



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025
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 11, 2025.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

April 15, 2025, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

DELEGATION

1. Kody Millar, to speak on the installation of high-resolution cameras at intersections.

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LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **BUSINESS LICENCE ACTIVITY REPORT – Q4 AND 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 7967315)

CS-8

[See Page CS-8 for full report](#)

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – Q4 and 2024 Year in Review”, dated February 14, 2025, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

3. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2025**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 7960588)

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Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

4. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVIY REPORT – JANUARY 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7961991)

CS-20

[See Page CS-20 for full report](#)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2025”, dated February 10, 2025, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

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5. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

Items for discussion:

None.

6. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVIY REPORT – JANUARY 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5350-01) (REDMS No. 7938543)

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See Page CS-33 for full report

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2025”, dated February 10, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

7. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

Items for discussion:

None.

8. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

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

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Michael Wolfe

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 14, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

March 11, 2025, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

AGENDA ADDITION

It was moved and seconded
That a presentation from Constable Frank Tarape, Richmond RCMP be added to the Community Safety Agenda as Item No. 1A.

CARRIED

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DELEGATIONS

1. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), Krista Kienapfel, Canadian Lifeboat Institution Volunteer, provided an overview of the Canadian Lifeboat Institution and requested a partnership opportunity with the City of Richmond.

Committee requested a staff memorandum outlining all the various organizations that have presented to Community Safety Committee in the last 5 years and opportunities to collaborate with them.

- 1A.. Constable Frank Tarape, Richmond's Road Safety Unit, RCMP, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) highlighted various road safety enforcement programs.

Councillor Day left the meeting (4:25 p.m.) and did not return.

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024 AND YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 7938431)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) there has been an increase in people obtaining licences, and coming into compliance for short term rentals, (ii) the reduction in calls for service for property use has allowed for additional time to target larger non-compliant operations in the City, (iii) there is a more unsheltered population in the city core where there are more services and higher population, (iv) there is an even distribution around the periphery likely caused by less frequent active patrols on provincially owned lands and a heat map can be provided, (v) proactive patrol results are reflected in tickets and violations issued and overall revenue generated, and (vi) a list of repeat unsightly premises violations can be provided.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Activity Report – December 2024 and Year in Review”, dated January 15, 2025, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

2.

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3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024 AND YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7920874)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) staff have exceptionally high training and there are no concerns with their ability to handle the types of calls they are dispatched to, and (ii) there are no obvious trends regarding opioid overdoses.

Discussion took place on trends related to opioid overdoses, and as a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff follow up with Vancouver Coastal Health and obtain the metrics for opioid overdoses in 2024 to examine any trends, and report back.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2024 and Year In Review”, dated January 13, 2025, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Staff advised that due to upcoming retirements a recruitment process will begin this week.

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024 AND YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7893240)

Committee requested figures for a 5-year average for the whole year for long term analysis.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – December 2024 and Year in Review”, dated January 15, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

None.

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7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:01 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 11, 2025.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Sarah Goddard
Legislative Services Associate



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** February 14, 2025
From: Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8060-01/2025-Vol
 Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing 01
Re: Business Licence Activity Report – Q4 and 2024 Year in Review

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – Q4 and 2024 Year in Review”, dated February 14, 2025, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

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

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
Economic Development Finance Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

This report provides a review of business licence activity in 2024 along with a fourth quarter update of activities in the City of Richmond.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #2 Strategic and Sustainable Community Growth:

2.5 Work collaboratively and proactively to attract and retain businesses to support a diversified economic base.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #4 Responsible Financial Management and Governance:

4.2 Seek improvements and efficiencies in all aspects of City business.

Analysis

Business Licencing Revenue

In 2024, Business Licensing collected the highest amount of annual revenue on record at \$5,036,330*. This total amount includes enforcement fines, inter-municipal ride-share recoverables, and other permits. Business licence specific revenue collected in 2024 was \$4,797,404, representing a seven percent increase compared to 2023. Business licence revenue is one of multiple indicators of economic health in Richmond. Table 1 shows total business licence revenue from 2021 to 2024.

Table 1: Total Business Licence Revenue from 2021 to 2024

	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Revenue	\$ 4,162,514	\$ 4,162,709	\$ 4,488,836	4,797,404

* Preliminary financial information. Information may change subject to year-end adjustments and audit.

Business Licence Enforcement

In 2024, staff issued 990 bylaw violation notices, which represented the highest annual number on record. The violations were for various offences, including operating a business without a licence or contrary to licence conditions. Of these, 395 violations were related to short-term rental offences, while 114 violations involved contraventions of the Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 9700.

Businesses operating without a valid licence are typically issued a warning and provided with steps to achieve compliance. If a follow-up inspection confirms continued non-compliance, a bylaw violation notice is issued. The slight decrease in fine revenue reflects staff efforts in following up with outstanding businesses, such as converting a violation notice to a warning if they settle their outstanding business licence fees. This strategy of targeting non-compliant businesses resulted in a considerable number of businesses opting to come into compliance

rather than being subject to more bylaw enforcement. In many cases, staff utilized their discretion to convert finable violations into warning violations if businesses, who had no significant history of bylaw enforcement, agreed to apply, pay for, and receive a licence in a timely manner. This enforcement and compliance drive contributed to the overall increase in licencing revenue noted in Table 1. Table 2 highlights total enforcement revenue from 2022 to 2024.

Table 2: Business Licence Enforcement Revenue from 2022 to 2024

	2022	2023	2024*
Revenue from Tickets	\$ 15,700	\$ 100,175	\$ 86,795

* Preliminary financial information. Information may change subject to year-end adjustments and audit.

Application Processing

The licencing application process is a crucial step since it confirms whether the businesses have the required approvals from agencies that regulate health, safety and other municipal, provincial or federal requirements. This process is overseen with thoroughness and efficiency and the following measures of performance are used:

- **“Valid Licences”** is the number of businesses with valid licences.
- **“Expired Licences”** is the number of businesses that have not paid to renew their licence within 60 days of being sent an invoice. Staff follow up with these businesses regarding the outstanding licencing fees and confirm whether they are permanently closed.
- **“Pending/Change Applications”** are businesses that have applied for a new licence or a change request of an existing licence, but are waiting for their applications to be processed. Staff work to keep this number low by prioritizing these applications.
- **“Total Licences”** is the total number of business licences that are valid, expired (and being checked) and under application review.

Table 3 notes the total number of business licences and their status from 2023 and 2024. These statistics are measured quarterly, as opposed to annually, as the numbers fluctuate throughout the year due to a variety of factors, including shifting numbers of daily application submissions, premise alteration requisitions, change requests or businesses permanently closed.

Table 3: Number and Status of Business Licences in 2023 and 2024

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4
Valid Licences	13,164	13,212	13,607	14,245	13,982	14,007	14,518	14,317
Expired Licences	2,340	2,687	2,590	1,965	2,137	2,708	2,515	2,705
Pending/Change Applications	1,040	950	882	816	803	765	725	680
Total Licences	16,544	16,849	17,079	17,027	16,922	17,480	17,758	17,702

In the fourth quarter of 2024, total licences increased by four percent (675) when contrasted with the same quarter last year. In the same period, valid license increased slightly (72), while there

was a sixteen percent decrease (136) in pending/change applications. This improvement is indicative of more timely processing and better service for business owners.

Table 4 highlights the number of new business licences issued in the respective year. There was a four percent increase (85) in the number of new business licences issued in 2024, when contrasted with 2023.

Table 4: New Business Licences Issued from 2021 to 2024

	2022	2023	2024
Total Issued	1660	1971	2056

The City’s MyBusiness portal, which went live in July 2022, enabled business license applicants/holders to renew, submit, or modify existing licenses in an efficient and effective manner. There is strong business engagement with the MyBusiness portal, with approximately 70% of active businesses linking their licences to an account. Through 2024, the MyBusiness portal played an important role in providing a higher service level to the public who now have the ability to access this system remotely and on a 24/7 basis.

2024 Highlights

Short-Term Rentals

In 2024, the Province introduced the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act (STRAA), equipping municipalities with new tools to track and address non-compliant short-term rental properties. A key component of this legislation is the creation of a Provincial Short-Term Rental Registry, requiring all hosts to register their rental and display a provincial registration number on their listing. To enhance compliance, hosting platforms must validate all rental advertisements against the provincial registry, ensuring only registered properties are listed. This system strengthens enforcement efforts by providing municipalities with reliable data and reducing the presence of unpermitted short-term rentals.

To support enforcement, the Province created a secure portal for municipal staff, offering key information such as host contact details, dwelling addresses, and host profiles across multiple platforms, and, critically, the ability to issue takedown requests for unpermitted short-term rentals directly from hosting websites. In 2024, staff responded to 235 unique service calls related to unpermitted short-term rentals, resulting in 395 violation notices issued to operators.

Tokyo Beauty

In 2024, Council canceled the business licence of Tokyo Beauty's Hazelbridge Way location following multiple violations identified by Health Canada. The company, operating under Nagoya Trading Ltd., was found selling unauthorized health products containing prescription and controlled substances, posing significant health risks to consumers.

The cancellation of the Hazelbridge Way location followed a 90-day suspension of the Westminster Highway location in 2023, after Health Canada seized unauthorized products containing substances that are regulated under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. The

action taken by Council highlights the City's commitment to protecting public safety and well-being.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

This report provides a review to the Community Safety Committee regarding the licence activity and revenue collected by the Business Licencing Department for 2024. Revenues overall in 2024 have increased by a record amount. The increased number of valid licences in the fourth quarter of 2024 is a positive indicator of overall economic health, as well as staff efforts to follow up on businesses that have been operating without a valid business licence.



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City of Richmond

Report to Committee

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

Staff Recommendation

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

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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.

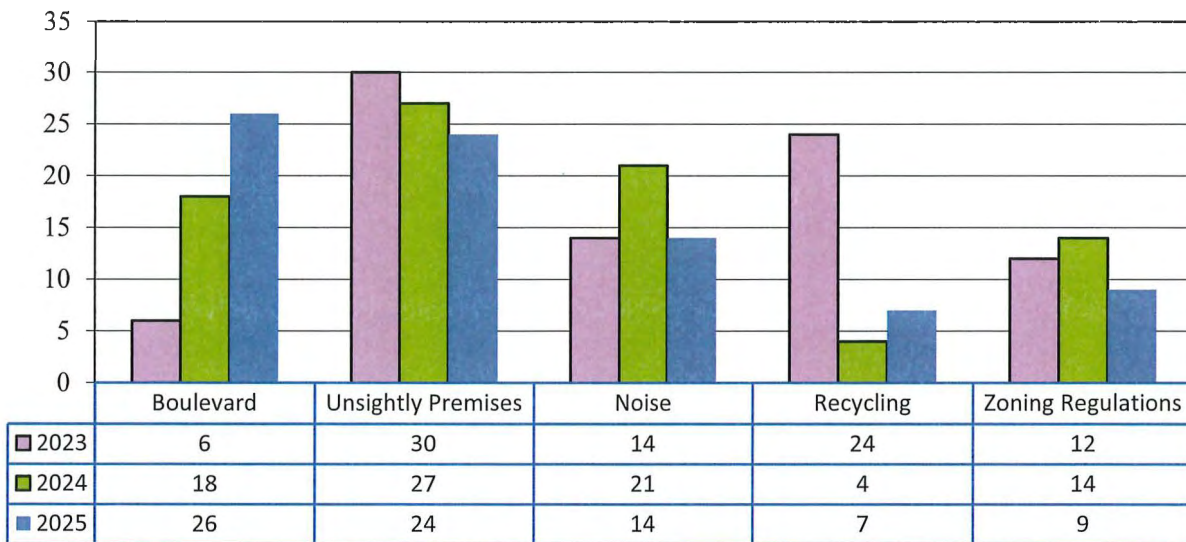
3.4 Ensure civic infrastructure, assets and resources are effectively maintained and continue to meet the needs of the community as it grows.

Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In January 2025, a total of 107 calls for service were opened for investigation, representing a 26.2 percent decrease from the same period last year, when there were 145 calls. This month saw fluctuations, within the historical norm, for unsightly premises and noise complaints. Depending on the nature of the investigation, staff often liaise with multiple departments and other government agencies to conduct a review of a given complaint. Among 24 potential calls for service categories, Figure 1 highlights the most common calls for service received by Property Use officers for follow up on and investigation.

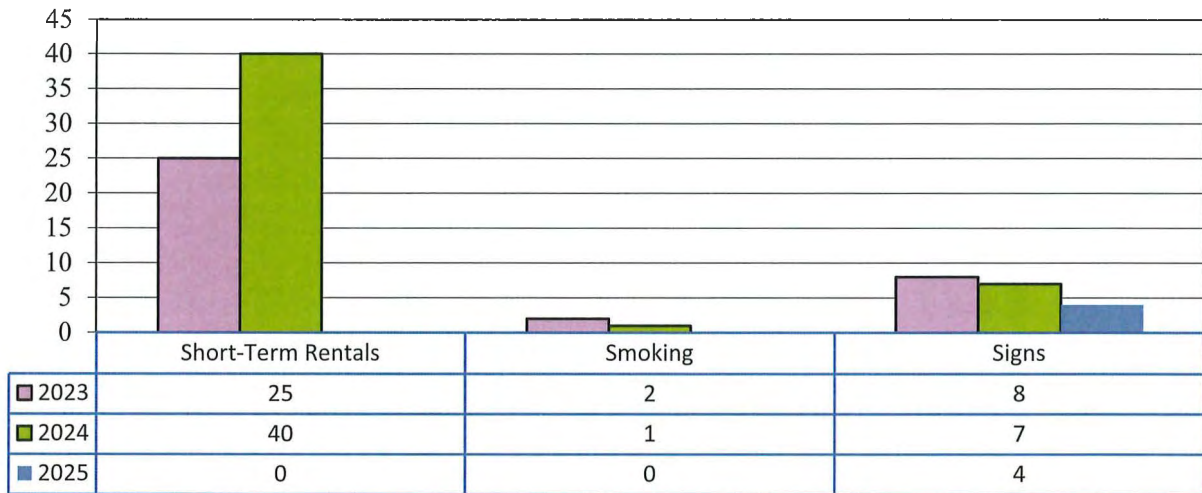
Figure 1: Property Use Calls For Service - January Year-To-Date Comparison



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: Property Use Calls For Service - January Year-To-Date Comparison



In January, there were no service calls for short-term rental violations, compared to 40 last year. Currently, 13 investigations into illegal short-term rentals remain open. In many cases, complaints are resolved through voluntary removal of the short-term rental listing, obtaining a business license, if eligible, and paying outstanding fines. However, when voluntary compliance is not achieved, various violation notices may be issued for non-compliant short-term rental operations.

Beginning in February, short-term rental enforcement reporting will align with Business Licencing. As a result, all related information will be included in the Business License quarterly report moving forward.

Also for this month, the Sign Inspector responded to four calls related to non-permitted signage and improper realtor signage. Staff worked collaboratively with advertisers and agents to ensure the removal of non-compliant signage.

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 34 site inspections in the month of January. When ongoing unpermitted soil deposition is found, staff frequently issue a Stop Work and/or Removal Order, which is frequently accompanied by ticket issuance and escalating enforcement action.

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

- 1028 Page Street
- 6531 No. 5 Road
- 7831 No. 5 Road
- 11580 Mitchell Road
- 11640 Blundell Road
- 22040 River Road

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 8511 No. 6 Road
- 11300 Blundell Road

There are approximately 27 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process and staff continue to monitor 19 approved sites. Staff are currently addressing approximately 34 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

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

Parking Enforcement

In January, parking enforcement officers issued 2,828 tickets which is a 76.2 percent increase from last year, 1,605. The significant increase in ticket issuance this month can be directly related to additional staffing available to proactively patrol and provide more coverage. Also, last year saw snowfall in January so staff were deployed to follow up on those community concerns instead of proactive parking patrols. Last year, there were 72 calls related to snow and ice removal while there were none for this January, 2025.

Staff responded to 352 calls for service, representing a 6.4 percent decrease compared to the same period last year (376). The majority of the calls were for safety and obstruction which primarily involve parking issues that pose safety risks, such as vehicles parked in no-stopping zones, near fire hydrants, or obstructing roadways and driveways.

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

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

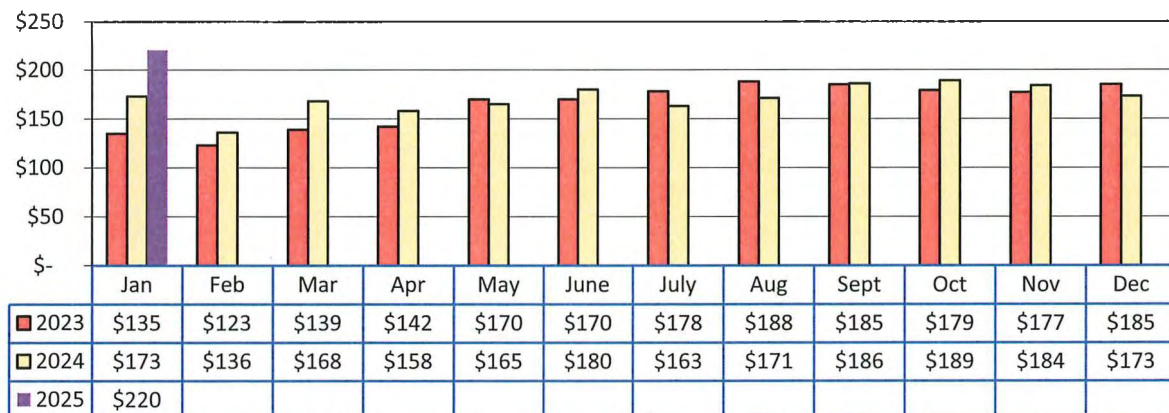
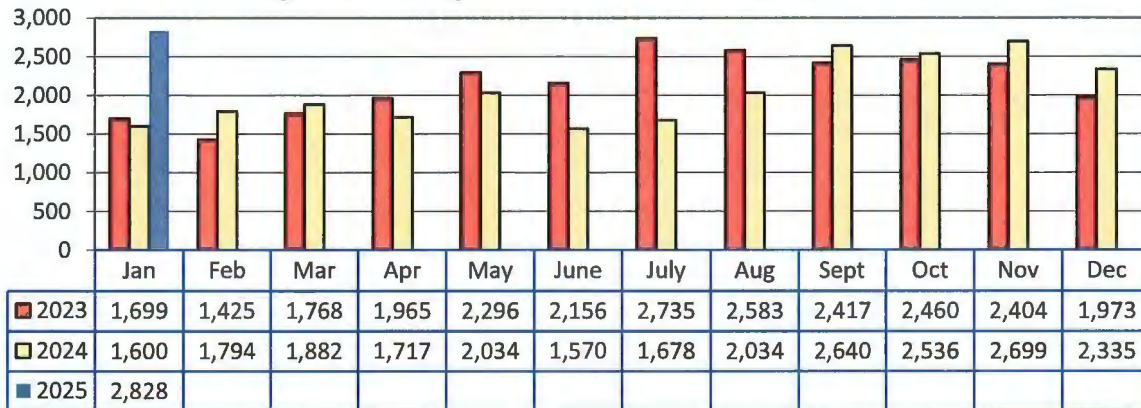


Figure 4: Parking Violation Issuance Comparison



Animal Protection and Dog Licencing

As of February 6, 2025, approximately 3,775 dog licences have been issued. Dog licenses are valid for the calendar year, regardless of the purchase date. Dog owners have until February 28, 2025 to renew their licences for a discounted fee. Following this deadline, staff will begin canvassing efforts to follow up with accounts that have not renewed or provided status updates.

In January, BC SPCA Officers responded to 98 calls for service related to animal control and dog licencing violations. Officers conducted 85 park patrols across various 33 different parks, dikes, and school grounds. Frequently patrolled parks in January were Spul’u’Kwuks Elementary, Garry Point Park, Thomas Kidd Elementary, Steveston Park, and AR MacNeill. Animal Control Officers also issued five violation notices for permitting a dog to be at large and failure to confine a dog to its owner’s property. In addition to enforcement, these patrols play a key educational role, promoting awareness and compliance.

Ticketing

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

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance (BVN’s & MTI’s)	January	YTD
Short-Term Rental Offences	1	1
Animal/Dog Licencing Offences	5	5
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	38	38
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	0
Unightly Premises Offences	1	1
Noise Offences	0	0
Building Regulation Offences	11	11
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Parks Offences	0	0
Sign Offences	4	4
Watering Offences	0	0
Totals	60	60

Bylaw Adjudication

Adjudication hearings were held on January 14 and January 28, 2025, addressing 27 disputed violations. Only two violations, both related to business licensing, were dismissed. The next adjudication hearing will be held on March 19, 2025.

Revenue and Expenses

Revenue in the Property Use section is primarily derived from permits, tickets and court fines related to bylaw prosecutions. Soil permit applications and volume fees follow a seasonal trend and tend to increase in Q2 and Q3. The collection of revenue in other Bylaw fines can be primarily attributed to fines issued for the operation of unpermitted short-term rentals. These results are shown in Table 2.

Parking enforcement generates a significant portion of its revenue from meters, permits and fines. Table 3 identifies the individual revenue sources within parking enforcement. Table 4 highlights the funds collected from dog licencing and fines. The overall increase in licencing revenue can be attributed to proactive work done by staff in previous years to ensure accuracy in dog licencing accounts and to conduct canvassing efforts for compliance.

Table 5 outlines the net revenue and expenses for property use, parking enforcement and animal protection services.

Table 2: Property Use Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2025	Actual Jan 2025
Soil Permit Application and Volume Fees	\$10,675	\$1,116
Other Bylaw Fines	\$28,600	\$19,213
Total Revenue	\$39,275	\$20,329

Table 3: Parking Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2025	Actual Jan 2025
Contract Revenue ¹	\$5,000	\$5,000
Filming Revenue	0	\$309
Parking Revenue ²	\$179,600	\$220,105
Receivable Income ³	0	0
Total Revenue	\$184,600	\$225,495

¹ City Towing Contract with Rusty's Towing

² Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement

³ Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries

Table 4: Animal Protection Services Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2025	Actual Jan 2025
Dog Licences	\$122,000	\$133,446
Fines	\$380	\$1,350
Total Revenue	\$122,380	\$134,796

Table 5: Property Use, Parking and Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

		Budget Jan 2025	Actual Jan 2025
Property Use	Revenue	\$39,275	\$20,329
	Expenses	\$159,325	\$88,576
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$(120,050)	\$(68,247)
Parking	Revenue	\$184,600	\$225,495
	Expenses	\$168,958	\$155,777
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$15,642	\$69,718
Animal Protection	Revenue	\$122,380	\$134,796
	Expenses	\$123,467	\$115,122
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$(1,087)	\$19,674

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

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



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



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: February 10, 2025

From: Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief

File 99-Fire Rescue/2025-
Vol 01

Re: Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2025

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2025”, dated February 10, 2025, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief
(604-303-2715)

Att. 1

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

Staff Report

Origin

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

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

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

Analysis

Emergency Programs

During the month of January, staff engaged in the following activities:

- Participated in Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in-person training at the RCMP HQ E-Division. The four-day EOC provided staff with foundational knowledge to work in an EOC along with understanding of key roles and activities performed by our Federal partners. A number of staff collaborated on different scenarios and were provided the opportunity to practice various EOC activities, and create operational capacity with the RCMP.
- Collaborated on a presentation for Emergency Preparedness Educators on "How to measure success in public education". Presenters from the government of Alberta discussed the annual Preparedness Survey and how the data is used to inform their public education campaigns, program goals and objectives. Natural Resources Canada shared the results from recent surveys to determine awareness, preparedness, and anticipated responses to alerts for those areas with Earthquake Early Warnings (EEW). These findings helped illuminate target areas and groups for public education within our community.

RFR Public Outreach & Education

During the month of January, staff engaged in the following activities:

- Facilitated outreach events to provide educational opportunities to the community, including fire hall and vehicle tours for three organizations.
- Provided information for the joint RFR, SUCCESS and Public Library recruitment session. Over 60 people attended the in-person and online information session.
- Presented at the Steveston 20/20 Group session, with the Fire Chief. An update was provided on the support that RFR delivers to the community through education, emergency preparedness and fire prevention. Emergency Programs staff also attended, providing support and information.

- Additionally, staff continued with life safety educational social media videos and posts, including, the Richmond Firefighter’s annual Charitable Tree Chip event, and upcoming Camp Ignite Awareness contest launch to promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the firefighters profession to Richmond community members.

Internal Staff Training

In January 2025, staff organized in-house training events including; Fire Leadership, Auto-Accident Patient Extrication, in-house Medical Cross Instructors, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and ongoing firefighter recruit training and evaluations.

Emergency Response

One of the City’s emergency response goals is to arrive on-scene, in time and with enough resources to contain a fire to the room of origin. The room of origin standard is especially important in terms of preventing further fire loss and damage, which can be reduced when a fire is contained to the room of origin. Meeting this standard also assists in mitigating loss of life, reduction of property damage and protection of the environment.

In January 2025, there were 1,138 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall decrease of 19 per cent in incidents between January 2024 and January 2025 (Table 2).

Table 1: Total Incidents - January 2025

	Incident Totals January (2025)	Incident Totals January (2024)	Number Change from January 2024 to 2025	Percentage Change from January 2024 to 2025	5 Year Average for January
Active Alarm	198	342	-144	-42	213
Explosion	0	0	0	0	0
Fire	38	35	+3	+9	29
Hazardous Materials	7	42	-35	-83	14
Medical	575	618	-43	-7	497
Motor Vehicle Incident	94	93	+1	+1	79
Public Hazard	5	18	-13	-72	10
Public Service	106	143	-37	-26	93
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	112	110	+2	+2	80
Specialized Transport	3	7	-4	-57	3
Technical Rescue	0	1	-1	-100	0
Total	1,138	1,409	-271	-19	1,020

The average time on scene in January 2025 for emergency response crews was 29 minutes per event, which is lower than the number recorded in January 2024: 35 minutes. The time spent on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each incident.

In January 2025, there were 38 fire incidents reported to the Office of the Fire Commissioner. This is 3 per cent higher than the number reported in January 2024. The average number of fires reported each January over the last five years is 29.

Fire damage and property losses during January 2025 is estimated at \$1,799,715. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated to be \$24,307,400 and the total value preserved from damage was \$22,507,685. These numbers translate to 93 per cent of value protected (Table 3), which is lower than the value observed in 2024: 99 per cent.

Incident Type Breakdown	Incident Volume	Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)	Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)
Residential: Single family	6	3,796,800	295,250	2,608,760	149,000	5,961,310
Residential: Multi family	10	13,508,800	1,034,200	649,970	296,715	12,827,855
Commercial / Industrial	3	1,410,000	150	1,000	-	1,410,850
Outdoor	17	2,315,305	11,305	7,265	7,095	2,304,170
Vehicle/Vessel	2	9,500	6,000	-	-	3,500
Totals*	38	21,040,405	1,346,905	3,266,995	452,810	22,507,685

* 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.

Significant Events

Emergency response crews minimized harm, limited damage and stopped fire spread from the place of origin, and performed life-saving interventions in these notable January 2025 incidents:

- **January 1, 2025 – Structure Fire on No. 2 Road.** Emergency crews responded to the scene of a single-family detached structure fire with smoke showing from the garage. Crews quickly attacked the fire, which had progressed from the garage to the home. Once extinguished, crews began salvage and overhaul. There were no residents home at the time. There were no reports of injury to the public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **January 2, 2025 – Structure Fire on No. 4 Road.** Emergency crews responded to the scene of a structure fire with smoke showing. Crews quickly attacked and extinguished the fire. All occupants and tenants were evacuated. Emergency Support Services were initiated to support two units. In total two adults and two children were provided with shelter allowance (three nights), groceries and clothing. Two people were taken to hospital with minor injuries. There were no additional reports of injury to the public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.

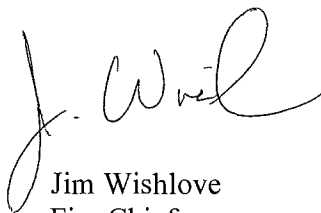
- **January 16, 2025 – Structure Fire on Railway Avenue.** Emergency crews responded to the scene of fire and smoke in a residential unit. On arrival, the fire was localized to a single unit and had been extinguished by the sprinkler system. Due to the smoke and water damage Emergency Support Services were initiated with one adult and one dog displaced. Shelter allowance (three nights) was provided. There were no reports of injury to the public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **January 19, 2025 – Structure Fire on Greenland Drive.** Emergency crews responded to the scene of smoke inside a structure with a person trapped inside. The first in crews made entry and were able to quickly extinguish the fire. Due to difficult conditions inside the building, crews were unable to reach the trapped person and had to remove them using a ground ladder from the outside. Once safely removed, the person was transferred to BC Emergency Health Services crew for transport to the hospital for treatment. Emergency Support Services were initiated to provide support for the displaced residents with one adult displaced. Shelter allowance (three nights), groceries, clothing and incidentals were provided. There were no additional reports of injury to the public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **January 28, 2025 – Structure Fire on Colonial Drive.** Emergency crews responded to the scene of a structure fire in a suite on the second floor. Crews entered the building and quickly extinguished the fire. The lone occupant was able to escape to safety before crew's arrival. Once extinguished, crews began demobilization. Emergency Support Services were initiated to support with three adults, one child and one dog displaced. Shelter allowance (three nights), groceries, clothing and incidentals were provided. There were no reports of injury to the public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

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



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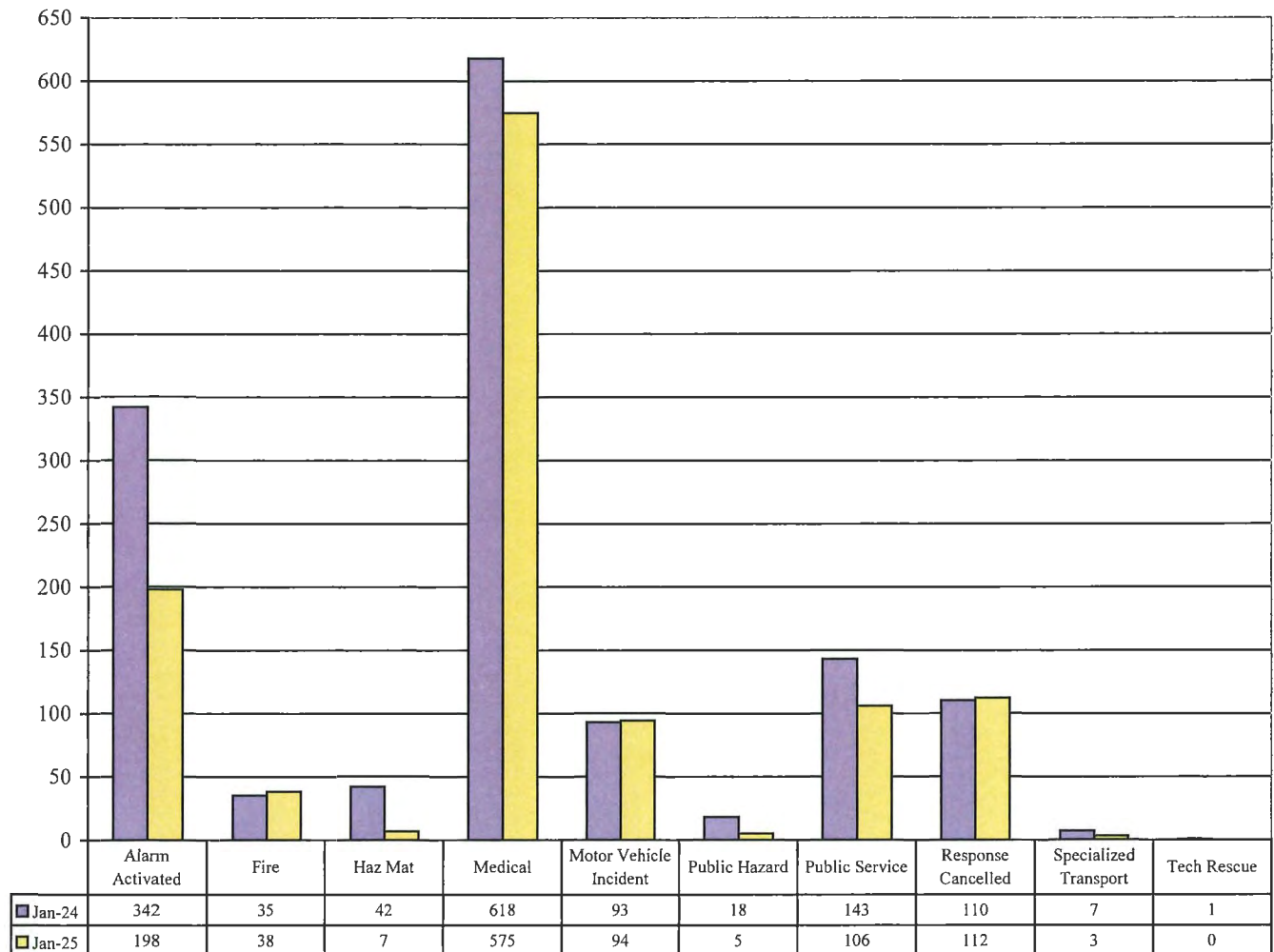
Att. 1: Emergency Response Activity for January 2025.

Emergency Response Activity for January 2025

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison of incidents occurring in January 2024 and 2025. In January 2025, there were 1,138 total incidents, compared to 1,409 in January 2024. This represents an overall decrease of 19 per cent between last year and 2025.

Table 3: January 2024 & January 2025 Incident Volumes



Incident Type Legend:

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

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

Public Hazard includes: object removal, or power lines down

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

First Responder Totals

Medical first responder incidents comprised 51 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of January 2025. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for January 2024 and 2025 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were 575 medical incidents in January 2025 compared to 618 in January 2024, a decrease of 7 per cent.

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

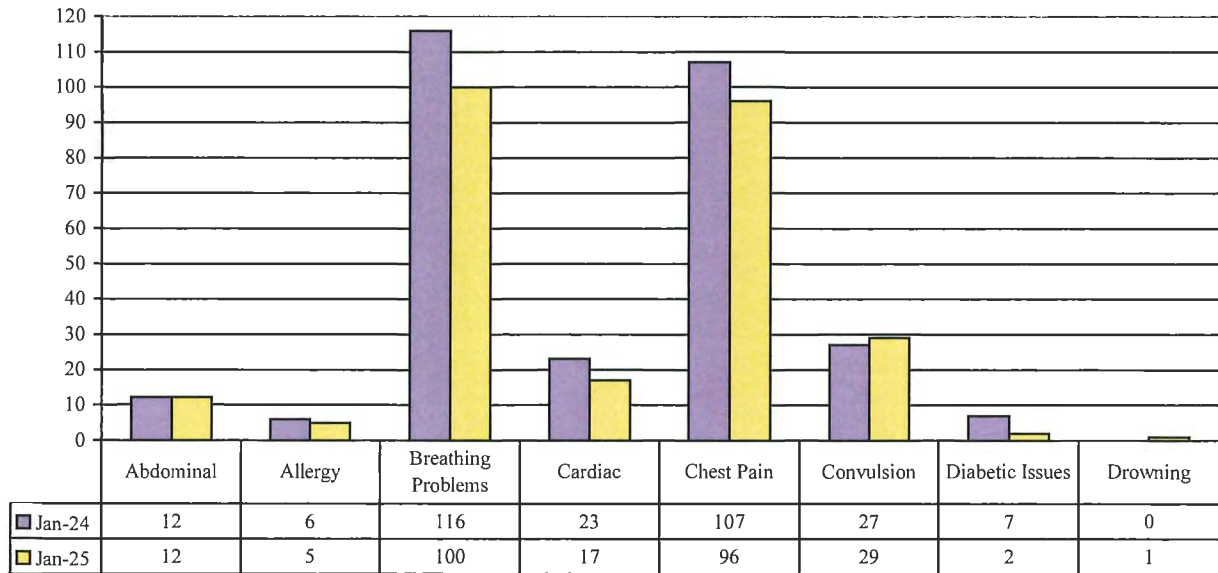
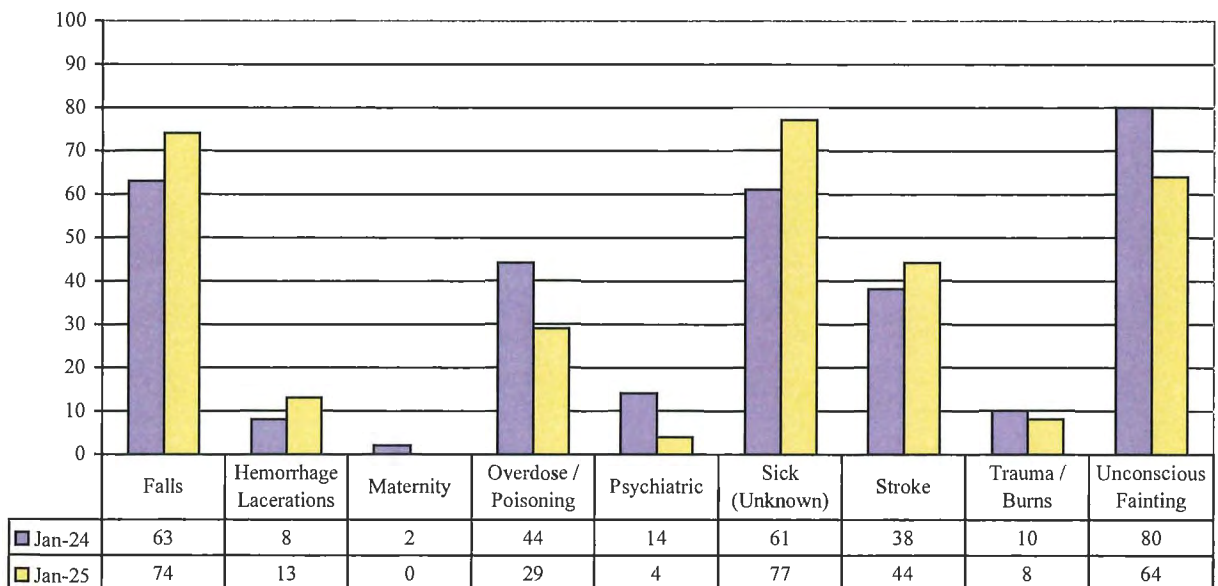


Table 4b: January 2024 & January 2025 Medical Calls by Type



The following chart provides the overdose/poisoning incident volume breakdown for January 2025. During January 2025, RFR staff administered Naloxone to one patient.

Table 4c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents By Type – January 2025	
Opioid overdose incidents that RFR attended located in an OUTDOOR environment.	7
Opioid overdose incidents that RFR attended located in an INDOOR environment.	4
All other OD / Poisoning Incidents	18
Totals	29

Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for January 2025 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – January 2025			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	1	2	3
Residential - Multi-family	0	9	1
Commercial/Industrial	1	1	1
Outdoor	8	7	2
Vehicle	1	1	0
Totals	11	20	7

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

Hazardous Materials

Table 6: Hazardous Materials Incidents By Type – January 2025	
	Details
Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) – Criminal Act	1
Gasses (Natural / Propane)	5
Unclassified	1
Totals	7

The following charts provide total incident volumes for fires and medical incidents on a year-to-year comparison in January from 2016 to 2026.

Table 7a: Total Fire Calls for Service in January 2016 to 2025

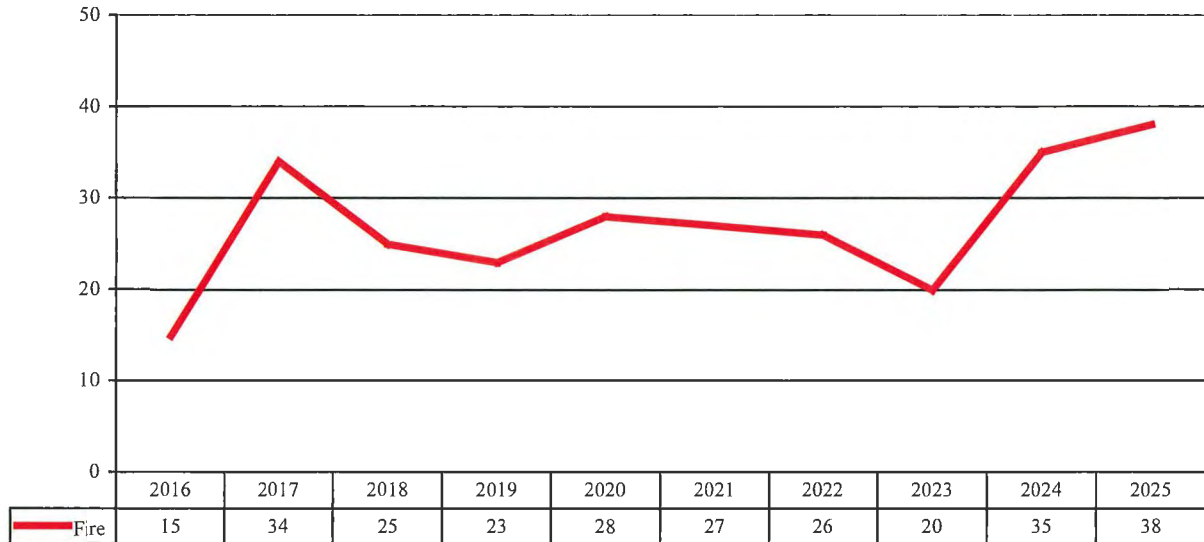
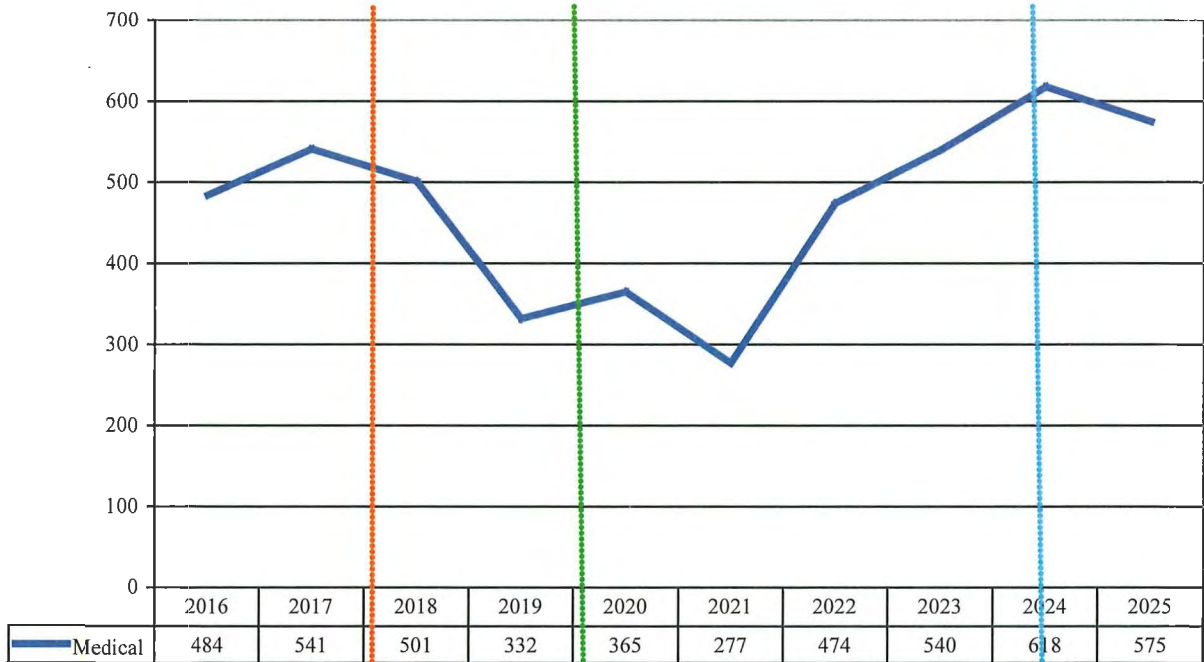


Table 7b: Total Medical Calls for Service in January from 2016 to 2025



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

Start of COVID-19 Pandemic

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

Figure 1: Location of reportable fire incidents attended in January 2025 (total 38)

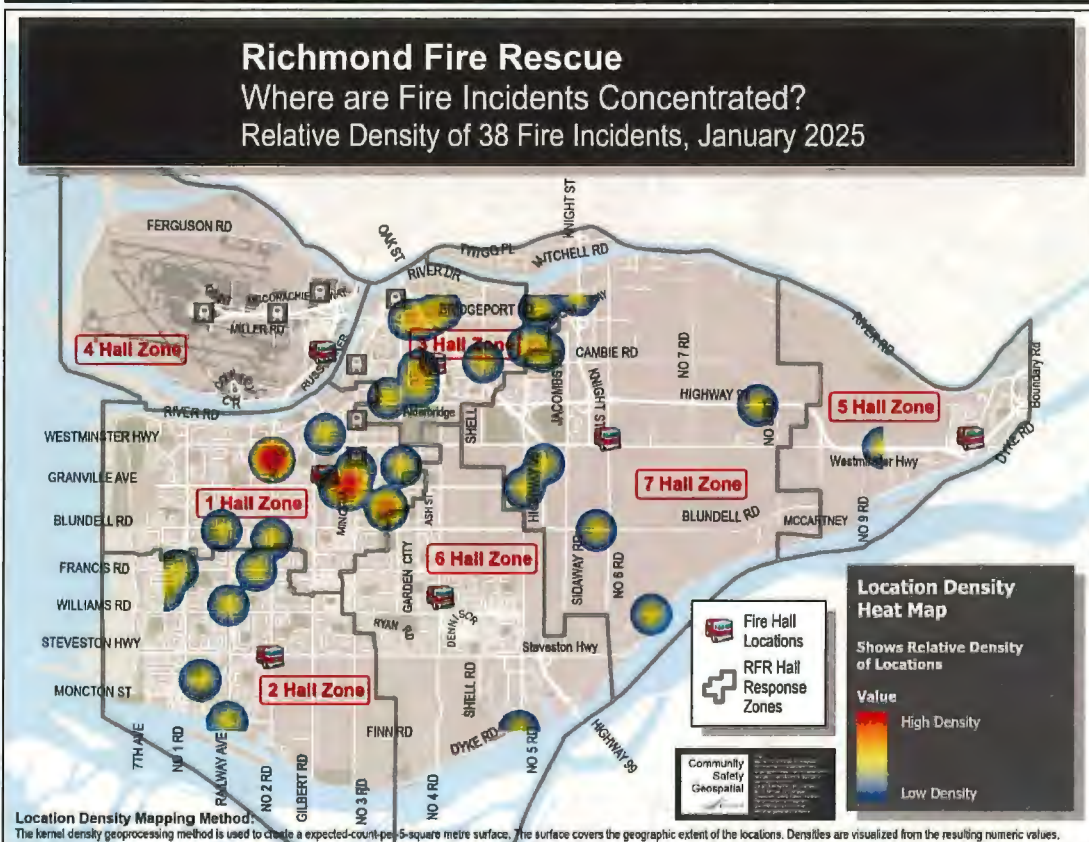
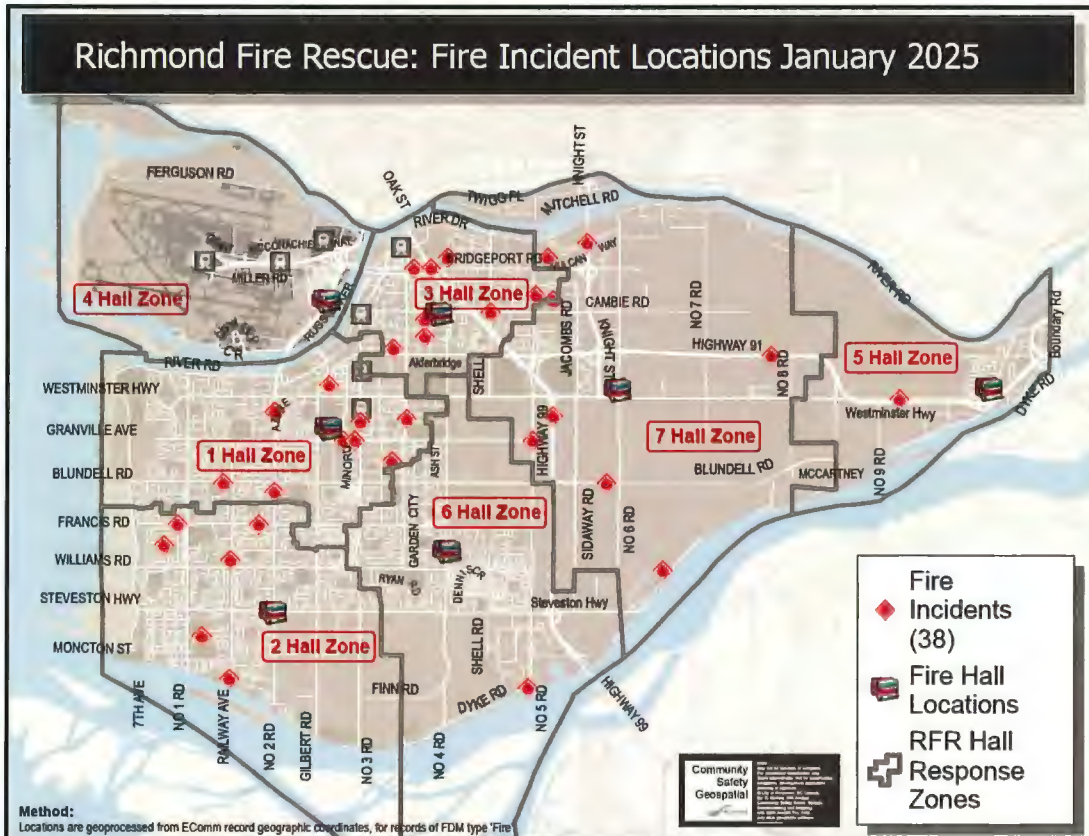
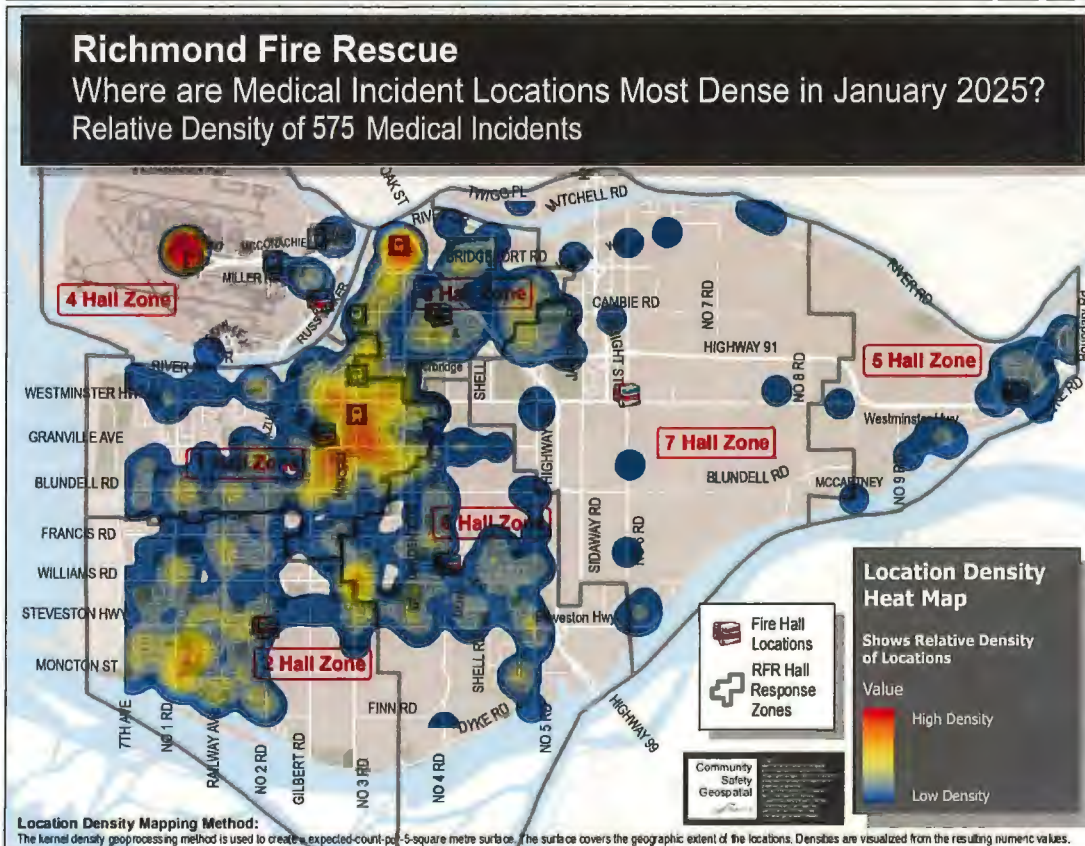
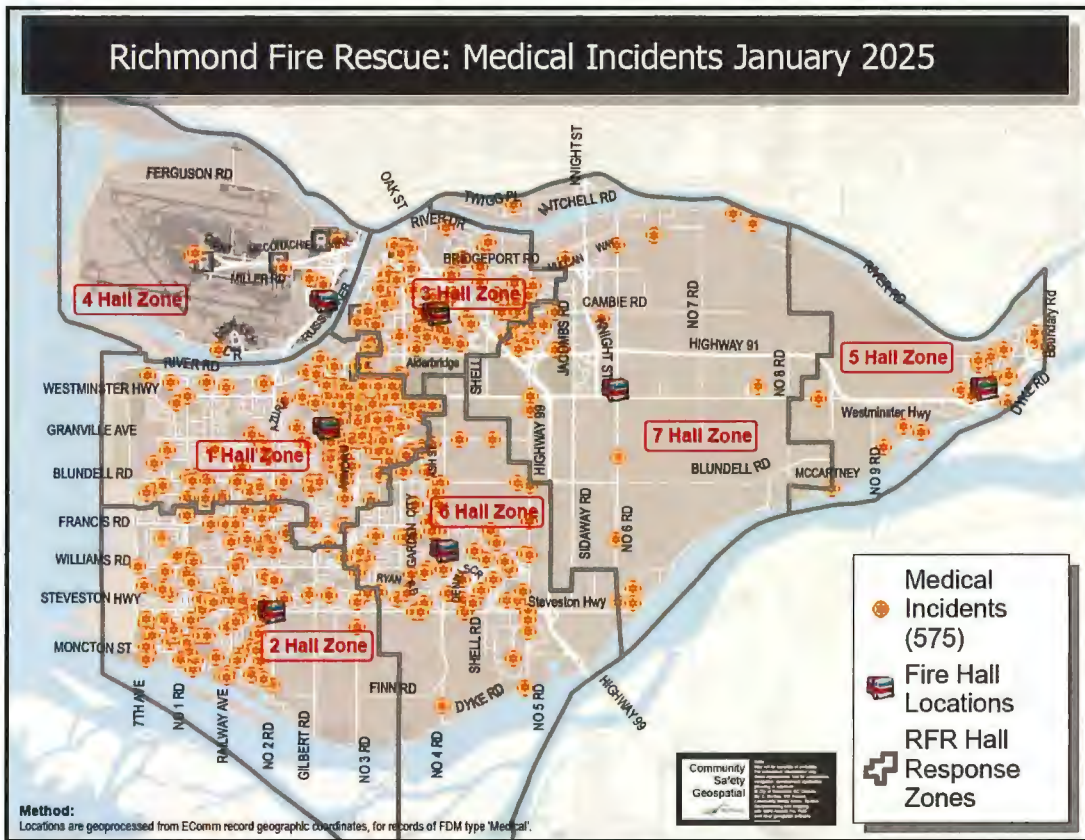


Figure 2: Location of reportable medical incidents attended in January 2025 (total 575)



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Figure 3: Location of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in January 2025 (total 94)

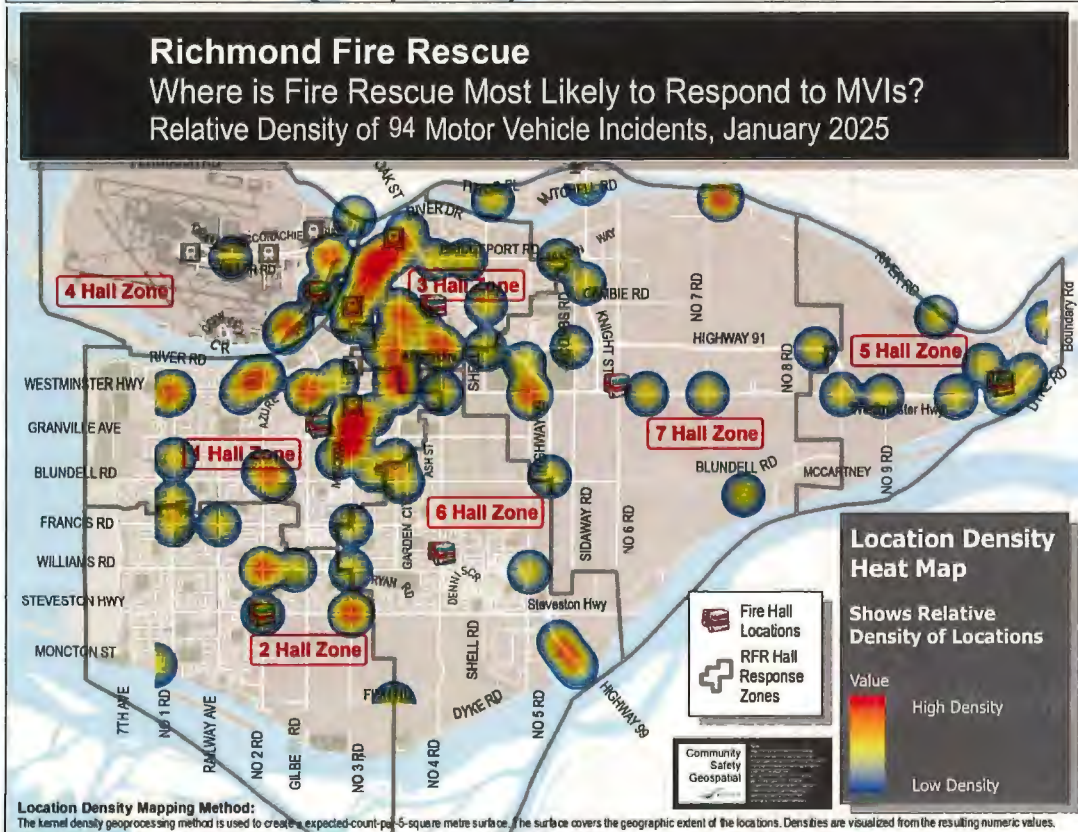
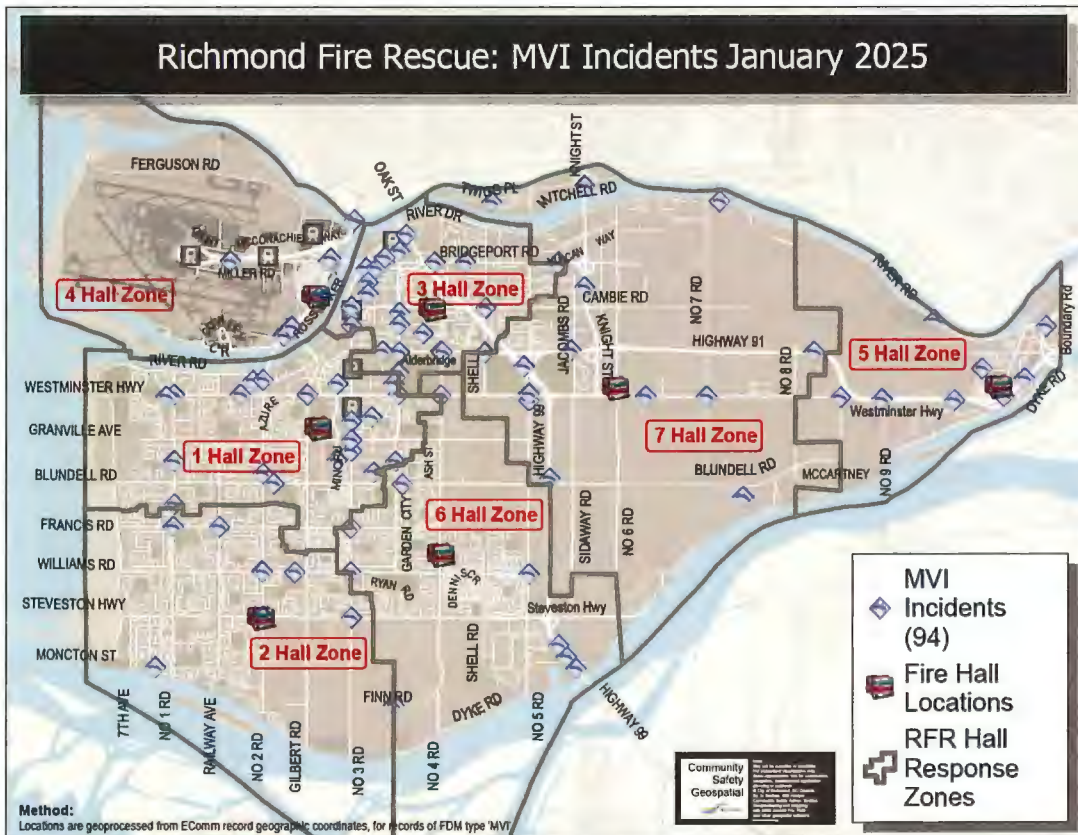
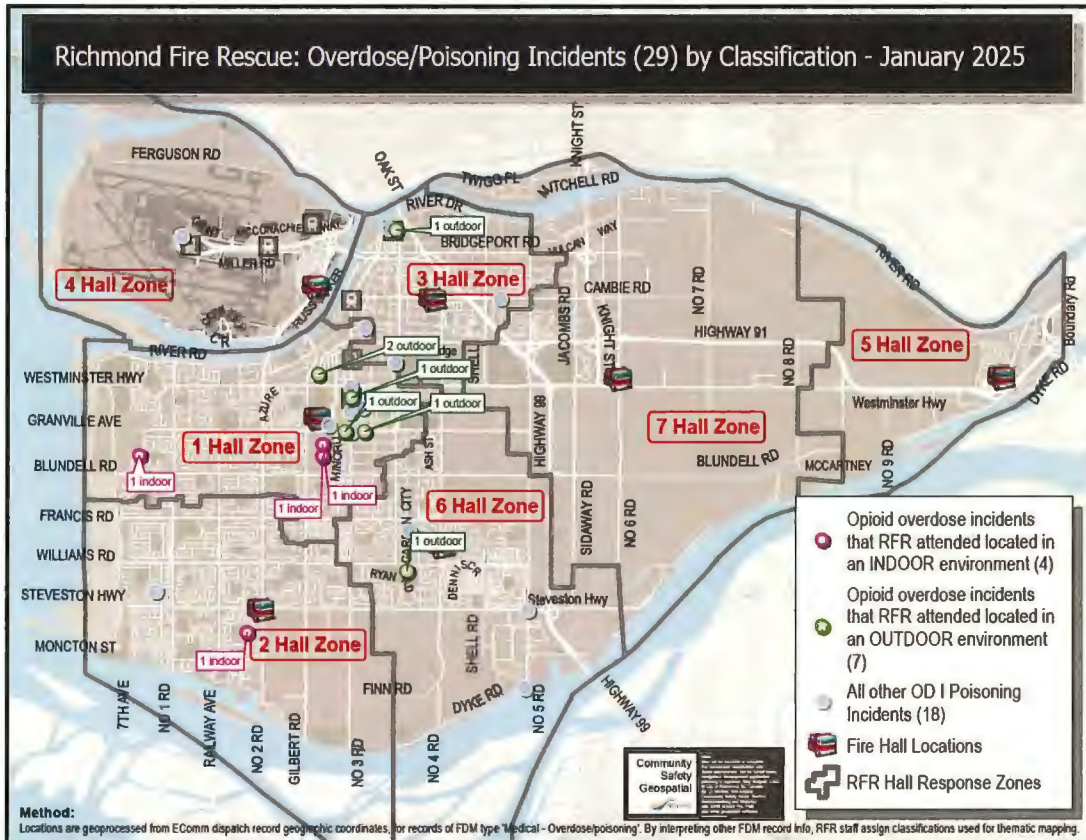


Figure 4: Location of reportable overdose / poisoning incidents attended in January 2025 (total 29)





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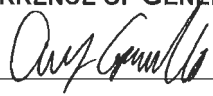


Re: **RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2025**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2025”, dated February 10, 2025, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

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

Att. 3

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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Activities and Noteworthy Files
2. Analysis of Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Communications 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

Boost and Bust

On January 11, 2025, Richmond RCMP officers conducted a “Boost and Bust” deployment targeting retail theft.¹ The operation resulted in 16 arrests and the recovery of over \$3,200 in stolen merchandise. Notably, two individuals were arrested twice in one night. Police recommended charges for 11 of the offenders.



Figure 1: Boost and Bust Results

¹ Boost and Bust projects involve police partnering with local businesses and loss prevention officers to target retail thefts.

Break and Enter Arrest

On January 11, 2025, Richmond RCMP officers received a report of a break and enter to a residence in the 6400 block of Livingstone Place. Police presence in the area was increased following additional incidents. Police subsequently arrested a suspect, and charges were approved. Officers are continuing their investigations into similar incidents.

Fraud Warning

On January 22, 2025, the Richmond RCMP issued a public warning concerning a recent bank card replacement scam. Following an earlier alert in December 2024, the Richmond RCMP received three additional reports involving fraudsters posing as bank officials claiming the victim's card had been compromised and offering to attend the victim's residence to collect it.

Impaired Driving Awareness

On January 24, 2025, Fairchild TV aired a 25-minute impaired driving documentary produced by the Richmond RCMP. The Road Safety Unit and Communications Unit worked with ICBC and MADD Metro Vancouver to provide an overview of the dangers of impaired driving and the enforcement measures police use to improve safety on local roads.²

Analysis of Police Statistics³

Arson

There were three reported arsons in January 2025, which is down four incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up 50 per cent compared to the same period in 2024.⁴

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 14 serious assaults in January 2025, representing an 18 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are up eight per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of serious assaults this month is within the average range.

The majority of incidents reported in January 2025 involved physical force. Forty-three per cent of serious assaults were domestic incidents.

Auto Theft

There were 16 auto thefts in January 2025, which is a six per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 30 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of auto thefts this month is below the average range.

² MADD stands for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

³ Unless otherwise noted, no patterns or trends have been identified in this month's statistics.

⁴ In January 2024, a new Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) code was introduced for intentionally set fires that do not meet the *Criminal Code* definition of Arson. This new UCR code prevents comparison to multi-year arson counts and averages.

Mental Health

There were 257 mental health-related incidents in January 2025, representing a nine per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, mental health-related incidents are up nine per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is above the average range.

There were 51 police apprehensions in January 2025, and the average hospital wait time was 110 minutes. These statistics are below average. Twenty-one individuals were responsible for two or more calls in January, with one caller generating 35 incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 22 break and enters to residences in January 2025, representing a 10 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down 33 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In January 2025, there were 22 break and enters to businesses, which is a 29 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters have more than tripled compared to the same period in 2024.⁵ The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were five robberies in January 2025, which is a decrease of one incident from the previous month. Year to date, robberies have more than doubled compared to the same period in 2024. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

The breakdown of incidents was three involving the use/threat of pepper spray and two involving physical force. Two incidents occurred during shoplifting incidents.

Sexual Offences

In January 2025, there were 23 sexual offence files, representing a 15 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are down four per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of sexual offences this month is above the average range.

Thirty percent of offences reported in January 2025 were sexual assaults, and 26 per cent involved indecent acts/exposing.

⁵ There was a historically low number of commercial break and enters in January 2024.

Shoplifting

There were 106 reported shoplifting thefts in January 2025, which is a 17 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are down nine per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 71 thefts from automobiles in January 2025, which is a 13 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down one per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of thefts from automobiles is below the average range.

Drugs

In January 2025, there were 25 drug offences, which is a four per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 47 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

Drug-related "Social Disorder" Calls

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

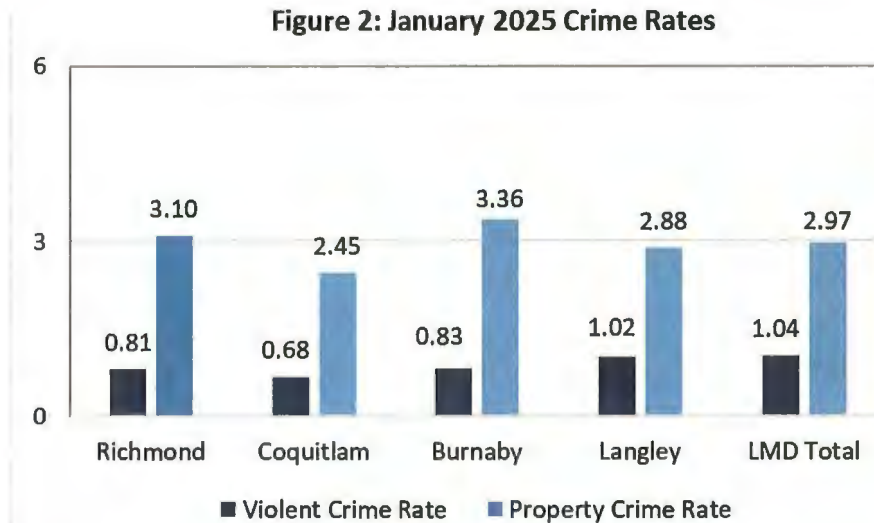
Table 1: Drug-related Calls for Service

Month	Total Number of Drug-related Calls	Suspected	Confirmed
January	71	42	29

Calls have been divided into suspected and confirmed incidents, where confirmed incidents refer to files where direct observation of drug use or apparent signs of intoxication are noted. The majority of calls involved incidents where drug use is suspected but not confirmed. This included incidents of complainants reporting unwanted persons who are possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Figure 2 presents crime rates in January 2025 for the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD).⁶ The violent crime rate in Richmond was below the LMD average, while the property crime rate was above average.



Block Watch

At the end of January 2025, the Block Watch program had 297 groups, totalling 6,651 participants. Currently, the program includes 419 captains and co-captains. On January 26, 2025, Block Watch staff supported police officers conducting fraud awareness outreach at Yaohan Centre. Staff engaged with approximately 550 people, discussing fraud education and distributing crime prevention flyers.



Figure 3: Fraud Awareness Outreach

⁶ Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on February 3, 2025

Community Police Office Programs

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

During January, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of one bike patrol, totalling 12 hours and four foot/van patrols, totalling 12 hours.
- A total of 26 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 635 information letters issued.
- There were 53 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, resulting in 910 information letters issued.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 3,865 vehicles, resulting in 86 information letters issued.

- January 6 and 7 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in “Think of Me” deployments at seven Richmond elementary schools as part of a Back to School Safety Blitz.⁷ Volunteers set up Speed Watch and distributed safety reflectors. Drivers were issued 60 Think of Me education and awareness cards.



Figure 4: Back to School Safety Blitz

- January 13 – Volunteers conducted four Lock Out Auto Crime deployments in central Richmond and issued 128 information letters.
- January 19 – Volunteers conducted a Speed Watch deployment on Russ Baker Way, which resulted in 38 information letters.
- On January 19 and 21 – Volunteers assisted with recording a video as part of an E-Comm public service announcement for non-English-speaking 911 callers.
- January 28 – Volunteers assisted with a Child Passenger Safety presentation to 13 adults. Car seat safety pamphlets and safety reflectors were distributed at the event.

⁷ The Think of Me Campaign uses cards illustrated by children, which contain depictions of what children would like drivers to think about when they are driving in school zones and in the community.

Communications Unit

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

- 11 media releases were issued, including five related to investigations into missing persons.
- 47 social media posts were made on X, including campaigns promoting the Auxiliary Volunteer program, the Safe Exchange for online marketplace sales, distracted driving and winter road safety.

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 97 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On January 27, 2025, RCMP officers participated in “Story Time” at the Minoru Public Library, which approximately 30 families attended.
- On January 27, 2025, RCMP officers provided a safety presentation to Aspire Richmond participants.⁸



Figure 5: Story Time at the Library

⁸ Aspire Richmond provides programming and supports people with developmental disabilities.

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond’s roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. A total of 731 violation tickets were issued in January 2025. Figure 6 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in January:

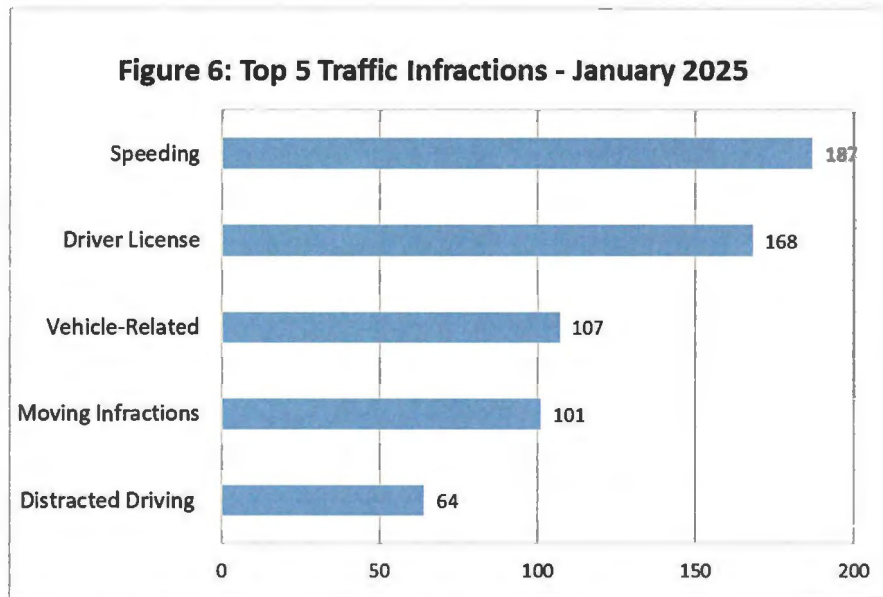


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2021 and January 31, 2025.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2021 ⁹	355	4
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024 ¹⁰	455	2
2025 (YTD)	40	0

Victim Services

In January 2025, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 66 new clients and attended four crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 77 files. In January, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, family conflicts and mental health-related issues.

⁹ Motor Vehicle collisions decreased during the pandemic due to changes in behaviour patterns and fewer vehicles on the roads.

¹⁰ The last fatal collision occurred on October 12, 2024.

Youth Section

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

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 82 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 157 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes launched for the second 2024-2025 school year term. There were 409 students in 15 classes who participated in the program.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In January 2025, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable investigations, including a series of debit card frauds and a break and enter arrest. Police statistics for this month indicate that mental-health-related incidents, sexual offences and shoplifting thefts were elevated, while residential break and enters, auto thefts, and thefts from vehicles were below average.

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



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

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 2025 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

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

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents and MHA-related calls for service are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type.

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

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Jan - 25	January		2024	2025	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	176	141.8	134-149	137	176	28%	39
Robbery	5	4.2	1-7	2	5	150%	3
Assault Common	59	48.4	44-53	49	59	20%	10
Assault Serious	14	15.0	12-18	13	14	8%	1
Sexual Offences	23	18.0	14-22	24	23	-4%	-1
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	658	570.6	503-638	573	658	15%	85
Business B&E	22	25.6	14-37	5	22	340%	17
Residential B&E	22	35.0	28-42	33	22	-33%	-11
Auto Theft	16	23.4	17-29	23	16	-30%	-7
Theft from Auto	71	141.6	100-183	72	71	-1%	-1
Theft	155	83.2	61-105	114	155	36%	41
Shoplifting	106	74.0	50-98	116	106	-9%	-10
Fraud	118	76.0	62-90	92	118	28%	26
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	316	227.8	172-283	279	316	13%	37
Arson	3	n/c	n/c	2	3	50%	1
*Cause Disturbance	238	165.0	116-214	219	238	9%	19
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1150	941.0	829-1053	990	1150	16%	160
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	25	57.6	0-124	17	25	47%	8
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	257	243.2	231-255	235	257	9%	22

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*New category beginning January 2025

Commercial Break & Enter January 2025



Commercial B&E
N=22

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Residential Break & Enter January 2025



Residential Break & Enter N=22

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Auto Theft January 2025



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Auto Theft
 N=16



Theft From Auto January 2025



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Theft From Auto
 N=71