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**Community Safety Committee**

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

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
4:00 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

**CS-4**      *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on June 15, 2021.*



**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

September 21, 2021, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

1.    **PROPERTY USE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MAY 2021**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 6698515)

**CS-8**

**See Page CS-8 for full report**

*Designated Speaker: Carli Williams*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*That the staff report titled “Property Use Monthly Activity Report – May 2021”, dated June 17, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*



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2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2021**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6690066)

CS-13

See Page CS-13 for full report

*Designated Speaker: Susan Lloyd*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Parking Enforcement and Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2021”, dated June 15, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*



3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2021**

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue/) (REDMS No. 6694026)

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*Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2021”, dated June 10, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*



4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

*Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson*

Items for discussion:

*None.*

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MAY 2021**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6678185)

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*Designated Speaker: Chief Superintendent Will Ng*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report - May 2021", dated June 14, 2021, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*



6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

*Designated Speaker: Chief Superintendent Will Ng*

Items for discussion:

*None.*

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**





## Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair  
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)  
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference) (entered the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

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

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

The Chair acknowledged the passing of RCMP officer Cst. Shelby Patton in Wolseley, Saskatchewan.

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on May 11, 2021, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

July 13, 2021, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

# Community Safety Committee

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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## COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **PROPERTY USE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2021**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 6676137)

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Property Use Monthly Activity Report – April 2021", dated May 13, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2021**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6667813)

Committee expressed their appreciation of staff sending Bylaw Officers to patrol Agassiz Neighbourhood Park in response to a letter from a 7-year-old resident concerned about off-leash dogs.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Parking Enforcement and Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – April 2021", dated May 13, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2021**

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue) (REDMS No. 6670581)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) squatters were unable to be located following a structure fire, (ii) a report is in progress to identify the need for a fire boat, and (iii) the increase in medical response due to changes in Provincial Health Orders is representative of a return to normal state.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2021", dated May 10, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Item for discussion:

(i) *Hazardous Material at South Arm Park*

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Staff noted that (i) the hazardous substance was located and cleaned up, and (ii) they were alerted to the park again on June 15, 2021 with reports of similar concerns, but were unable to locate another threat.

### 5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2021**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6668384)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there has been a slight increase in hate crimes in Richmond, (ii) wait times at the hospital mostly depend on the individual, (iii) the report includes a comparison of crime statistics among other RCMP jurisdictions in the Lower Mainland, (iv) the majority of hate crimes involve a mental health component, (v) they can provide education on the challenges of social media, (vi) patrols can be increased at Imperial Landing, (vii) additional outreach to Richmond's Muslim community has taken place following the incident in London, Ontario, (viii) there has been a decrease in volunteering since the beginning of the pandemic, and (ix) strategies are in place to enhance volunteer experience and maintain the volunteer base.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2021", dated May 11, 2021, from the Office in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

### 6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

Item for discussion:

#### **(i) *Gang Enforcement Initiatives***

Staff noted that (i) Richmond has seven-day gang suppression coverage and works collaboratively with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit and partner jurisdictions to provide gang enforcement, and (ii) officers have received training in the End Gang Life program and are waiting for approval from the Richmond School District to introduce the program to youth.

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### 7. MANAGER'S REPORT

#### (i) *Drones in Residential Areas*

Discussion ensued with regard to the need for a bylaw surrounding the use of drones in residential areas. As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*That staff investigate the possibility of a bylaw pertaining to a no-fly zone for drones in residential areas.*

**CARRIED**

#### (ii) *Clean Up After Dog Signage Near Schools*

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that they will look into the possibility of adding new signage near schools.

### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:30 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, June 15, 2021.

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Councillor Bill McNulty  
Chair

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Shannon Unrau  
Legislative Services Associate



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

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**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Cecilia Achiam  
General Manager, Community Safety  
**Date:** June 17, 2021  
**File:** 12-8375-01/2021-Vol 01  
**Re:** Property Use Monthly Activity Report - May 2021

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### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Property Use Monthly Activity Report – May 2021", dated June 17, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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

| REPORT CONCURRENCE                |                                     |
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| <b>ROUTED TO:</b>                 | <b>CONCURRENCE</b>                  |
| Finance Department                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Engineering                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b> | <b>INITIALS:</b><br>                |
| <b>APPROVED BY CAO</b><br>        |                                     |

## Staff Report

### Origin

This monthly report for the Property Use department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to noise, health, grease, soils, zoning and short-term rentals as well as education and public awareness initiatives.

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

*Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.*

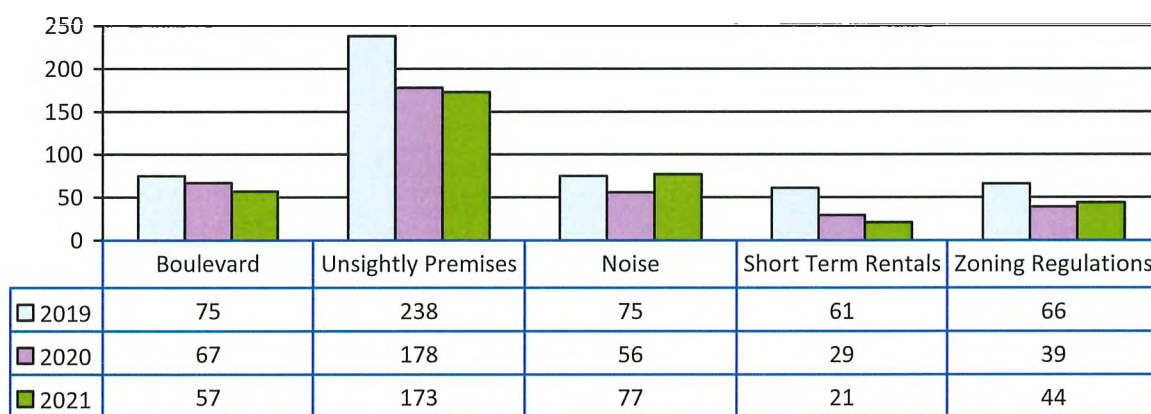
*1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.*

### Analysis

#### Property Use

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

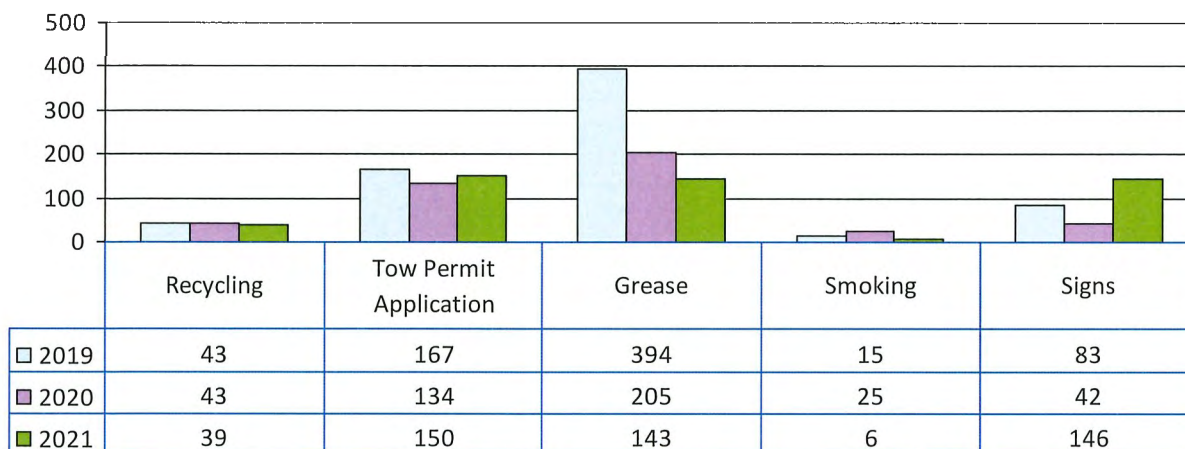
Figure 1: Property Use Calls For Service - May Year-To-Date Comparison



Calls for the month of May have continued in the trend seen in previous months. Calls related to illegal short-term rentals remain low while calls for sign enforcement have increased. However, this trend is expected to come to an end now that travel restrictions have eased (impacting short-term rentals) and the municipal by-election has ended (impacting calls related to enforcement of non-complaint signs). In order to adapt to the anticipated increase in travel, staff have moved forward with hiring two bylaw enforcement officers dedicated to the [implementation of the short-term rental registry program for all residential zones and the enforcement of illegal short-term rentals](#), as approved by Council prior to the start of the pandemic.

Another trend in the stats is an increase in the number of calls related to noise. This is an expected increase now that the City of Richmond has taken over enforcement of the Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856.

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



### Grease

The Grease Officer remains focused on education and communication. During the month of May, the Grease Officer undertook 71 grease-trap inspections, which are reflected in the cumulative total shown in Figure 2. There was one violation notice issued for contravention of Drainage, Dike and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551.

### Soil

During the month of May, the Soil Bylaw Officer conducted 88 site inspections and is currently addressing 38 properties that are considered to be in non-compliance. Warnings, Stop Work Orders and removal/remediation orders were issued for:

- 21800 River Rd – removal and remediation order
- 6020 No. 4 Rd – removal order for preload
- 10111 No. 6 Rd – removal and remediation order
- 8731 No. 5 Rd – removal of ‘other material’ requirement
- 10660 Blundell Rd – warning
- 8591 No. 5 Rd – warning
- 10491 Palmberg Rd – remove material/remediate disturbed area

Compliance was obtained for:

- 6020 No. 4 Rd – removal completed
- 11891 Blundell Rd – preload removed as required
- 21840 River Rd – removal of unauthorized fill completed

There are eight soil deposit proposals under various stages of review by City staff and the Officer continues to monitor 12 approved sites. As a result of a Council decision, staff forwarded the soil deposit proposal for 8511 No. 6 Rd to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for their review and decision. In addition, the City was notified that the ALC denied the application for 19740 River Road due to an outstanding compliance issue from the early 2000’s.

### Bylaw Prosecutions

Bylaw prosecutions occur when a bylaw violation cannot be resolved through education or ticketing. In these cases when staff cannot achieve compliance, the file is then prepared for trial in Provincial Court. This monthly activity report will include summaries of new bylaw prosecution files as well as those that have been resolved through a trial or consent agreement.

The month of May saw three bylaw matters scheduled for trial in Provincial Court, which resulted in the following:

- 7620 No. 2 Road – non-compliance with Zoning and Unsightly bylaw regulations due to use of residential property for commercial storage resulting in a guilty plea and payment of a \$5000 fine;
- 6391 No. 4 Road – non-compliance with Zoning and Building regulations due to illegal suites and unapproved construction resulting in a guilty plea and payment of a \$15,000 fine; and
- 10660 Railway Ave – non-compliance with Zoning regulation for an over height fence, trial to continue in August.

### Ticketing

As shown in Table 1, there were 16 tickets issued in May related to Property Use offences. The tickets this month were related to short-term rental, unsightly premises, noise and grease bylaw violations.

Table 1: Community Bylaw Violations

| <b>Ticket Issuance (BVN's &amp; MTI's)</b> | <b>May</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
|--|------------|------------|
| Short-Term Rental Offences                 | 2          | 9          |
| Soil Removal & Fill Deposit Offences       | 0          | 0          |
| Watercourse Protection Offences            | 0          | 0          |
| Unsightly Premises                         | 6          | 11         |
| Noise                                      | 7          | 13         |
| Grease Trap Offences                       | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b>                              | <b>16</b>  | <b>34</b>  |

### Revenue and Expenses

Revenue in Property Use is derived from soil permit revenue, tickets and court fines. Actual revenue in May was lower than budgeted but is expected to improve for June as tickets and court fines settle to the account. The full results are shown in Table 2.

The overall budget position is positive due to lower than budgeted expenses. This is primarily due to the delayed hiring of bylaw enforcement officers dedicated to short-term rentals. The full results are shown in Table 3.

Table 1: Property Use Revenue by Source

| Program Revenue          | Budget<br>May 2021 | Actual<br>May 2021 | YTD Budget<br>May 2021 | YTD Actual<br>May 2021 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Towing Permits           | 2,934              | 676                | 9,746                  | 8,783                  |
| Soil Permit Applications | 250                | 0                  | 1,250                  | 1,200                  |
| Other Bylaw Fines        | 14,027             | 3,350              | 46,597                 | 44,825                 |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     | <b>17,211</b>      | <b>4,026</b>       | <b>57,593</b>          | <b>54,808</b>          |

Table 2: Property Use Revenue and Expenses

|                     |                              | YTD Budget<br>May 2021 | YTD Actual<br>May 2021 |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Property Use</b> | Revenue                      | 57,593                 | 54,808                 |
|                     | Expenses                     | 612,757                | 314,680                |
|                     | <b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b> | <b>(555,164)</b>       | <b>(259,872)</b>       |
|                     |                              |                        |                        |

**Financial Impact**

None.

**Conclusion**

Property Use administers a wide range of bylaws related to land use, unsightly premises, short-term rentals, soil, grease, noise and health. This report provides a summary of this month's activity, including revenue and expenses.



Carli Williams, P.Eng.  
Manager, Business Licence and Bylaws  
(604-276-4136)



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

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**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 15, 2021  
**From:** Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8060-01/2021-Vol  
General Manager, Community Safety 01  
**Re:** **Community Bylaws Parking Enforcement and Animal Services Monthly  
Activity Report – May 2021**

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### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Parking Enforcement and Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2021”, dated June 15, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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

| REPORT CONCURRENCE                |                                     |
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| <b>ROUTED TO:</b>                 | <b>CONCURRENCE</b>                  |
| Finance                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b> | <b>INITIALS:</b><br>                |
| <b>APPROVED BY CAO</b><br>        |                                     |

## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

This monthly report for the Parking Enforcement and Animal Services department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Pay Parking, Parking Enforcement, Animal Services and Dog Licencing as well as education and public awareness initiatives.

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

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### **Analysis**

#### Dog Licencing and Patrols

In May there were 166 dogs licenced. This figure represents 105 new dog licence applications and 61 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 7,081. Community Bylaw staff continue to collect outstanding renewal licencing fees and have reduced the amount of unpaid renewal licences from 960 to 274. The annual dog licencing campaign will continue until October 1, 2021.

BC SPCA Officers conducted 54 on-foot patrols of 25 parks and dykes located within the City. Park patrols were lower in May due to an increase in wildlife services calls related to fledgling season and well-intentioned individuals removing what they believe to be abandoned baby birds away from their nest. Both the BC SPCA and Community Bylaws, have posted information on their respective social media platforms to educate the public on fledgling season and the importance of not disturbing the nests.

Figure 1 below highlights the top five patrolled parks followed by Figure 2, which represents BC SPCA Officer public engagement while conducting enforcement and education within the parks for the month of May. Figure 3 represents the 195 calls for service that the BC SPCA Officers attended for the month of May. BC SPCA Officers attended three animal in hot car calls for the month of May. One ticket and two warnings were issued by the Officers. Richmond Fire-Rescue was not required to attend as the animals were determined to not be in distress.

Additionally, BC SPCA Officers conduct both education and enforcement which includes licence checks, muzzling requirements and general animal services and dog licencing violations, while continuing to foster a strong relationship within the community.

Figure 1: Parks Patrolled by BC SPCA

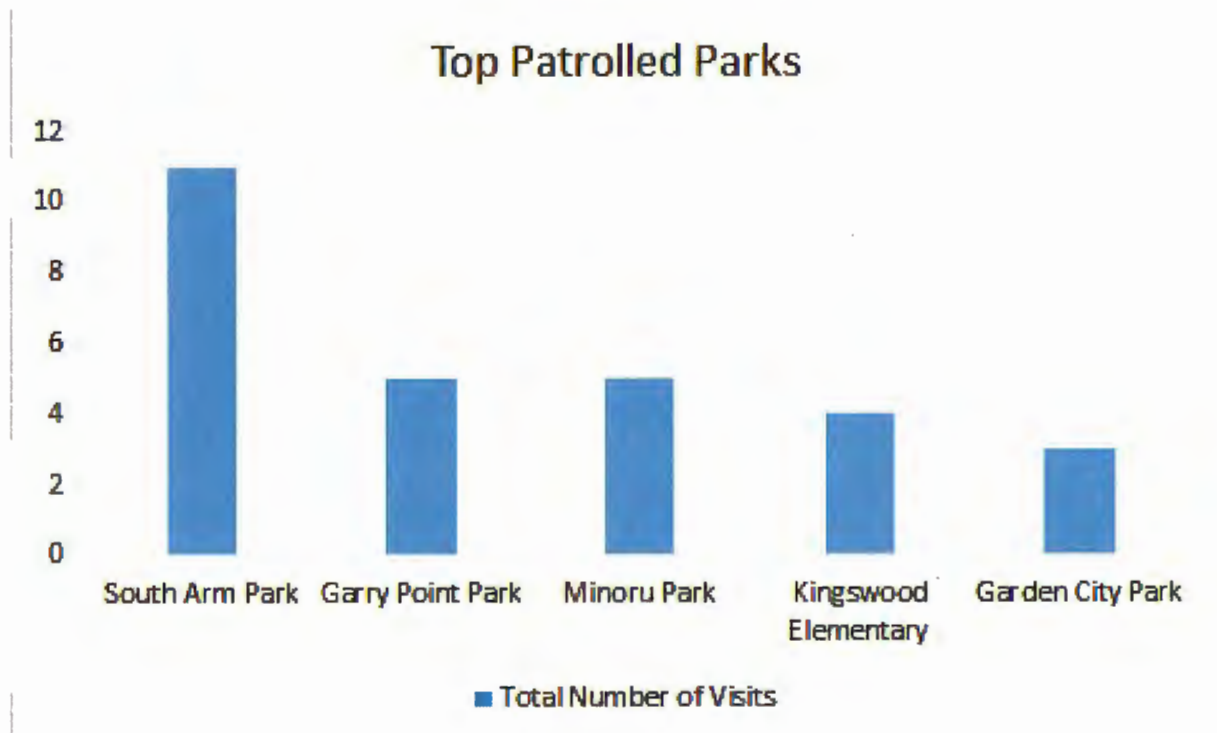


Figure 2: Education and Enforcement by BC SPCA

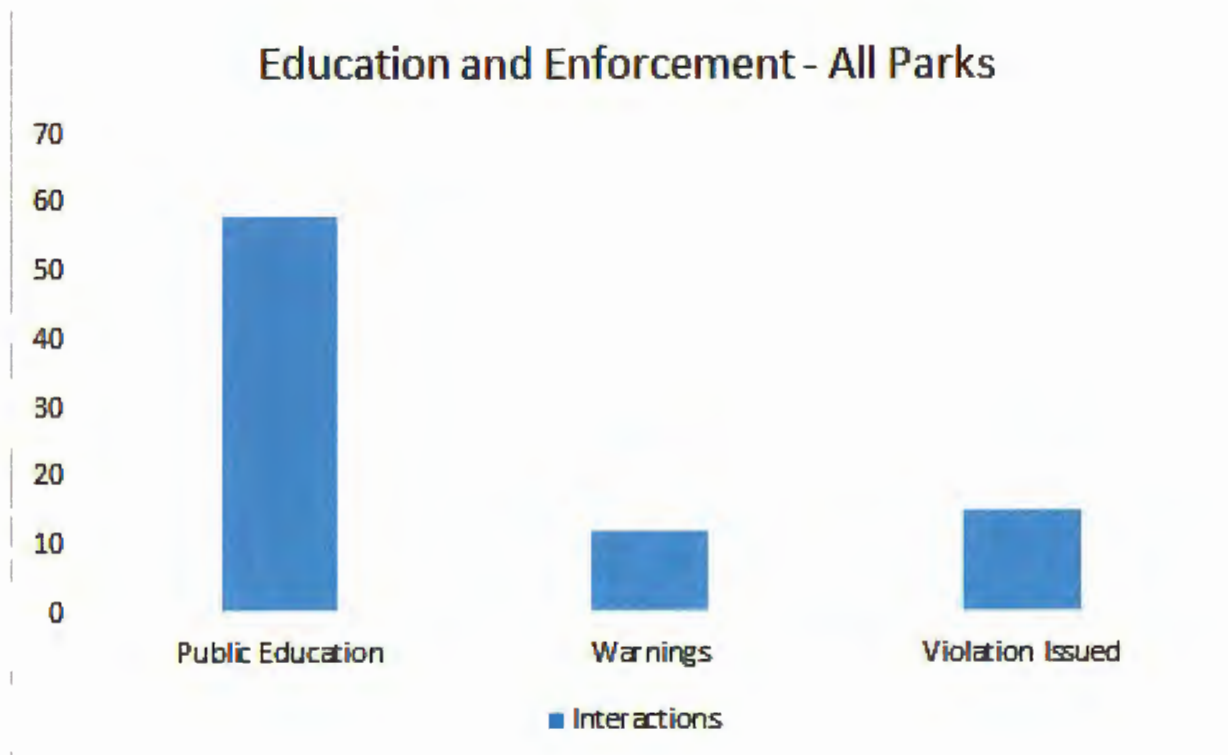
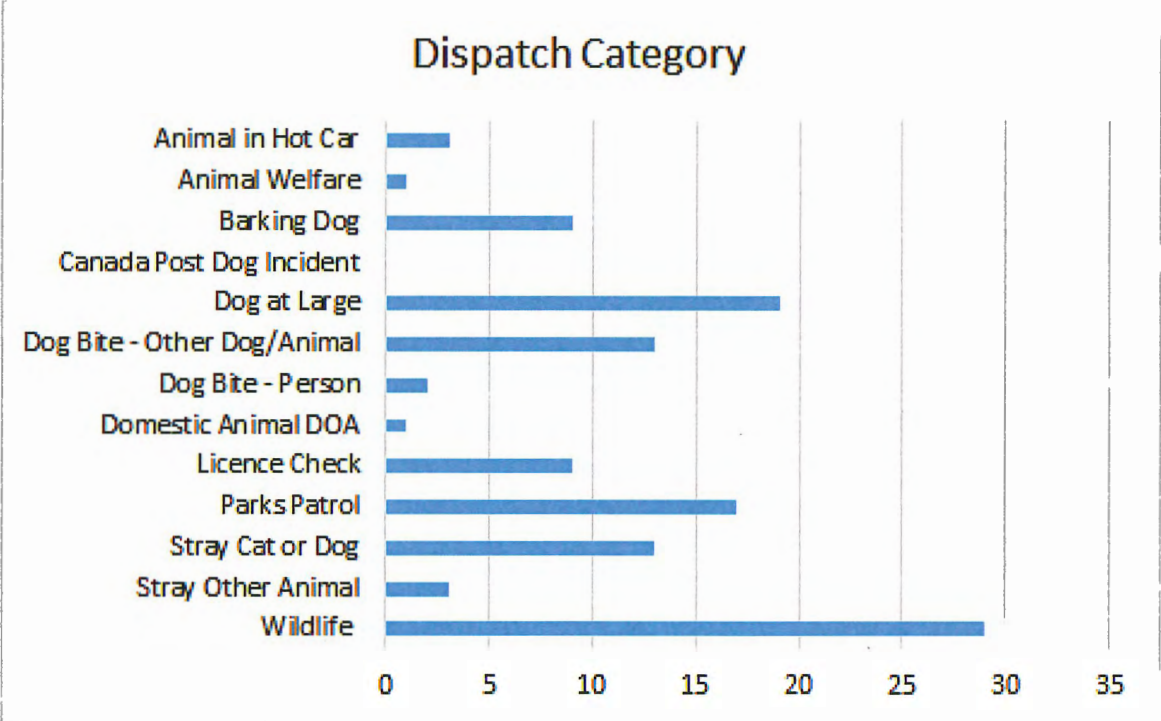


Figure 3: Dispatch Calls for Service – Animals



Parking Enforcement

For the month of May 2021, Parking Officers continued to monitor assigned files while proactively patrolling City owned off-street parking lots for compliance of pay parking and City roadways for stopping and parking offences. Parking Officers also conduct monthly, rotational school patrols, which are prioritized based on both public and school staff concerns. During the month of May, Officers conducted 29 school patrols and issued 52 tickets for parking and stopping violations under the Traffic Bylaw No. 5870.

Parking Officers attended 218 calls for service out of which 216 were for parking and/or stopping related offences and two calls for service were attributed to COVID-19 social distancing and unauthorized use of a City sports field.

Management of files by Parking Officers is priority based with all safety and obstruction requests receiving top priority.

Figure 4 reflects the monthly and year-to-date parking enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 5.

Figure 4: Parking Violations Issuance Comparison

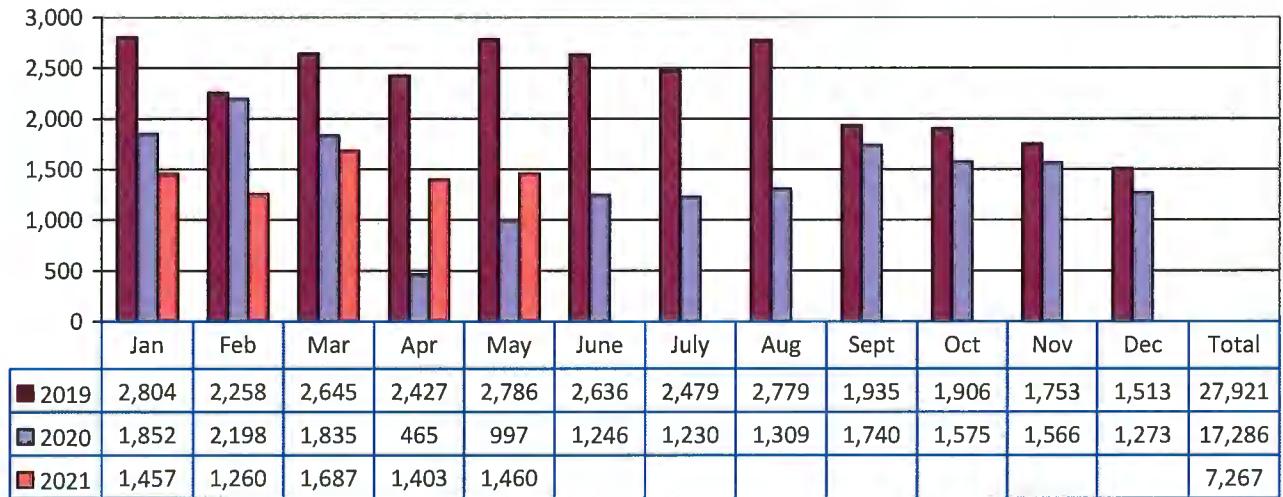
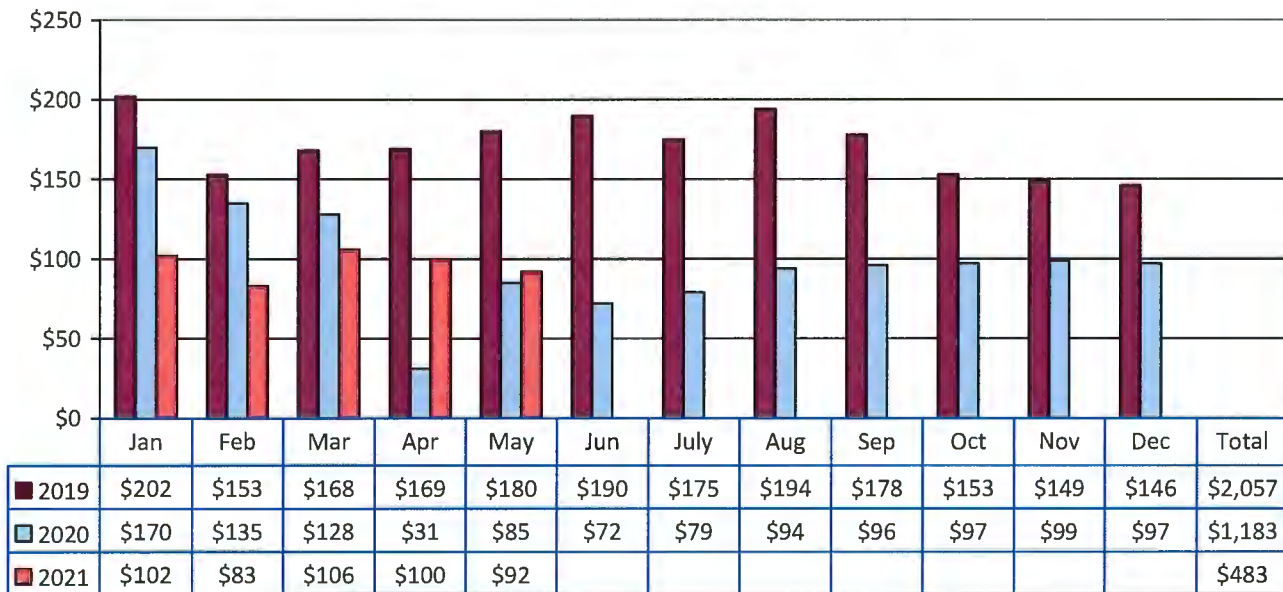


Figure 5: Parking Revenue Comparison (000's)



Ticket Issuance

Parking violations make up the majority of tickets issued by Bylaw Enforcement Officers. Table 1 exhibits the number of parking violations issued together with the number of animal services violations issued.

Table 1: Violations Issued

| <b>Ticket Issuance</b>      | <b>May</b>   | <b>YTD</b>   |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Parking & Stopping Offences | 1,460        | 7,267        |
| Animal Services Offences    | 120          | 265          |
| <b>Totals</b>               | <b>1,580</b> | <b>7,532</b> |

Parking ticket revenue continues to be lower than in previous years not only due to the redeployment of resources to support education and enforcement of the public health orders but an increasing amount of individuals working from home due to the risk of spreading COVID-19, which has resulted in less traffic violations being issued.

Animal Services ticket revenue continues to reflect an increase as a result of not only the annual dog licence canvassing program and non-compliance of dog owners to purchase renewal licences, but the uniform presence and enforcement of the Animal Control Bylaw by BC SPCA Officers as it relates to off-leash and other sited offences within the bylaw.

Bylaw Adjudication

The adjudication session was held on May 27, 2021 and consisted of six violations in contravention of Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, and five violations in contravention of the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932. All traffic violations and four of the animal control violations were upheld and ruled in favour of the City by the adjudicator. The next adjudication hearing is scheduled for August 25, 2021.

Revenue and Expenses

The Community Bylaw Parking and Animal Services department derives much of its revenue from parking meters, parking permits and parking violations. The remainder of revenue generated is from dog licences, animal services fines, false alarm disturbances and newspaper box permits. Table 2 outlines individual revenue types while Table 3 highlights revenue and expenses for the programs within Community Bylaws Parking and Animal Services.

Table 2: Parking and Animal Services Revenue by Source

| Program Revenue                | Budget<br>May 2021 | Actual<br>May 2021 | YTD Budget<br>May 2021 | YTD Actual<br>May 2021 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Contract Revenue <sup>1</sup>  | 4,965              | 5,000              | 26,641                 | 25,000                 |
| Filming Revenue                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                      | 10,776                 |
| False Alarm                    | 4,533              | 0                  | 22,667                 | 5,875                  |
| Dog Licences                   | 6,257              | 10,475             | 125,883                | 175,961                |
| Newspaper Box Permits          | 6,717              | 0                  | 21,896                 | 8,648                  |
| Animal Services Fines          | 262                | 4,800              | 5,273                  | 13,400                 |
| Parking Revenue <sup>2</sup>   | 169,163            | 92,284             | 907,670                | 482,665                |
| Receivable Income <sup>3</sup> | 8,275              | 0                  | 44,401                 | 0                      |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>           | <b>200,172</b>     | <b>112,559</b>     | <b>1,154,431</b>       | <b>722,325</b>         |

Table 3: Parking &amp; Animal Services Revenue and Expenses

|                                   |                              | YTD Budget<br>May 2021 | YTD Actual<br>May 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Parking<sup>4</sup></b>        | Revenue                      | 1,023,275              | 532,964                |
|                                   | Expenses                     | 704,451                | 474,691                |
|                                   | <b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b> | <b>318,824</b>         | <b>58,273</b>          |
|                                   |                              |                        |                        |
| <b>Animal Control<sup>5</sup></b> | Revenue                      | 131,156                | 189,361                |
|                                   | Expenses                     | 419,919                | 274,219                |
|                                   | <b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b> | <b>(288,763)</b>       | <b>(84,858)</b>        |
|                                   |                              |                        |                        |

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

<sup>2</sup> Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement

<sup>3</sup> Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries

<sup>4</sup> Includes all revenue from Table 2, excluding dog licences and animal services fines

<sup>5</sup> Includes dog licences and animal services fines from Table 2

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion**

Parking and Animal Services administers a wide range of bylaws related to parking, animal services, public parks and school grounds. This report provides a summary of monthly enforcement and educational activity, including revenue and expenses. Ticketing revenue continues to decrease primarily due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the decrease in revenue was managed and partially offset by a decrease in costs in all areas of the department.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Lloyd', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Susan Lloyd  
Program Manager, Administration, Parking  
Enforcement and Animal Services  
(604-247-4467)



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee

**Date:** June 10, 2021

**From:** Tim Wilkinson  
Fire Chief

**File:** 99-Fire Rescue/2021-  
Vol 01

**Re:** Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2021

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2021”, dated June 10, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Tim Wilkinson  
Fire Chief  
(604-303-2701)

Att. 1

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

## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

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

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### **Analysis**

#### Emergency Programs

Notable items from Emergency Programs (EP) for May 2021 are as follows:

- On May 13, EP staff launched the City's new Emergency Notification System (ENS), called Richmond BC Alert. Staff continue to promote and market the new emergency notification system to all internal and external customers via the intranet, City website, Facebook and Richmond News advertisements. Promotion of the system will continue throughout 2021. Staff are also supporting residents throughout the subscription process on MyRichmond, including those who do not have access to a computer. Since the launch, and over a two week period in May, new subscriptions totals included 2,344 for Emergency Notification and 1,174 for Crime Prevention Newsletter. It is expected that these numbers will continue to increase with the ongoing promotional plan.
- Staff continue to provide ongoing support and administration of the City's Emergency Operations Centre in response to the Provincial State of Emergency.
- Staff continue to work with the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) on their new, National Inclusive Resilience Project. Staff are coordinating with other City business units in preparation for working with the CRC on this important project. Richmond is one of only five municipalities in Canada working with the Red Cross on this project.
- During May, through the use of remote and virtual presentations, the Richmond Resilient Communities Workshop for senior's initiative was held. Launched by Community Services and aimed at sustaining engagement with seniors, the event featured various phone-in programs to support seniors and to provide an opportunity for learning and engagement. The workshop promoted collaboration with corporate and community partners, who are critical in building resilience in our community.
- In May, EP staff completed the administration of a Union of BC Municipalities Provincial grant. The grant will provide equipment to support mobile and remote Emergency Support Services (ESS) to members of the community when they need assistance. The financial support was made available to Local Governments through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund program. The assets obtained with this funding will help build the resilience of our community and provide ESS assistance and support during these challenging times.

### Vaccinations

During May, staff continue to book appointments for their immunizations.

### Training and Public Education

Fire Training staff facilitated multiple training activities during May 2021 including: Fire Service Instructor 1 and Emergency Scene Management.

During May 2021, public education events remained on hold. Fire staff continued to create and post educational videos on the RFR Facebook and website pages.

### Emergency Response

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

Richmond Fire-Rescue's goal is to respond to incidents in a manner where loss of life, reduction of property damage and protection of the environment is mitigated. In May 2021, there were a total of 711 incidents, representing a 147 per cent increase in incidences from May 2020 (Attachment 1).

Richmond Fire-Rescue is experiencing increases in medical responses due to the changes of the Provincial Health Orders and Medical Health Officer's direction. The increase in May 2021 is a result of the gradual return to normal levels of service of medical event types. RFR continues to monitor all activities to identify and create programs to respond to emerging trends.

The average time on scene for RFR crews was 33 minutes, which was less than the 36 minutes recorded in 2020. Time on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each incident.

| <b>Table 1: Total Incidents - May 2021</b> |                          |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|
|  | <b>Totals<br/>(2021)</b> | <b>Percentage Change<br/>(from May 2020)</b> | <b>Number Change<br/>(from May 2020)</b> |
| Alarm Active No Fire                       | 104                      | -4   | -4                                       |
| Explosion                                  | 0                        | -  | -1                                       |
| Fire                                       | 51                       | +42  | +15                                      |
| Haz-Mat                                    | 1                        | -67  | -2                                       |
| Medical                                    | 346                      | +889   | +311                                     |
| MVI  | 75                       | +88  | +35                                      |
| Public Hazard                              | 9                        | +29  | +2                                       |
| Public Service                             | 72                       | +95  | +35                                      |
| Response Cancelled/Unfounded               | 52                       | +148   | +31                                      |
| Specialized Transport                      | 1                        | -  | +1                                       |
| Tech Rescue                                | 0                        | -  | -  |
| <b>Totals</b>                              | <b>711</b>               | <b>+147</b>                                  | <b>+423</b>                              |

In May 2021, there were 51 reportable fires to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, representing a 42 per cent increase from May 2020. The average figure for fires reported in May over the last five years is 44.

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

Fire damage and property losses during May 2021 are estimated at \$128,600. This total includes \$127,600 for building/asset loss and \$95,400 for content loss. The total building/asset and content value at risk was estimated to be \$353,376,510 and the total value preserved from damage was \$353,028,210. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of value protected (Table 2); this is greater than the 82 per cent protected value observed in 2020.

| <b>Table 2: Fire Incidents By Type and Loss Estimates - May 2021</b> |                        |  |   |                                     |                                    |   |
|--|------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Incident Type Breakdown</b>                                       | <b>Incident Volume</b> | <b>Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)</b> | <b>Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)</b> | <b>Estimated Content Value (\$)</b> | <b>Estimated Content Loss (\$)</b> | <b>Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)</b> |
| Residential: Single family   | 4                      | 125,010,000                                | 127,600                                   | 85,000                              | 1,000                              | 124,943,000                                 |
| Multi family   | 4                      | 1,612,700                                  | 1,612,700                                 | 2,000                               | 200                                | 1,609,500                                   |
| Commercial/Industrial  | 4                      | 225,918,000                                | 500                                       | 460,000                             | 1,000                              | 226,376,500                                 |
| Outdoor  | 34                     | -  | -   | 3,000                               | 3,000                              | -   |
| Vehicle/Vessel   | 5                      | 195,610                                    | 96,400                                    | 90,200                              | 90,200                             | 99,210                                      |
| <b>Totals*</b>   | <b>51</b>              | <b>352,736,310</b>                         | <b>127,600</b>                            | <b>640,200</b>                      | <b>95,400</b>                      | <b>353,028,210</b>                          |

\* The dollar losses shown in this table are preliminary estimates. They are derived from RFR's record management system and are subject to change due to delays in reporting and confirmation of actual losses from private insurance agencies (as available).

### Significant Events

Fire crews minimized harm and limited fires to the place of origin in these notable May 2021 incidents:

- **May 1, 2021 – Motor vehicle incident on Knight Street.** Multiple crews responded to a vehicle fire involving a flipped 45 foot reefer truck northbound on Knight Street. The majority of the external fire was quickly extinguished, however, insulation on the inside of the container had ignited. To reach the internal fire, as the truck was resting on its side blocking door access, RFR crews cut part of the roof off to extinguish the fire. There were no reports of injuries to the public or RFR staff. RCMP attended the scene and assisted with traffic management.
- **May 9, 2021 – Shooting incident at Vancouver Airport.** RFR crews were held on standby to assist with an RCMP event at Vancouver Airport. Once the RCMP secured the scene, RFR and BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) crews were advised to move in. RFR assisted with scene management and did not make contact with the deceased victim. All traffic routes in and out of Richmond were temporarily closed during this event. There were no other injuries reported to the public or RFR personnel.

- **May 10, 2021 – Large hedge fire at Chatsworth Road.** RFR crews responded to flames reaching approximately 25 feet from a large tree hedge along a walkway. The fire affected most the south side of the hedge. Crews used water and Cold Fire to quickly extinguish the fire. The flames had severed a nearby power line supplying power to a nearby residence. BC Hydro were requested to attend. A Thermal Imaging Camera was used to detect any fire extension and no significant issues were found. The fire occurred on a public path and the City Works Yard were requested to also attend. RCMP attended due to the suspicious nature of the fire.
- **May 11, 2021 – Bush fire on Cook Road.** RFR crews arrived on scene to find a bush fire with flames roughly 8 feet high impacting a tree on the south west corner of the intersection. Behind the bush was an unoccupied parked car directly behind the fire. Crews used both 81 gallons of water and six gallons of Cold Fire to extinguish the fire. RCMP attend due to the suspicious nature of the fire and in case there was any heat damage to the unoccupied vehicle. RFR crews cleared the scene upon extinguishment and returned to quarters. There were no injuries reported.
- **May 24, 2021 – Residential fire on Westminster Highway.** RFR crews attended a small fire in the lobby of a hotel. The fire was contained to the water cooler in the lobby. Crews extinguished the fire quickly, preventing any extension. Crews proceeded to ventilate the lobby and one of the stairwells of smoke. Occupants of the hotel, who had previously been evacuated, were able to return to their units once the air quality was restored to normal. A fire investigator attended the scene and there were no injuries reported.

#### **Financial Impact**

None.

#### **Conclusion**

During May 2021, Richmond Fire-Rescue crews continued to experience impacts on all incident volumes. RFR are continuing to see incident numbers slowly returning to normal levels due to gradual changes in the Provincial Medical Health Officer orders in response to the pandemic. RFR staff remain ready to react and adapt to the ever changing pandemic situation.

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



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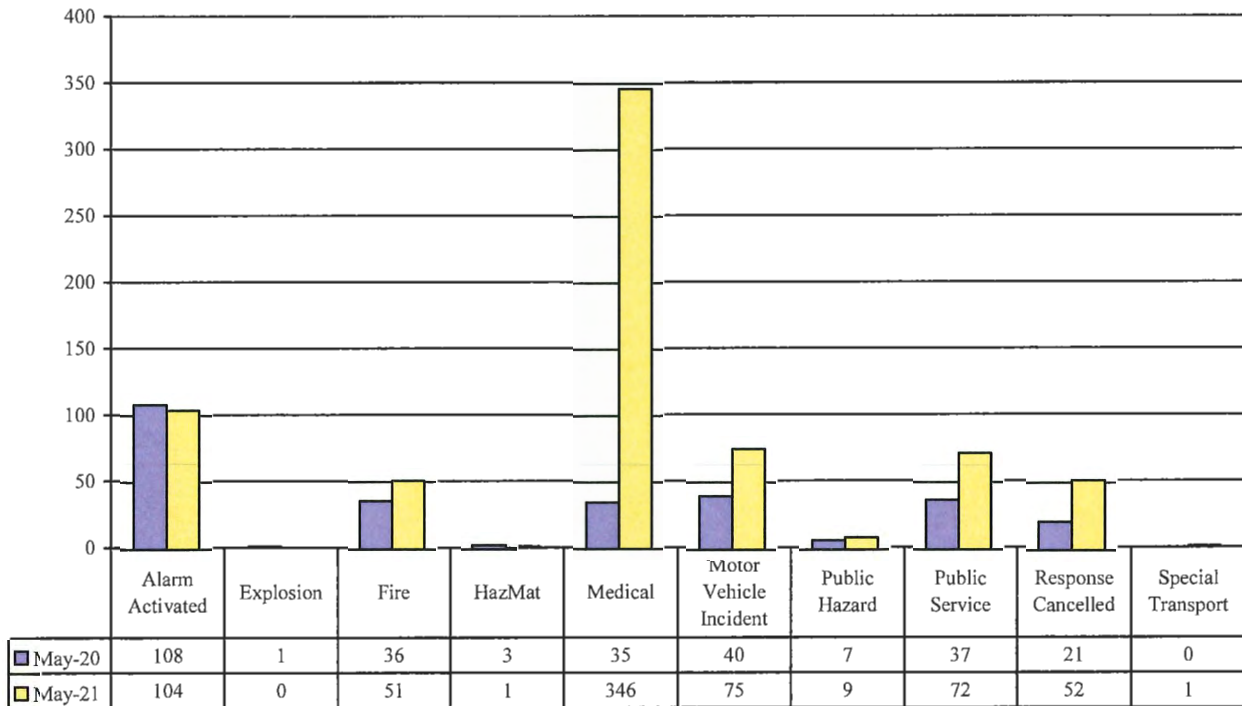
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Att. 1: Suppression Activity, including location of May's Fire, Medical and MVIs

## Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month to month comparison regarding incidents occurring in May 2021 and 2020. In May 2021, there were a total of 711 incidents, compared to 288 in May 2020. This represents an increase of 147 per cent.

Table 3: May 2020 & May 2021



**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: aircraft emergency, bomb removal standby, object removal, or power lines down

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

### First Responder Totals

Medical first responder incidents comprised 49 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of May 2021. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for May 2020 and 2021 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were a total of 346 medical incidents in May 2021 compared to 35 in May 2020, an increase of 889 per cent.

Table 4a: May 2020 & May 2021 Medical Calls by Type

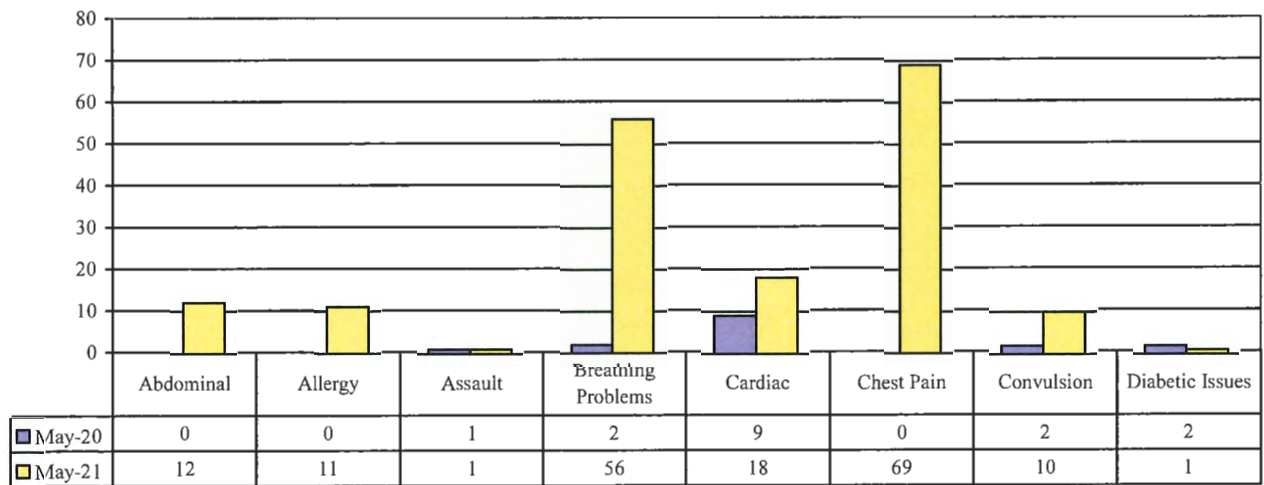
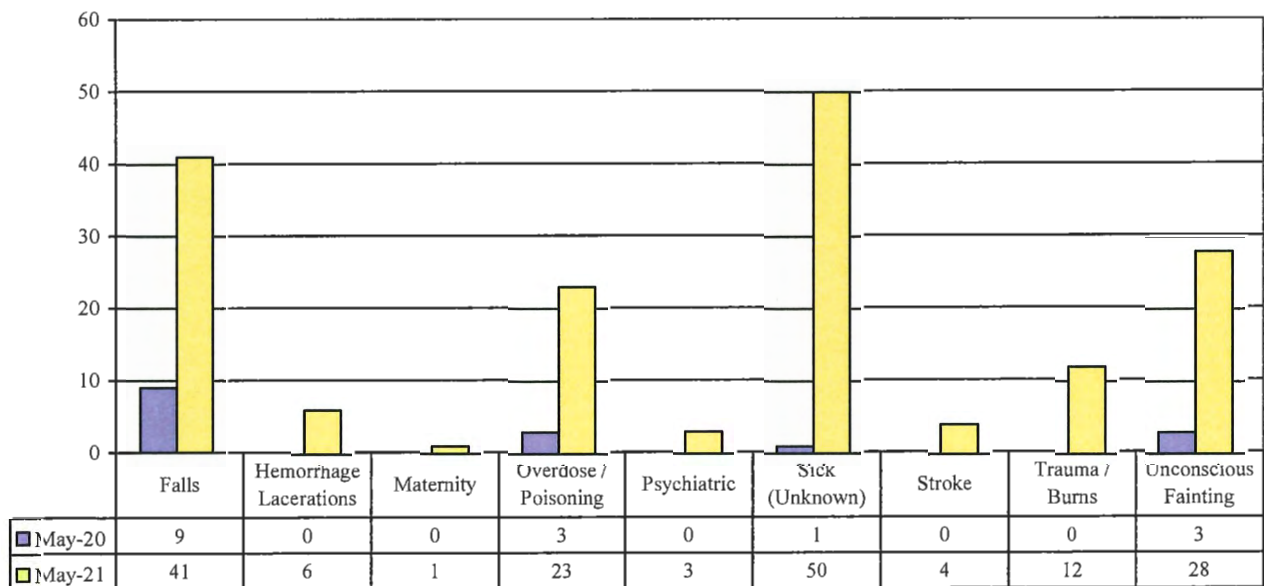


Table 4b: May 2020 & May 2021 Medical Calls by Type



## Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for May 2021 are listed below:

| <b>Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – May 2021</b> |                   |                   |                     |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>Suspicious</b> | <b>Accidental</b> | <b>Undetermined</b> |
| Residential - Single-family                                    | -                 | 3                 | 1                   |
| Residential - Multi-family                                     | 1                 | 3                 | 0                   |
| Commercial/Industrial  | 1                 | 2                 | 1                   |
| Outdoor  | 6                 | 20                | 8                   |
| Vehicle  | 2                 | 1                 | 2                   |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>10</b>         | <b>29</b>         | <b>12</b>           |

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

## Hazardous Materials

| <b>Table 6: Hazardous Materials Incidents By Type – May 2021</b> |                |
|--|----------------|
|  | <b>Details</b> |
| Natural Gas / Propane Leaks (small)                              | 1              |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>1</b>       |

Figure 1: Location of reportable fires attended in May 2021 (total 51)

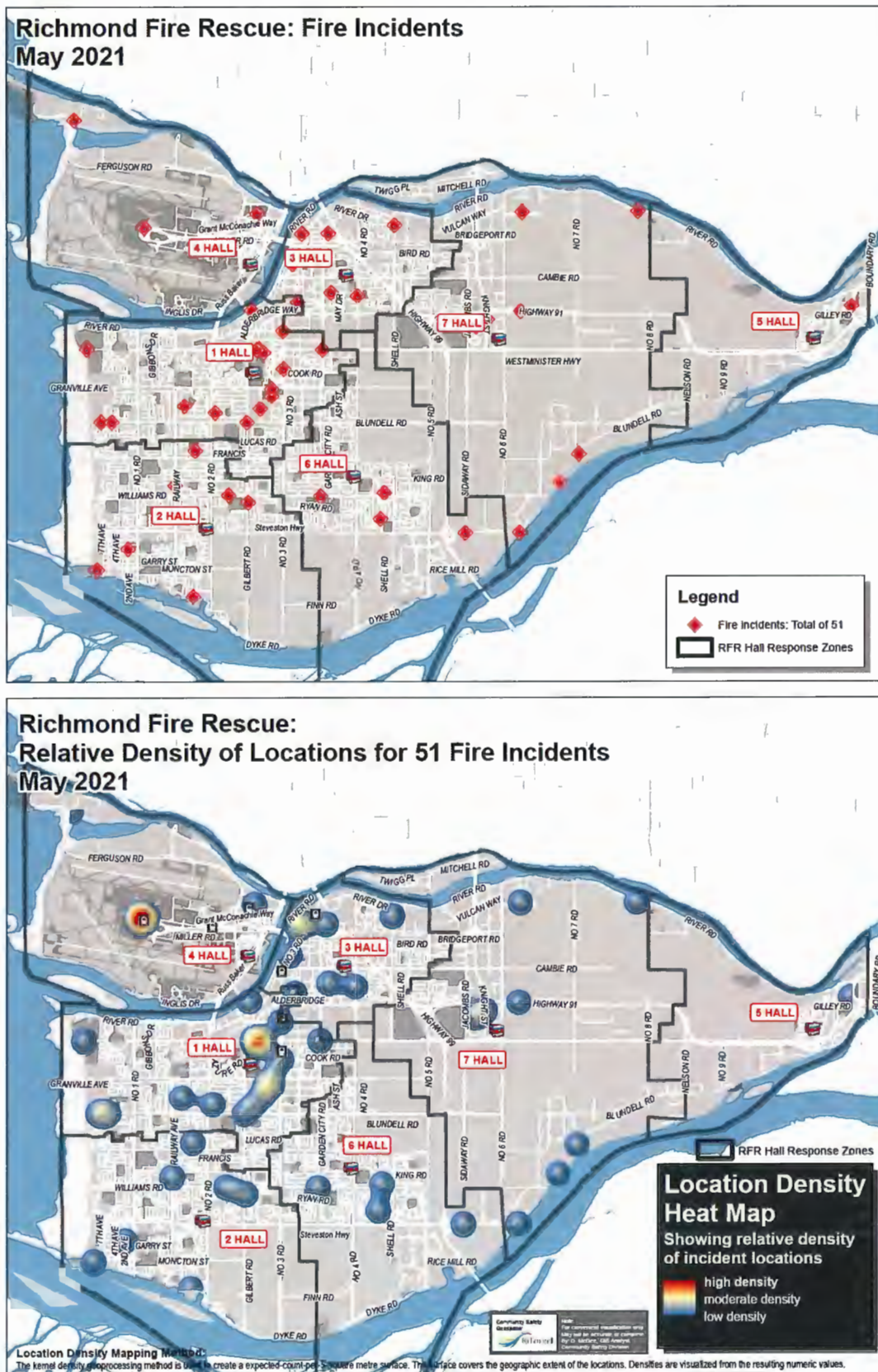


Figure 2: Location of medical Incidents in May 2021 (total 346)

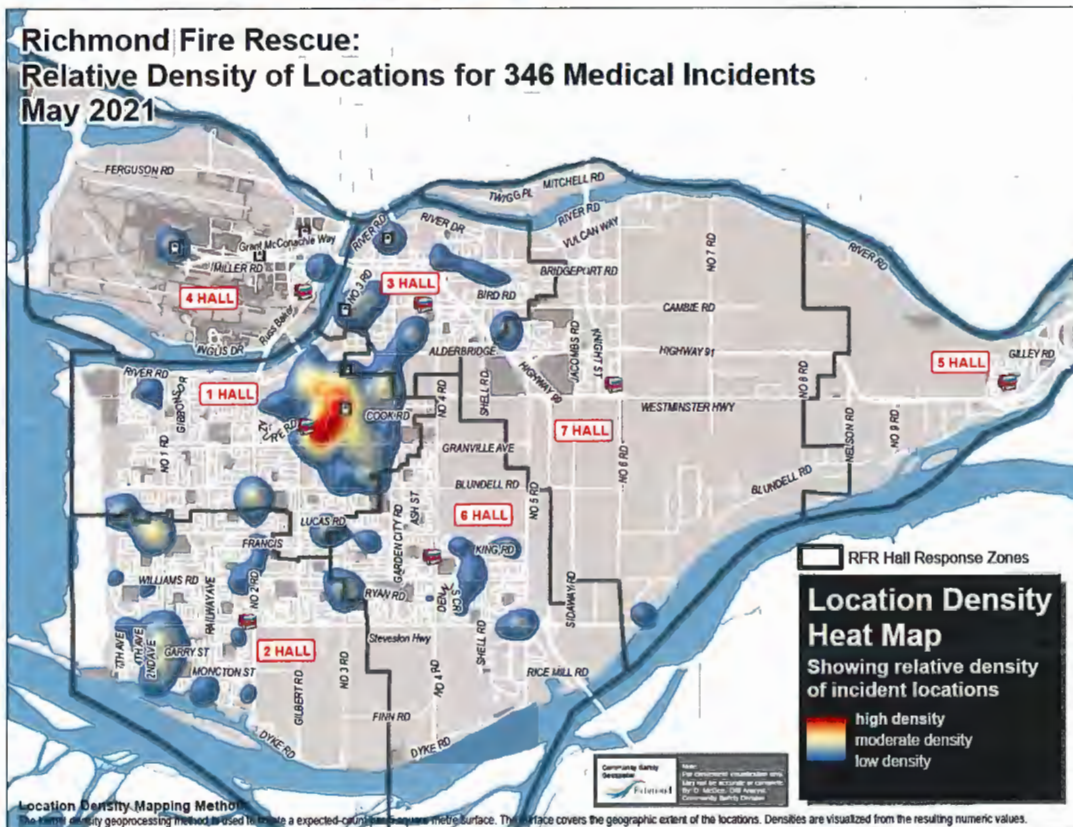
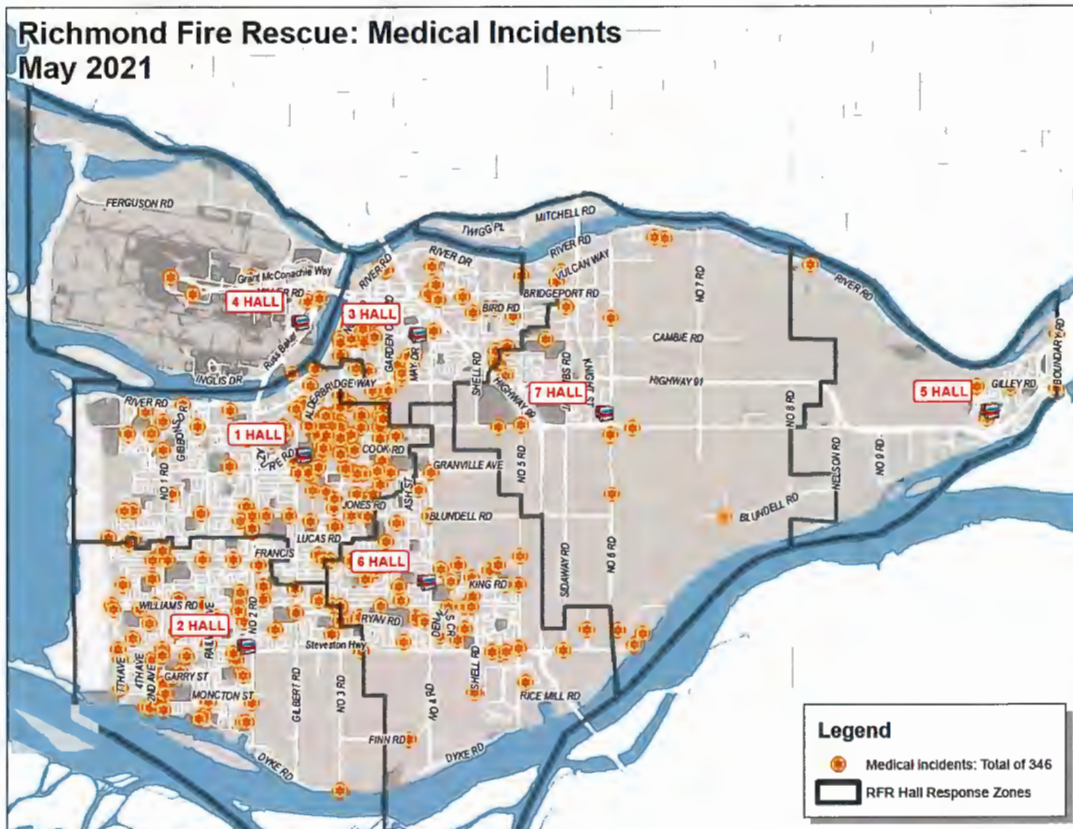
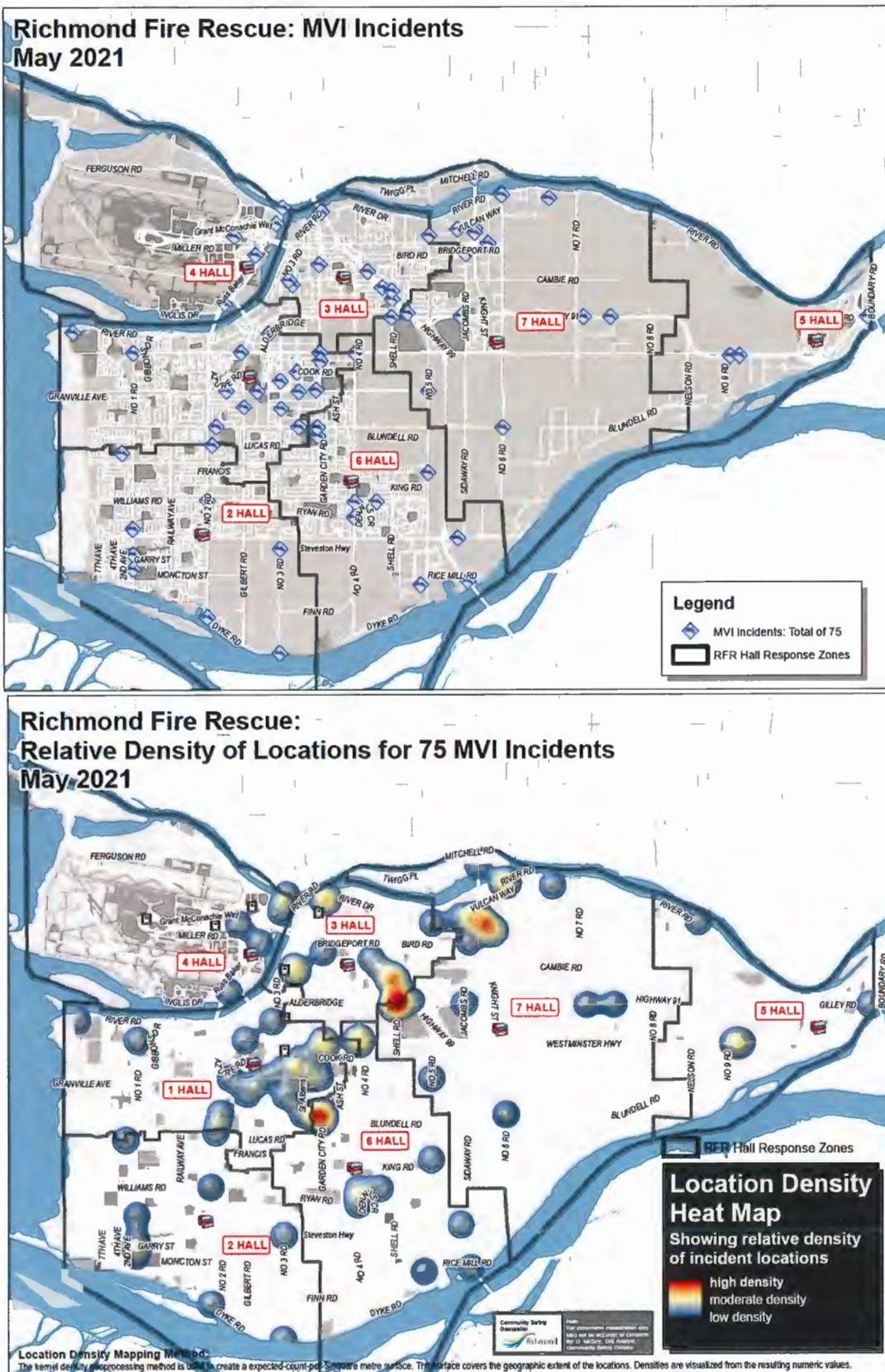


Figure 3: Location of MVI Incidents in May 2021 (total 75)





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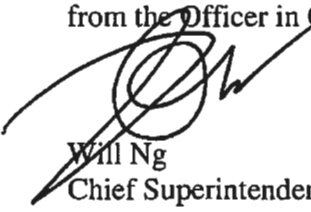
## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Will Ng  
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge  
**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2021



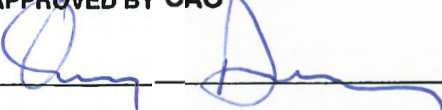
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### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2021", dated June 14, 2021, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

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

Att. 3

| REPORT CONCURRENCE   |  |
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| SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW   | INITIALS:<br> |
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## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

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

1. Activities and Noteworthy Files
2. Analysis of Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Auxiliary Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

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

*Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.*

### **Analysis**

#### **Activities and Noteworthy Files**

##### *Unidentified Remains*

On May 3, 2021, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release requesting the public's assistance in identifying a male whose body was recovered from the shores of the Fraser River on July 8, 2004. Richmond RCMP Serious Crime investigators released a forensic facial reconstruction sketch to help identify the man. The circumstances surrounding the man's death are still under investigation.

##### *Homicide Shooting*

On May 9, 2021, Richmond RCMP officers responded to the Vancouver International Airport for a shooting outside the international departure area. Upon arrival, police located a man with gunshot wounds who was pronounced deceased at the scene. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle and later fired shots at a marked police vehicle. Police believe the incident to be targeted. The Richmond RCMP and Integrated Homicide Investigation Team are investigating.

##### *Hate Incident*

On May 13, 2021, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release relating to a hate incident, which occurred on May 1, 2021. A male suspect was observed yelling at the occupants of a vehicle. A video of the incident was subsequently posted on social media. Police investigation was able to

identify and locate the suspect. Mediation and collaboration involving the victim and suspect resulted in the matter being resolved through alternative measures.

#### *Impaired Boating*

On May 17, 2021, the Richmond RCMP responded to a report of a vessel operating erratically in Steveston Harbour. Upon arrival, police discovered that a commercial fishing vessel had run a ground on some rocks. The Richmond RCMP patrol boat was deployed and two men onboard were rescued. The incident remains under investigation as drugs and alcohol are believed to have been contributing factors to the incident.

#### Analysis of Police Statistics

##### *Arson*

In May 2021, there were 10 reported arsons, which represents no change from the previous month and is up nine incidents from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the expected range.

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

There were 18 assault serious events in May 2021, which is up 38 per cent from the previous month and is more than double the number of incidents reported in May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the expected range.

##### *Auto Theft*

In May 2021, there were 15 incidents of auto theft, which is up 36 per cent from the previous month and is more than double the number of thefts reported in May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range.

##### *Drugs*

In May 2021, there were 37 drug files, which is up nine per cent from the previous month and up 28 per cent from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

##### *Mental Health*

There were 121 mental health-related incidents in May 2021, which is down three per cent from the previous month and down 41 per cent from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the expected range.

There were also 94 police apprehensions this month and the average hospital wait time was 93 minutes. Both of these statistics are within the expected range.

*Residential Break and Enter*

There were 22 break and enters to residences in May 2021, which represents a 42 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 29 per cent increase from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range.

*Commercial Break and Enter*

In May 2021, there were 26 break and enters to businesses, which represents an 18 per cent increase from the previous month and is an eight per cent increase from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month are within the expected range.

*Robbery*

There were four robbery incidents in May 2021, which represents no change from the previous month and is an increase of one incident from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the expected range.

*Sexual Offences*

In May 2021, there were 27 sexual offence files, which is a 42 per cent increase from the previous month and is almost double the number reported in May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the expected range.

*Shoplifting*

There were 39 shoplifting thefts in May 2021, which are down 32 per cent from the previous month and up eight per cent from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of reported shoplifting thefts this month are within the expected range.

*Theft from Automobile*

There were 120 theft from automobile incidents in May 2021, which is down nine per cent from the previous month and up 17 per cent from May 2020. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the expected range.

*COVID-19 Statistics*

Table 1 outlines the number of police calls for service related to COVID-19. In May 2021, there were 45 COVID-19-related files. The majority of incidents were related to reports of social gatherings, failure to wear masks and quarantine violations. Police issued approximately three Violation Tickets this month.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The total number of Violation Tickets is subject to change as it is based on the physical tickets submitted at the time of writing and there may be delays in the submission of tickets.

| Table 1: COVID-19-related Calls for Service May 2021 |           |
|--|-----------|
| Quarantine Act (Federal)                             | 8         |
| Public Health Act (Provincial)                       | 0         |
| Emergency Program Act                                | 37        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>45</b> |

### *Hate Crimes and Incidents*

Table 2 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2018 and May 31, 2021. A “hate crime” refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime as per the *Criminal Code* carries a higher threshold and usually involves one or more criminal offences. A “hate incident” may be motivated by the same factors as a hate crime, but does not reach the threshold of being a criminal offence. Most of the events reported this month were related to the use of racial slurs, anti-Semitic comments and homophobic remarks. One incident involved a man spitting at a person at a political protest.

| Table 2 – Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents |                  |                     |       |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Year                                     | Hate Crime Files | Hate Incident Files | Total |
| 2018                                     | 19               | 4                   | 23    |
| 2019                                     | 11               | 9                   | 20    |
| 2020                                     | 21               | 13                  | 34    |
| 2021 YTD                                 | 13               | 17                  | 30    |

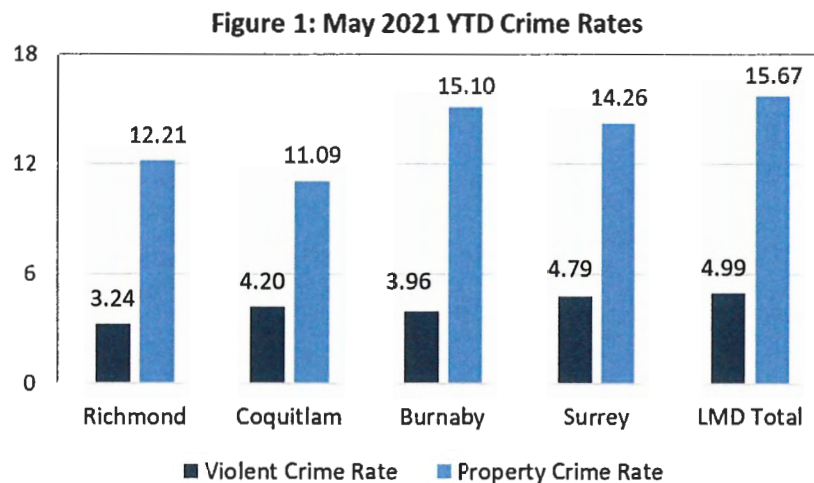
### Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

In recent months, there has been an increase in gang-related homicides and public shootings in the Lower Mainland. In response to these incidents, local policing agencies have been working collaboratively to provide a coordinated response to combat gang-related violence. On May 21, 2021, police officers in the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU-BC) were conducting proactive enforcement patrols in Richmond.<sup>2</sup> These efforts resulted in the arrest of a gang-involved male and female who were in the possession of a loaded handgun. Richmond RCMP officers provided assistance in taking the suspects into custody.

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.<sup>3</sup> In May 2021, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate and the second lowest property crime rate.

<sup>2</sup> CFSEU-BC is the Provincial Integrated Anti-Gang Agency

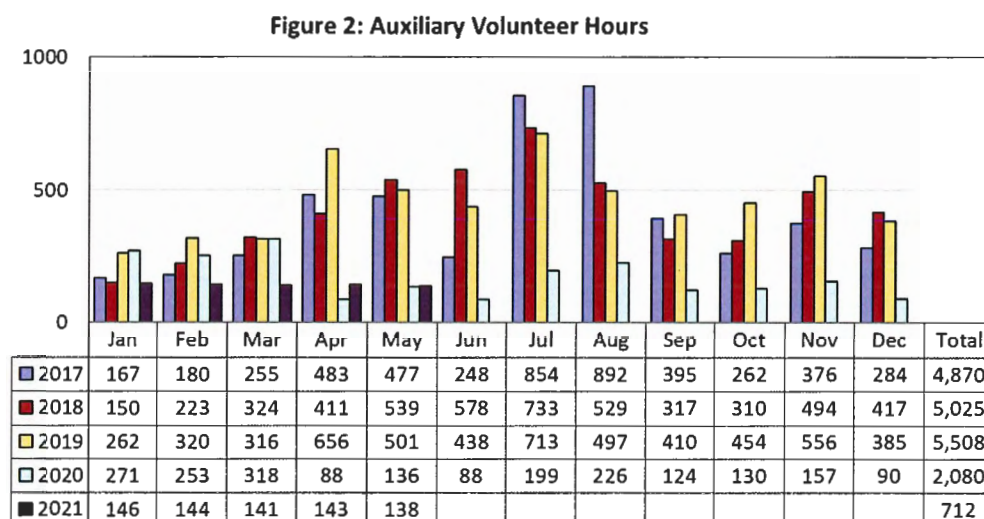
<sup>3</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people.



### Auxiliary Program

In May 2021, the Richmond RCMP Detachment had a complement of 30 Auxiliaries.<sup>4</sup> Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, volunteer activities have been significantly reduced. Auxiliaries provided a total of 138 volunteer hours during the month of May. On June 24, 2021, the Province of British Columbia provided written correspondence to RCMP E-Division Headquarters advising that the Auxiliary Program and all related activities immediately must cease and all Auxiliary officer appointments rescinded. With this direction, the OIC of Richmond RCMP has stopped local Auxiliary programs and rescinded appointments. Negotiations between the Province of British Columbia and National RCMP Headquarters remain ongoing with the intention that they will result in a revised and viable program in the near future.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided from 2017 to 2021.



<sup>4</sup> Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

### *Auxiliary Program Activities*

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

- Bait Car
- Diversity Initiatives
- Doors Open Richmond Video
- National Police Week
- Pedestrian Safety
- Youth Academy

### Block Watch

At the end of May 2021, the Block Watch program had 304 groups totaling 6,977 participants. Currently, the program includes 436 captains and co-captains. This month, the Block Watch program continued virtual training for new captains.

### Community Police Station Programs

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

During the month of May volunteer highlights included:

- Three Lock Out Auto Crime deployments took place, which resulted in 53 information letters being distributed.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 6,479 vehicles at multiple locations and 271 information letters were issued.
- May 11 – In collaboration with ICBC, volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Speed Watch Blitz near No. 3 Road and Ryan Road. A total of 610 vehicles went through the deployment and 23 information letters were issued.
- May 20 – In collaboration with ICBC, volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Speed Watch Blitz in the 7600 block of No. 4 Road. A total of 1,582 vehicles went through the deployment and 26 information letters were issued.
- May 22 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers at a Project 529 Bike Registry event at Iona Beach. Approximately 300 people attended and 15 bikes were registered.
- May 28 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Speed Watch deployment near Blundell Elementary School and issued 41 information letters. Police also issued two Violation Tickets and one 24-hour driving prohibition.

*Lock Out Auto Crime*

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.<sup>5</sup>

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

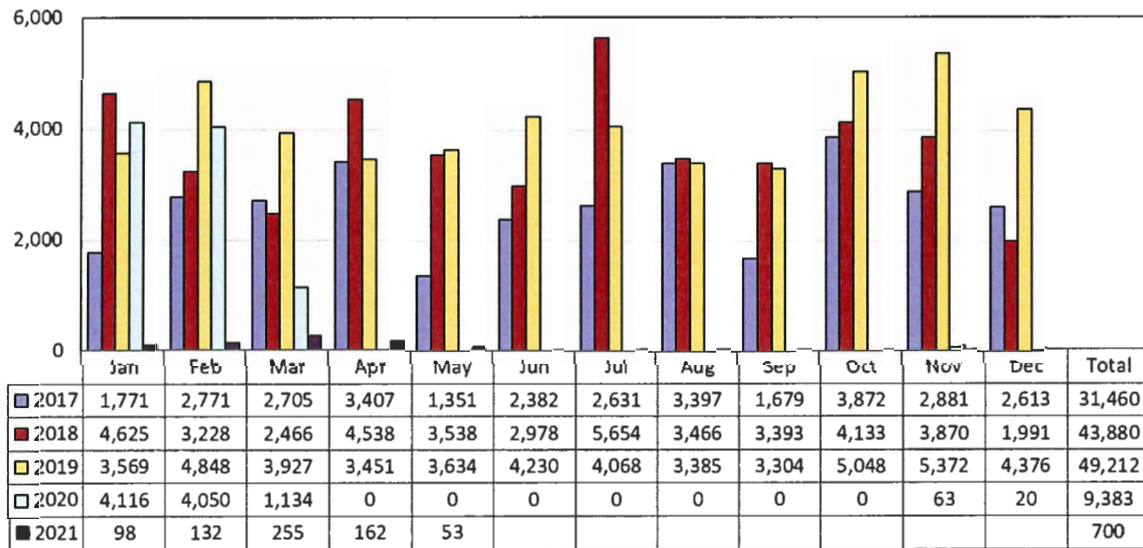
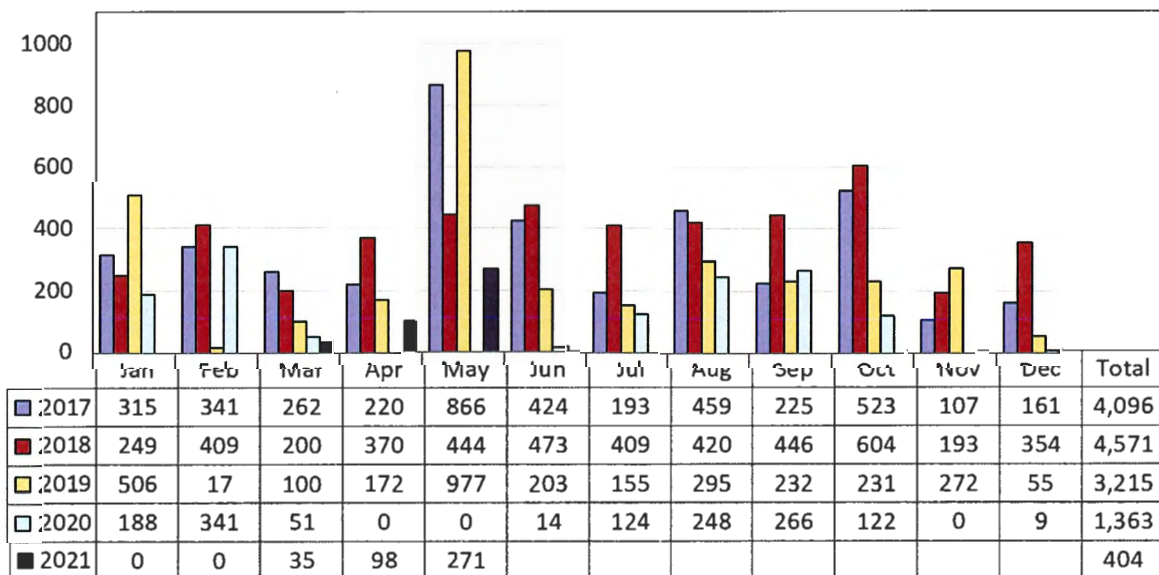
*Speed Watch*

Figure 4 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

**Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent**



<sup>5</sup> Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices.

### Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Community Outreach Patrols
- Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Place of Worship Patrols
- Fraud Prevention Presentation
- Speed Watch

### Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond's roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. Table 3 compares statistics for May 2021 to both March 2021 and April 2021. Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 3: Violation Tickets Issued

| <b>Infraction</b>               | <b>March 2021</b> | <b>April 2021</b> | <b>May 2021</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Distracted Driving              | 254               | 139               | 163             |
| Driver License                  | 227               | 161               | 250             |
| Impaired                        | 56                | 34                | 39              |
| Intersection Offences           | 50                | 38                | 39              |
| Moving Infractions <sup>6</sup> | 103               | 98                | 73              |
| Speeding                        | 177               | 184               | 419             |
| Seatbelts                       | 21                | 8                 | 13              |
| Vehicle Related <sup>7</sup>    | 98                | 75                | 83              |
| Other <sup>8</sup>              | 0                 | 6                 | 2               |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>986</b>        | <b>743</b>        | <b>1,081</b>    |

### Victim Services

In May 2021, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 87 new clients and attended nine crime/trauma scenes after hours. Victim Services reduced in-person client services in March 2020 and began offering services by phone but continue to attend some of the more serious calls in person. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 251 files. In May, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, mental health issues and frauds.

<sup>6</sup> Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

<sup>7</sup> Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

<sup>8</sup> Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

### Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of May, Youth Section highlights included:

- 58 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes were delivered to Grade 5 students in 16 schools via Zoom.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 61 proactive school visits at Secondary Schools and 81 visits at Elementary Schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion**

In May 2021, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including a targeted shooting homicide at the Vancouver International Airport. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the expected ranges.

In May, the Richmond RCMP Community Engagement Team and volunteers conducted road safety deployments focusing on speeding. In addition, the DARE program continued its third term, which was delivered via virtual lessons. 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

### Auxiliary Constables

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

### Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: [blockwatch@richmond.ca](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm)

### Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm)

### Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

### Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.

- For more information, visit
- [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm)

#### Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

#### Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

#### Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

#### Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

## MAY 2021 STATISTICS

## RICHMOND RCMP

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

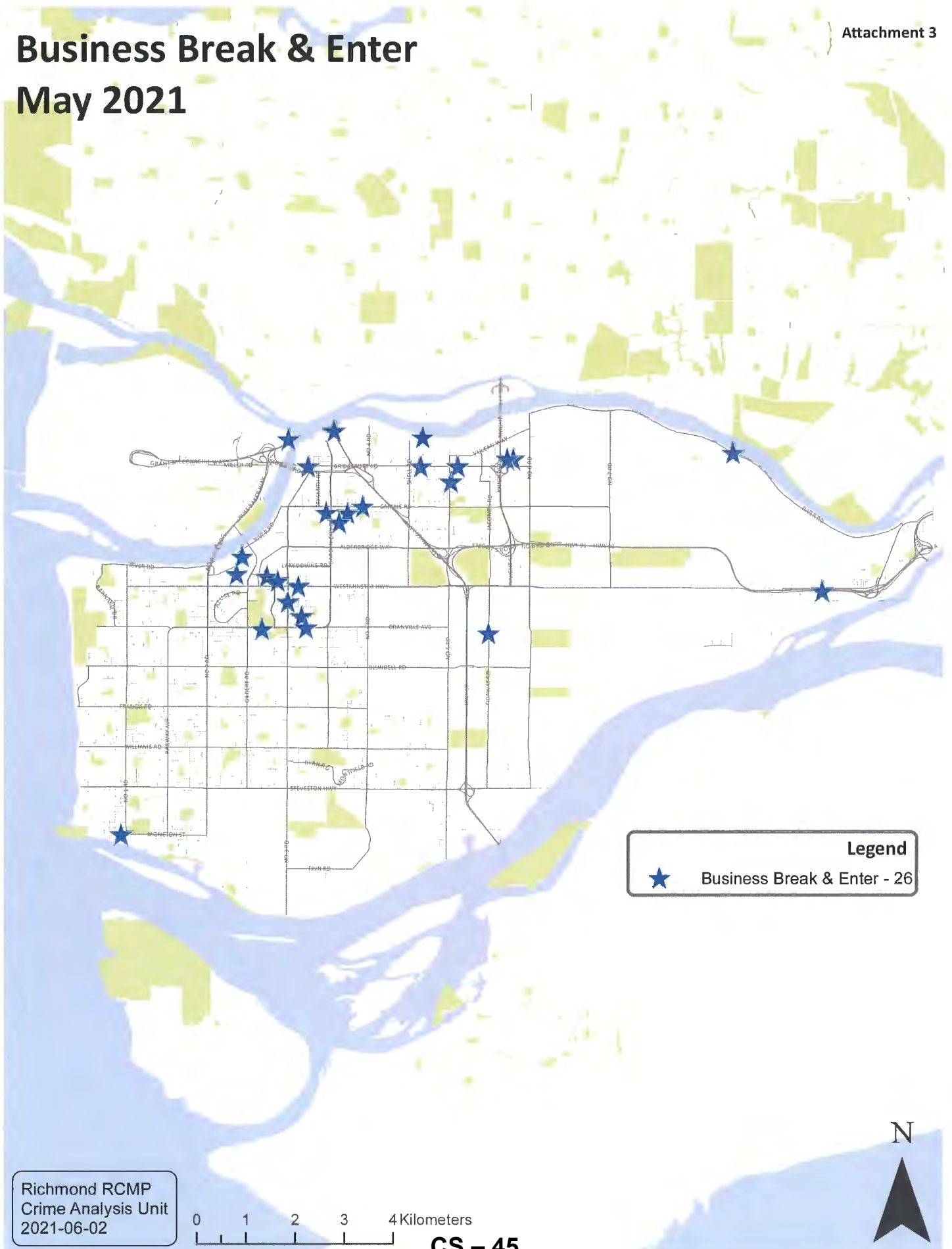
In 2019, changes were implemented regarding the collection of UCR data. The new standards provide much more stringent criteria to classify a file as unfounded. As a result, there will be an increase in many crime statistics, and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when comparing previous years' data. Full details on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey are available at Statistics Canada: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

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

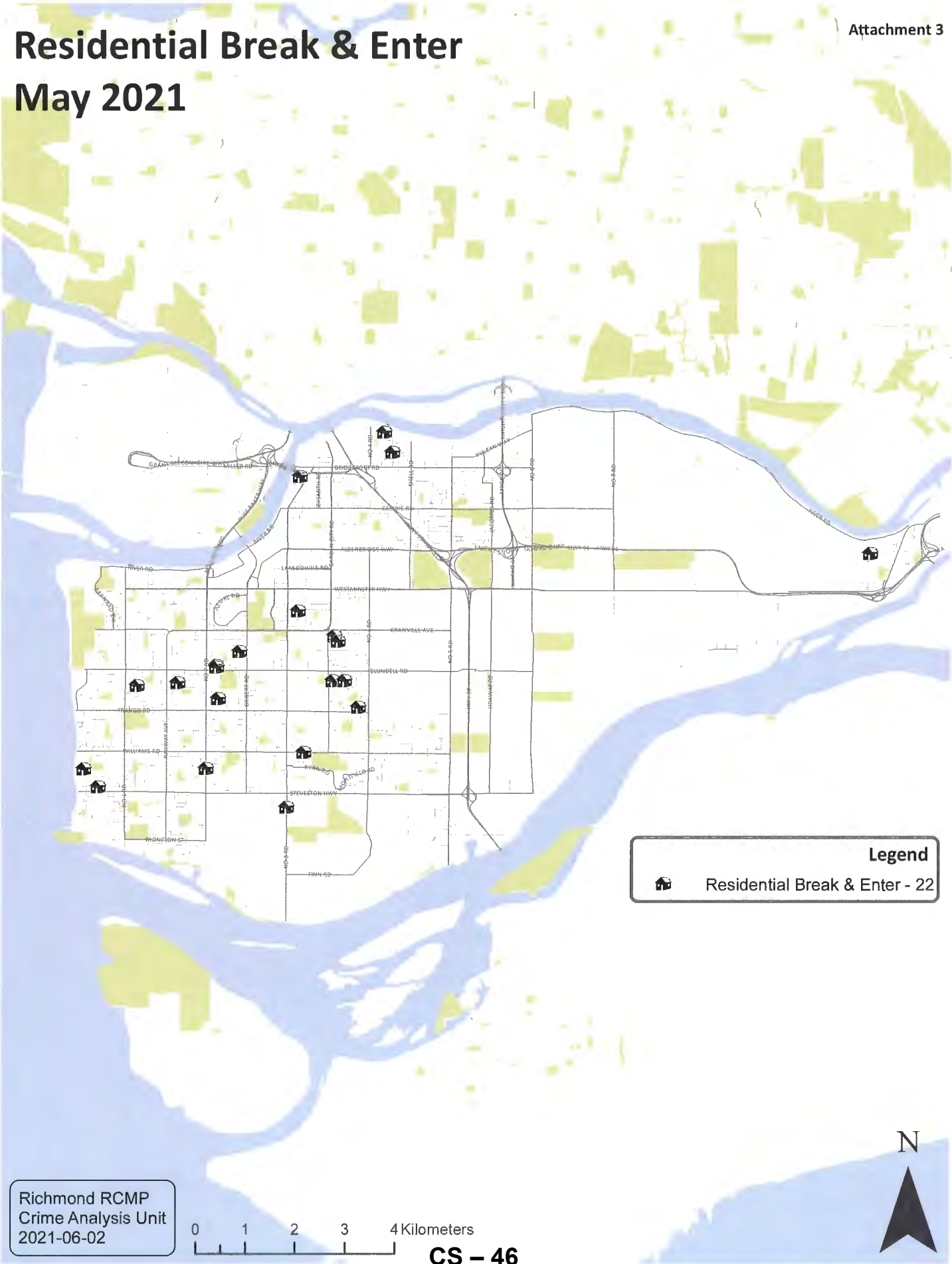
|  | Month      | 5-Yr Avg     | 5-Yr Range      | Year to Date Totals |             |             |             |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | May-21     | May          |                 | 2020                | 2021        | % Change    | # Change    |
| <b>VIOLENT CRIME</b><br>(UCR 1000-Series Offences)   | <b>180</b> | <b>132.4</b> | <b>114-151</b>  | <b>645</b>          | <b>744</b>  | <b>15%</b>  | <b>99</b>   |
| Robbery<br><small>UCR 101, 102, 103</small>  | 4          | 4.0          | 3-5             | 21                  | 23          | 10%         | 2           |
| Assault Common<br><small>UCR 140</small>   | 54         | 45.0         | 38-52           | 250                 | 228         | -9%         | -22         |
| Assault Serious<br><small>UCR 141, 142</small>   | 18         | 11.8         | 7-17            | 53                  | 71          | 34%         | 18          |
| Sexual Offences<br><small>UCR 143, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436</small>  | 27         | 14.2         | 8-21            | 75                  | 102         | 36%         | 27          |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b><br>(UCR 2000-Series Offences)  | <b>496</b> | <b>608.0</b> | <b>514-702</b>  | <b>2615</b>         | <b>2656</b> | <b>2%</b>   | <b>41</b>   |
| Business B&E<br><small>UCR 210-1</small>   | 26         | 23.8         | 21-27           | 153                 | 128         | -16%        | -25         |
| Residential B&E<br><small>UCR 210-2</small>  | 22         | 39.8         | 27-52           | 186                 | 159         | -15%        | -27         |
| Auto Theft<br><small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178</small>   | 15         | 21.6         | 14-29           | 109                 | 99          | -9%         | -10         |
| Theft from Auto<br><small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>   | 120        | 162.8        | 125-201         | 698                 | 686         | -2%         | -12         |
| Theft<br><small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>   | 51         | 82.8         | 62-104          | 305                 | 277         | -9%         | -28         |
| Shoplifting<br><small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>   | 39         | 64.0         | 42-86           | 253                 | 288         | 14%         | 35          |
| Fraud<br><small>UCR 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199</small> | 75         | 73.4         | 66-81           | 333                 | 379         | 14%         | 46          |
| <b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b><br>(UCR 3000-Series Offences)   | <b>276</b> | <b>193.0</b> | <b>175-211</b>  | <b>876</b>          | <b>1160</b> | <b>32%</b>  | <b>284</b>  |
| Arson<br><small>UCR 301, 302</small>   | 10         | 5.4          | 1-10            | 25                  | 38          | 52%         | 13          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b><br>(UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)   | <b>952</b> | <b>933.4</b> | <b>823-1044</b> | <b>4137</b>         | <b>4562</b> | <b>10%</b>  | <b>425</b>  |
| <b>DRUGS</b><br>(UCR 4000-Series Offences)   | <b>37</b>  | <b>58.2</b>  | <b>31-85</b>    | <b>367</b>          | <b>189</b>  | <b>-49%</b> | <b>-178</b> |
| <b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b><br>(MHA files or Mental Health flag)  | <b>121</b> | <b>151.2</b> | <b>119-183</b>  | <b>797</b>          | <b>620</b>  | <b>-22%</b> | <b>-177</b> |

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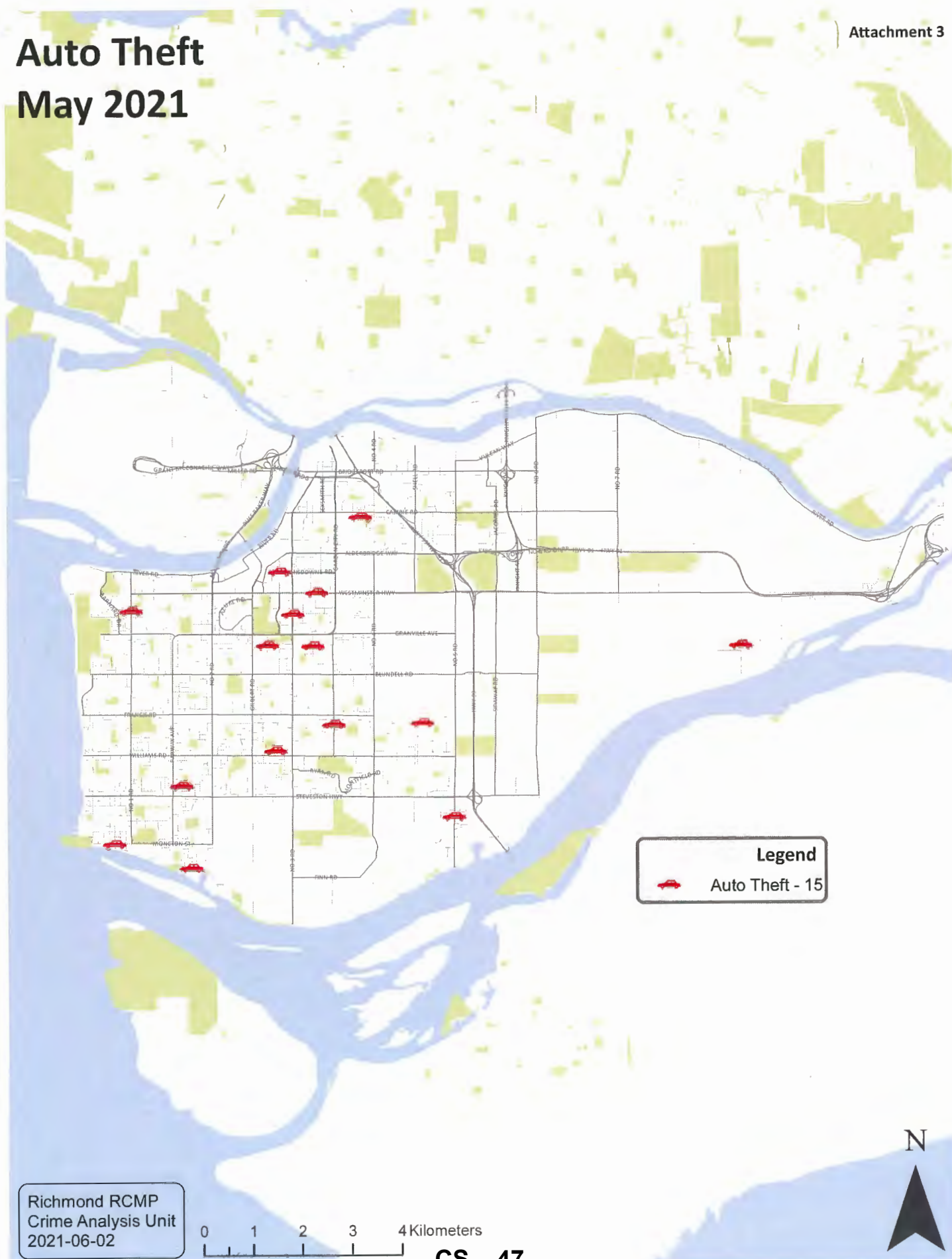
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# Residential Break & Enter May 2021



# Auto Theft May 2021



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