 21 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is below the average range.

There were 53 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 122 minutes; both statistics are within the average ranges. Ten individuals were responsible for two or more calls in January, with one caller generating three incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 17 break and enters to residences in January 2026, which is a 45 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down 37 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In January 2026, there were 26 break and enters to businesses, representing a 41 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are down four per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were four robberies reported in January 2026, representing a decrease of two incidents from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down by three incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Two of the robberies reported this month involved a weapon.

Sexual Offences

There were 19 sexual offence files in January 2026, representing a 36 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are down five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Forty-two per cent of the offences reported in January 2026 were sexual assaults, 21 per cent were indecent acts/exposing, and 21 per cent were possession of child sex abuse materials.

Shoplifting

There were 179 reported shoplifting thefts in January 2026, representing a four per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 52 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 49 thefts from automobiles in January 2026, representing a 29 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the thefts from automobiles are down 36 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the average range.

Drugs

In January 2026, there were 26 drug offences, representing a 19 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the drug offences are down seven per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

Drug-Related "Social Disorder" Calls

Public complaints related to drug use fall under various call categories, including 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.

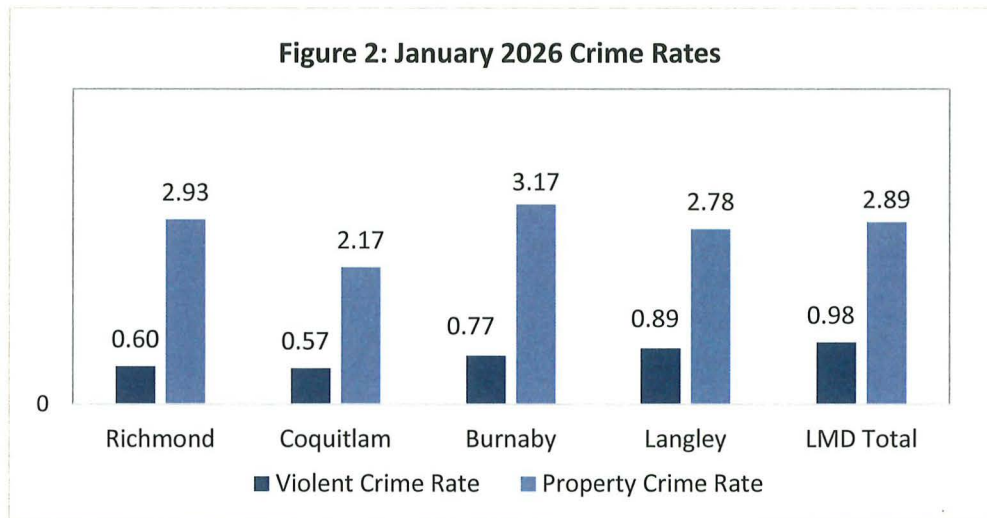
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

Month	Total Number of Drug-Related Calls	Suspected	Confirmed
January	39	22	17

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 the January 2026 crime rates for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which are policed by the RCMP.² The violent crime rate in Richmond was below the LMD average, while the property crime rate was above the average.



Block Watch

At the end of January 2026, the Block Watch program had 300 groups, totalling 6,701 participants. Currently, the program includes 420 captains and co-captains. The First Quarter Crime Prevention Newsletter was released this month, featuring break and enter prevention tips and fraud awareness information.

Communications Unit

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

- 12 media releases were issued, including a renewed appeal for information in an unsolved homicide case.
- 26 social media posts were made on X, including information on road and pedestrian safety.



Figure 3: Road Safety Awareness

² Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on February 2, 2026

Community Police Office Programs

Community police offices continue to enhance the Richmond Detachment's policing services by providing a range of crime-prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers implement safety initiatives to raise awareness of crime-prevention programs, promote community engagement, and enhance 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 January, volunteer highlights included:

- A total of 34 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 1,284 information letters issued. One location, No. 2 Road and London Road, remained a point of interest and volunteers were deployed there three times. They checked 485 vehicles and issued 62 letters.
- There were three Speed Watch deployments, during which 34 information letters were issued.
- January 24 – Volunteers participated in a Crime Watch shift, conducting patrols for suspicious activities, stolen vehicles and impaired drivers, leading to referrals to police and City Bylaws.
- January 26 – Volunteers distributed posters to various community centres, libraries and other City facilities to promote the February car seat safety clinic. They also provided a brief car seat safety presentation to an expectant mothers' group.

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 285 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- RCMP officers participated in multiple events in support of Aspire Richmond, including two unique music engagement events.³
- RCMP officers participated in proactive patrols and outreach at various locations including Lansdowne Centre, Hamilton Community Centre and the Vancouver International Airport.

³ Aspire Richmond is a non-profit social service provider, providing support to people with developmental disabilities.

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond’s roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigations into serious vehicle collisions, and public education programs. A total of 979 violation tickets were issued in January. Figure 4 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in January:

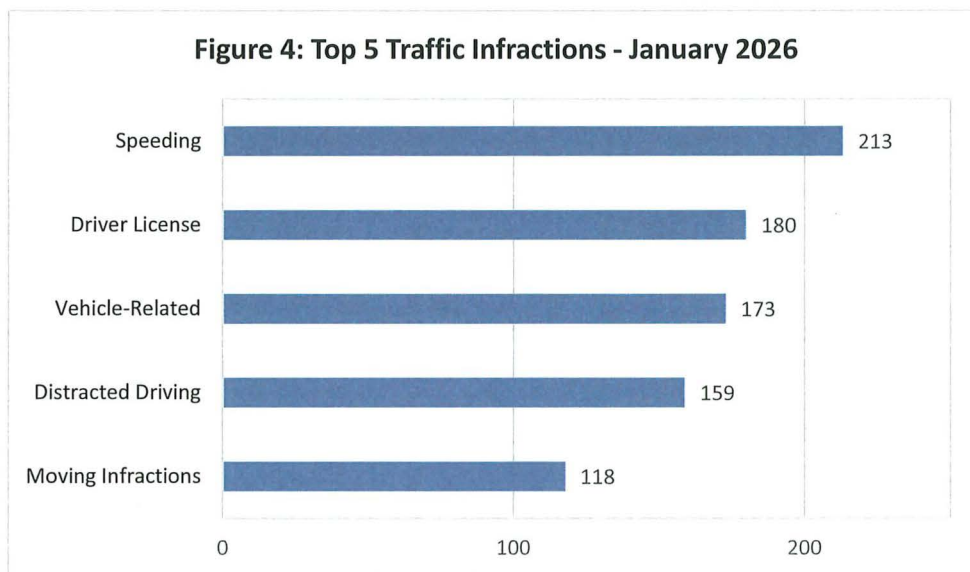


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and January 31, 2026.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025	395	2
2026 (YTD) ⁴	55	1

Victim Services

In January 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 59 new clients and attended five crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 74 files. In January, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, mental health-related issues, and fraud.

⁴ A fatal collision was recorded on January 12, 2026.

Youth Section

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

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 117 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 219 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes launched for the second term of the 2025-2026 school year. A total of 491 students in 16 classes are participating in the program.

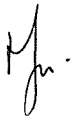
Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In January 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable investigations, including complaints against a travel agency and a fatal collision involving a cyclist. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for residential break and enters, auto thefts and mental health-related incidents, which were below average. Shoplifting thefts were elevated this month.

In January, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



Acting for
Edward Warzel
Director, Police Services
(604-207-4767)

EW: mf

- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
2: Crime Statistics
3: Crime Maps
4: First Quarter Crime Prevention Newsletter

Community Policing Programs Information

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.

JANUARY 2026 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.

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 due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below.

January 2026 Statistics - Richmond RCMP								
Criminal Code Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
OTHER CC OFFENCES	326	299.0	218	333	331	326	-2%	-5
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	127	154.2	144	181	181	127	-30%	-54
PROPERTY CRIME	690	624.3	549	675	675	690	2%	15
Total	1110	1,042.0	882	1148	1148	1110	-3%	-38

Violent Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ASSAULT COMMON	41	53.5	39	67	67	41	-39%	-26
SEX OFFENCES	19	18.2	12	22	20	19	-5%	-1
ASSAULT SERIOUS	18	20.2	14	23	14	18	29%	4
ROBBERY	4	4.9	3	8	7	4	-43%	-3

Property Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
AUTO THEFT	14	21.3	16	30	16	14	-13%	-2
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	26	35.6	13	56	27	26	-4%	-1
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	17	22.4	23	36	27	17	-37%	-10
FRAUD	104	85.8	63	117	117	104	-11%	-13
SHOPLIFTING	179	109.1	54	125	118	179	52%	61
THEFT FROM AUTO	49	105.1	72	183	77	49	-36%	-28
THEFT-OTHER	162	105.8	73	151	151	162	7%	11

Other Criminal Code	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ARSON	7	6.6	2	7	3	7	133%	4
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	213	205.4	144	245	245	213	-13%	-32
COLLISION	180	162.2	141	193	176	180	2%	4

All Series 4000 Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
CDSA OFFENCES	26	38.2	22	31	28	26	-7%	-2

MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	166	216.6	191	234	210	166	-21%	-44

Prepared by Richmond RCMP Crime Analysts. Data collected from PRIME on 2026-02-02. Published 2026-02-03. **Updated 2026-02-23**. Data is operational and subject to change. This document is not to be copied, reproduced, used in whole or part or disseminated to any other person or agency without the consent of the originator(s).

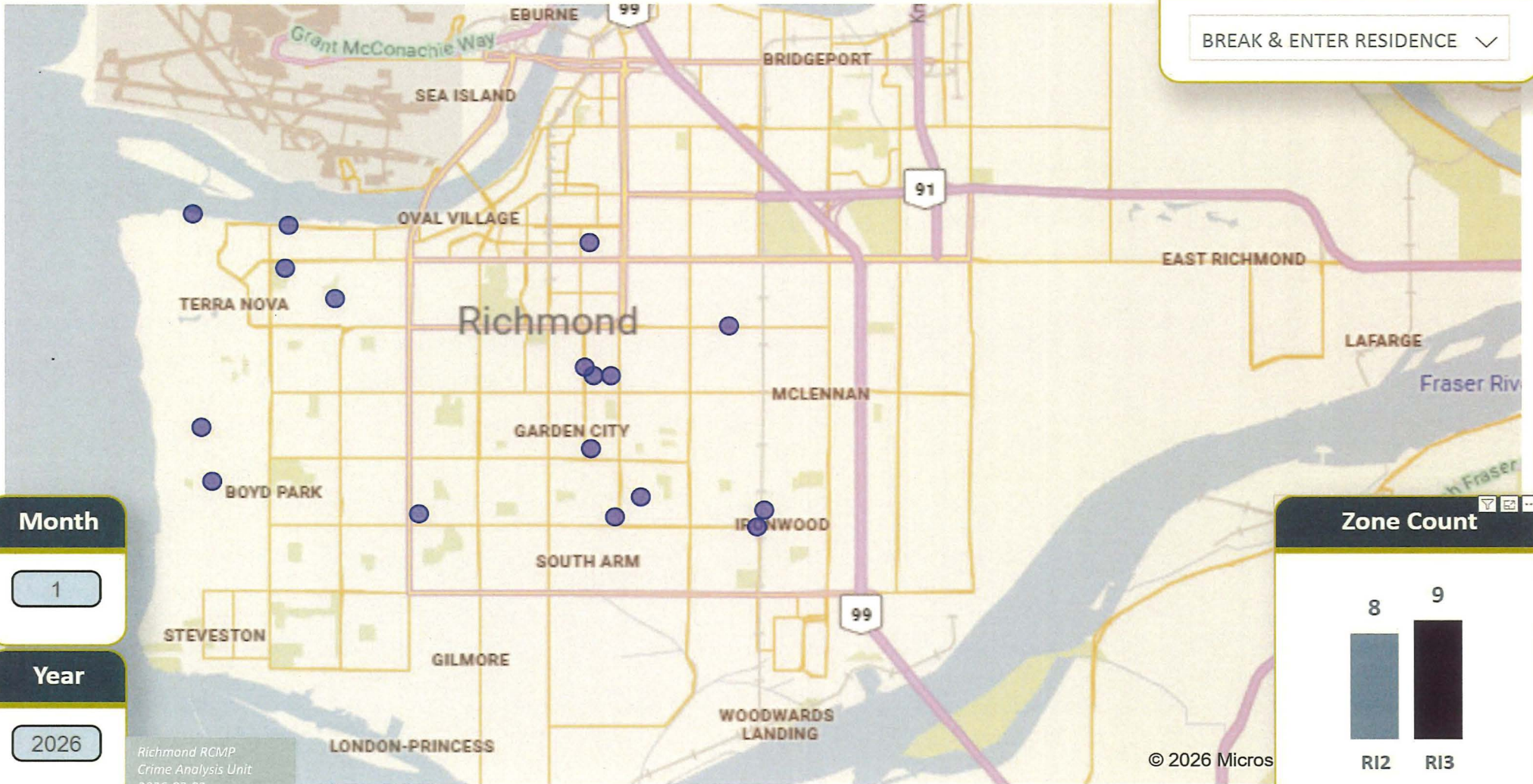
Residential Break & Enter n = 17

Crime Map

Crime Type

ATTACHMENT 3

BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE ▾



Month

1

Year

2026

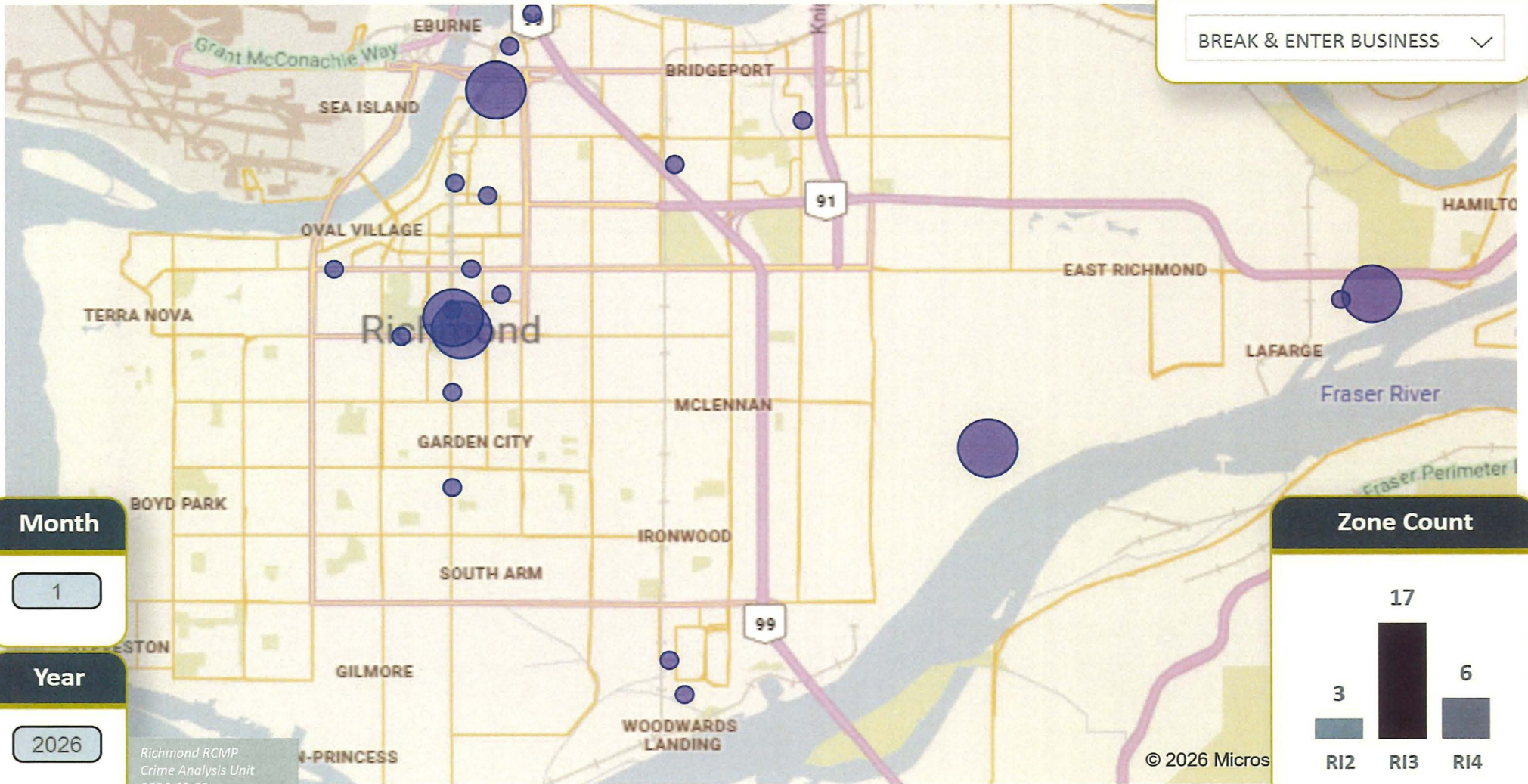
Commercial Break & Enter n = 26

Crime Map

Crime Type

ATTACHMENT 3

BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS



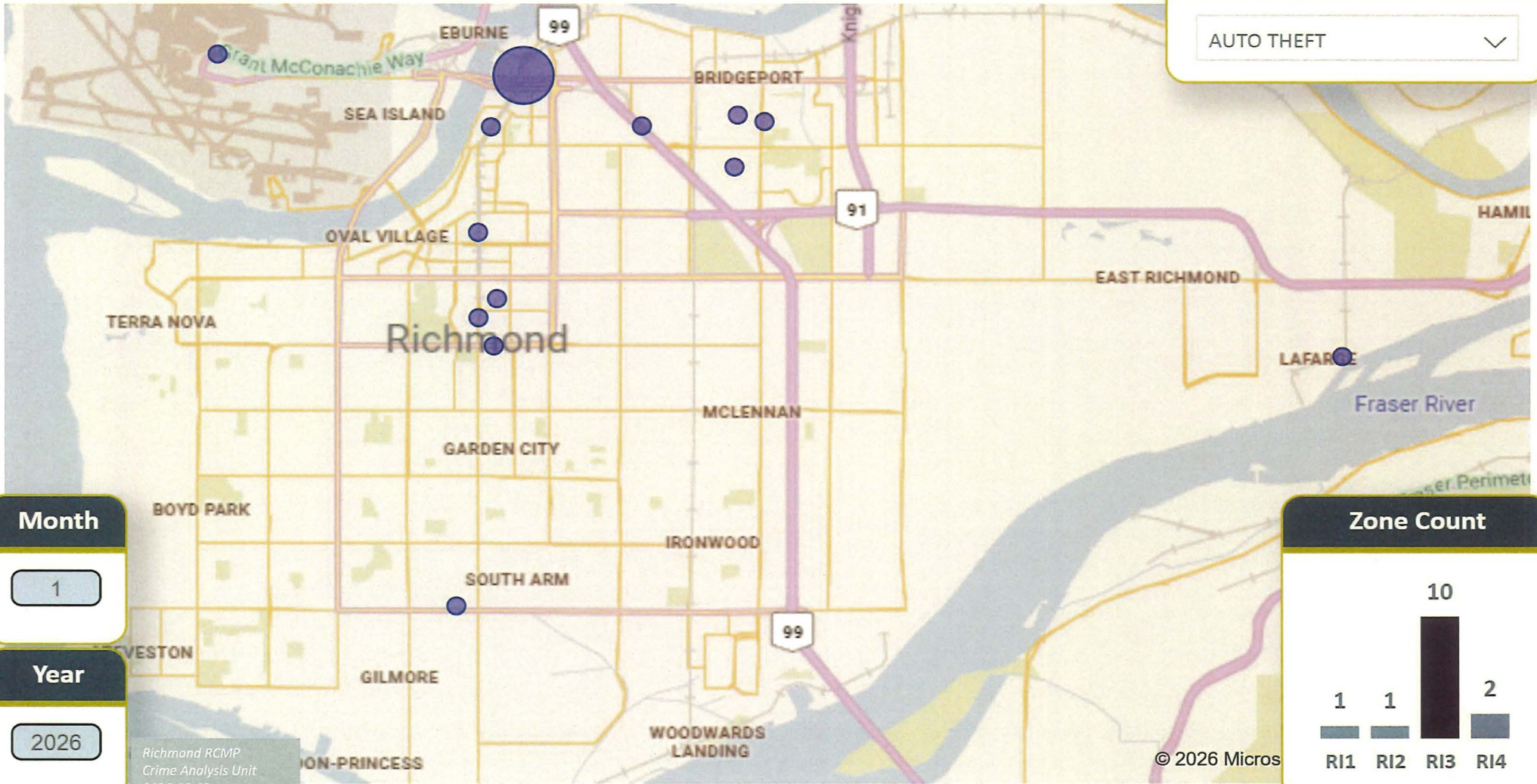
Auto Theft n = 14

Crime Map

Crime Type

ATTACHMENT 3

AUTO THEFT



Month

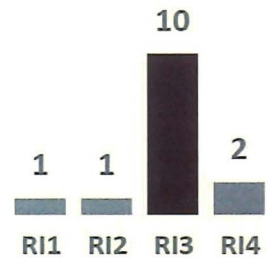
1

Year

2026

Richmond RCMP
Crime Analysis Unit
2026-02-02

Zone Count



© 2026 Micros

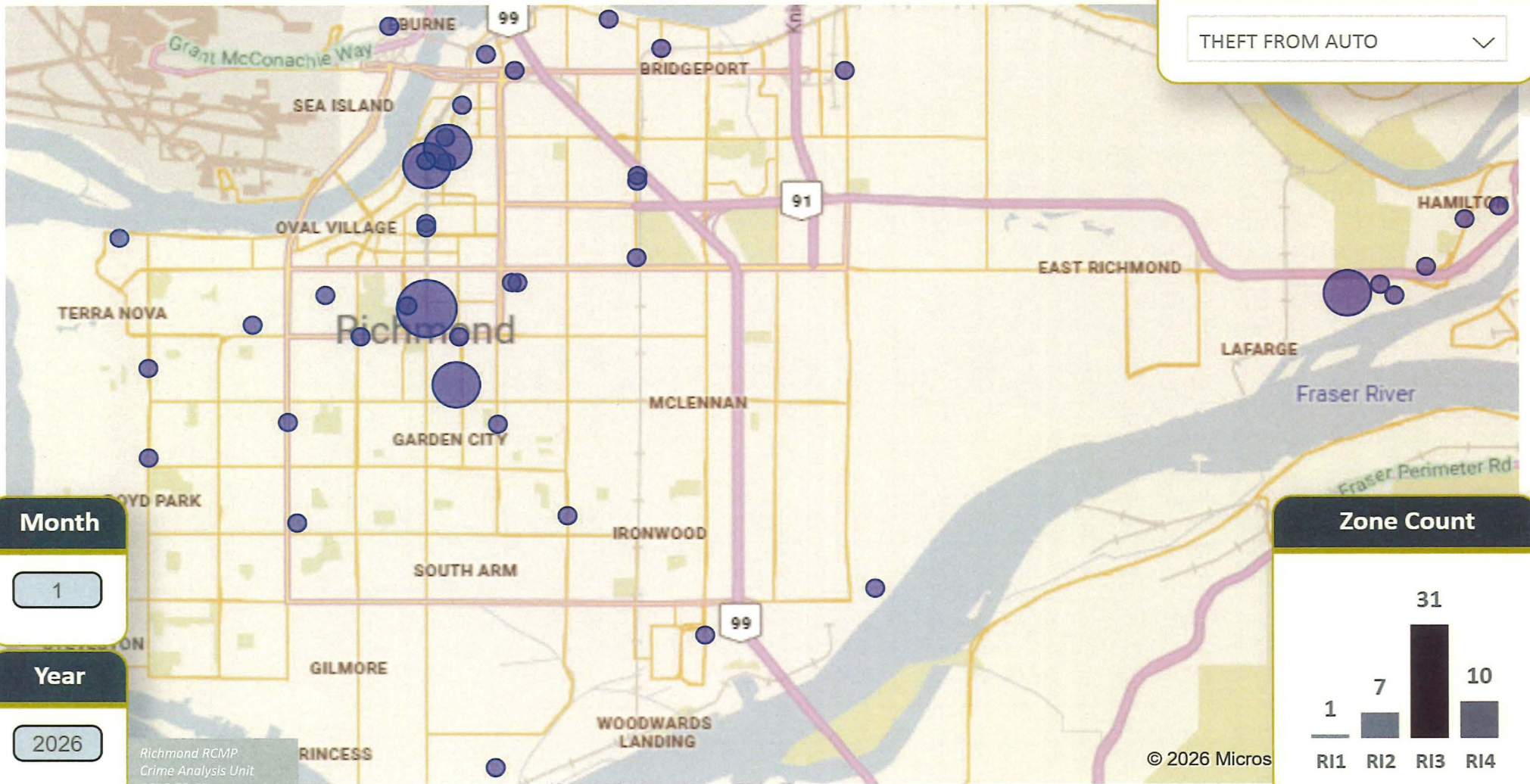
Theft from Auto n = 49

Crime Map

Crime Type

ATTACHMENT 3

THEFT FROM AUTO



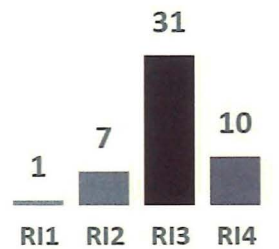
Month

1

Year

2026

Zone Count



CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

FIFA World Cup Scams

The World Cup is coming to Vancouver this year between June and July. While it is a thrilling time for football fans, it is also an exciting time for fraudsters who are looking to capitalize on passionate fans looking to buy tickets or prepare a stay. The tickets are selling for thousands of dollars and short term rentals are increasing in price. Be careful of these scams as you, or someone you know, prepares for the global event.

Ticket Scams

One way fraudsters scam people is by designing fake websites that look like legitimate websites. When their victims log into the fake site and make a payment, the transaction will fail. At this point, they have already gathered your log in credentials and financial information. Other scams involve the use of secondary marketplaces and resale sites. Fraudsters post fake listings that are cheap, in order to gain interest from their victims. Although some resale websites claim to be safe, it can be difficult to verify the authenticity of the tickets. In addition, many of these platforms are unofficial and do not carry FIFA World Cup branding. To protect yourself, always do your research on secondary markets and purchase your tickets through trusted sources like FIFA's verified resale site. Never trust "too good to be true" deals as fraudsters use these to prey on desperate fans. Lastly do not buy physical tickets as FIFA will only be selling mobile tickets.



Rental Scams

There will be high demand for hotels and Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs) during this time. When booking hotels, use a reputable websites and review their terms and conditions. Contact the hotel directly to confirm your reservation. For B&Bs, scammers create fake listings for properties that don't exist, aren't actually available, or belong to someone else. They lure in people using stock or stolen images to make the listing look legitimate. Scammers can also post these rental properties on different rental sites. This tactic allow scammers to cancel lower-priced bookings if another guest books at a higher rate elsewhere. It leaves guests in a difficult position because scammers may cancel last minute. Lastly, beware of deceptive descriptions. This scam occurs when hosts provide misleading information in their listing. The description can be exaggerated with inaccurate details or edited images to make the rental more appealing. In all these situations once the guest arrives at the property, they may find that the address doesn't exist or the residence does not look like the one they rented. To protect yourself, always do your research by reading reviews carefully. Double check the address to check that it is a legitimate residence. Reverse image search the property to check that it is not a stock image or a reposted property.

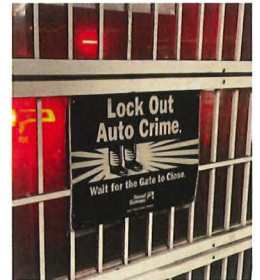


CITY OF RICHMOND CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

Apartment Break & Enter Prevention

As our city continues to grow in size, more and more properties are being converted into apartment buildings. Some of these buildings have commercial units below bringing in more foot traffic from customers, guests, and employees. In addition, most parkades are shared between the residential and commercial parts of the building. Unfortunately, this also brings in suspicious activity and crime. Therefore, it is crucial for us to highlight some smart behaviors to prevent your apartment from being a target for crime.

Wait for the garage gate to close before driving away – One primary entry point for thieves is the garage gate. They may tailgate other vehicles, wait nearby to enter on foot, or wait for a resident to drive away before the gate closes. Once thieves gain entry, they look into vehicles and break into them. In some cases, thieves can wander around the parkade and break into storage rooms and bike lockers. The best way to prevent these crimes is to wait for the garage gate to close behind you before you drive away. Opportunistic thieves are less likely to commit a crime if they know someone has spotted them.



Do not hold the door for strangers – While holding the door for strangers is a polite action to do, it is not safe in terms of crime prevention. You do not know whether or not that person is a resident or a potential thief. Thus, let them know to buzz in or use their own key to gain entry. Common target area after entry is the mail room because it is the most convenient and the first area they see. In some apartments, packages are left to the side of the entrance, becoming an easy grab for thieves.

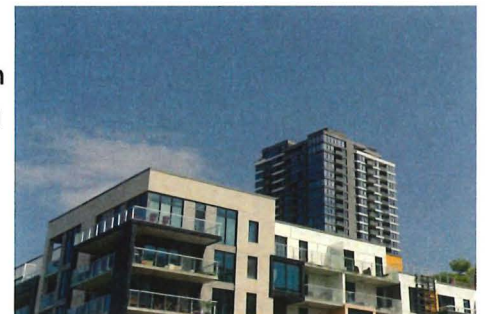
Secure your sliding door and windows - Some apartment buildings have townhouse and ground level units. The common entry points are sliding door and windows. Reinforce these points of entry by adding track stoppers and sliding door locks. Alarms are also a great addition as they provide an audible deterrent and may alert neighbours of an unwanted entry.

Treat your keys and door fobs like gold – If you lose your keys or have your keys stolen, replace your lock immediately and report missing keys and fobs to your property management. Do not leave your key in your vehicle and store them in a safe location.

Always report suspicious activity - If you see anything suspicious, report it immediately to police, and if applicable, the concierge or property management.

Do not buzz everyone through – Potential thieves buzz random numbers hoping someone will let them in. Always ask who is on the other end before you let them in even when you are expecting guests or a delivery.

Not all apartments have the luxury of a 24/7 concierge or security. It is the residents' responsibility to keep their community safe. All it takes is one person to make a mistake for an opportunistic thief to gain entry. You can help make a difference in your building by following these tips to keep your building safe and reporting all suspicious activity to police.



Three Tips to Prevent Theft From Auto

Theft from auto is a crime of opportunity. Never assume a theft will not happen to you because it only takes an opportunity and a few seconds to break into your vehicle. Common stolen items include backpacks, jackets, credit cards, electronics, wallets, keys, and sunglasses. Even when you know the jacket or backpack is empty of valuables, thieves will still take a chance because they do not know it is empty. They are hoping your phone, wallet, or an item is in your bag or jacket. The best way to prevent a theft from auto is to remember the following three rules:



- **Lock it** – A simple but effective tip is to lock your vehicle at all times, even when it is parked in your driveway or in a private parkade.
- **Remove it** – Take all items with you and leave nothing in plain site. Thieves will take the risk to break into your vehicle for anything that may look valuable to them.
- **Hide it** – If you cannot remove the item from your car, put it in the trunk where it is hidden and out of sight.

To Start a Block Watch Group

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

Select a Group Lead

- ◇ Each group lead has to submit an application and will be contacted for a suitability interview. Candidates will then need to complete a free Police Information Check.

Recruit and build your group

- ◇ Upon confirmation from the Block Watch office on completing and passing all required steps in becoming a Block Watch Lead, you may begin to recruit homes that are near to you with the provided recruiting materials from the Block Watch office. To build an effective Block Watch, try to involve 50-75% of households in your area.

Complete activation of your team

1. **Complete** Block Watch Lead/Participant training – invite everyone in your group to participate in a virtual/in-person training session.
2. **Submit** your participating household list.
3. **Qualify** for Block Watch street signs once the above steps are completed.

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

BUSINESS LINK

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Preventing Break & Enters: Alarms

An alarm system is one of the most effective tools a business can invest in to safeguard their property. These systems are designed to detect unauthorized entry and trigger an immediate response to prevent break-ins and other security breaches. Contact sensors can help monitor points of entry, while glass break alarms detect the sound of breaking glass. Motion detectors alert you of movement within the space once an intruder is inside. Together, these three elements provide after-hours security and comprehensive monitoring for unauthorized activity. Relying on only one type of alarm sensor is not recommended, as each has its own unique limitations. For example, a contact sensor is effective at detecting a door or window that has been forced open. However, it cannot detect glass break. Pairing contact sensors with glass break alarms help address this gap and strengthens overall security.



Some sensors and alarms are able to connect to a monitoring company or your phone. They are able to give you real time notifications if someone gains entry. In some instances, the monitoring company can contact the police and alert them of a break and enter. While other alarms can create a loud noise scaring away thieves and bringing attention to the business. Lastly, some alarm companies provide their clients with stickers and signage to display in front of their business. This signage provides a visible deterrent letting thieves know the property is alarmed and has proper surveillance.

To further strengthen your alarm system, you can pair it with security cameras. Security cameras act as a second set of eyes for your business. They also help identify false alarms and provide valuable evidentiary information to police if a break-in occurs. Regularly check that you are able to access the footage and it is downloadable.

Please report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Richmond RCMP Non-Emergency line **604-278-1212**. If you witness a crime in progress, dial **9-1-1**.

Online reporting available at bc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/richmond/report for the following:

- Damage/mischief to property under \$5,000
- Damage/mischief to a vehicle under \$5,000
- Hit and run to an unoccupied vehicle or property
- Theft of bicycle under \$5,000
- Theft under \$5,000
- Theft from vehicle under \$5,000
- Lost property

