



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, July 14, 2026
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 9, 2026.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

September 9, 2026, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2026**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8445929)

CS-9

See Page CS-9 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 22, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.



2. **BUSINESS LICENCE ACTIVITY REPORT - FIRST QUARTER 2026**
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-03) (REDMS No. 8446343)

CS-16

See Page CS-16 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – First Quarter 2026” dated May 26, 2026, from the Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing, be received for information.



3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8435199)

CS-20

See Page CS-20 for full report

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 12, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.



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

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8418753)

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Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 10, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

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

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

7. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

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

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day (entered the meeting at 4:01 p.m.)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

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

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
*That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on
May 12, 2026, be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

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Tuesday, June 9, 2026

DELEGATIONS

Cllr. Day entered the meeting (4:01 p.m.).

1. (1) Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer, and Lisa Ramage, Acting Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Services, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Authority, shared a PowerPoint presentation (copy on-file, City Clerk's Office), and spoke on overdoses and deaths from overdoses in Richmond.

It was noted that First Nations suffer a disproportionate burden from this crisis in VCH. A Public Health Emergency was declared in British Columbia (BC) in 2016, and over 18,000 people have died since then, with a peak in 2023 with 7 individuals dying per day in BC. Richmond's highest rate was in 2021, and the rate has been declining since. Furthermore, it was noted that Richmond offers a variety of mental health and substance use services for adults, children and youth, bed-based substance use services, and housing and supports.

In response to queries from Committee, the delegation advised that (i) the primary reason fatalities have decreased has not been determined, new medications on market cause overdoses but are not fatal, (ii) data is collected from the coroner's office, BC Centre for Disease Control website, and BC Emergency Health Services, (iii) resources available throughout Vancouver Coastal region to support individuals throughout different stages of recovery, (iv) care and supportive housing is set-up through contractors including BC Housing, and (v) VCH provides supportive health services.

- (2) Brennan MacLachlan, Program Manager, Emergency Planning, and Jennifer Hayes, Coordinator, Emergency Programs, shared a PowerPoint presentation (copy on-file, City Clerk's Office), highlighting the current state of the program, including the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) preparations in support of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer public engagement and preparedness.

In response to queries from Committee, the delegation advised that (i) the command centre is located next door to Richmond City Centre, developing a deployable command centre for EOC, (ii) grant funding includes First Nations engagement funding, and Union of British Columbia Municipalities community emergency preparedness fund, (iii) focusing on developing capability and training, submit additional levels request annually, and (iv) liaise regularly with YVR and member participation in regulatory exercises each year.

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LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2026

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8411888)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) six tickets for zoning violations have been issued in 2026 for the soil work removal order at 114100 No. 2 Road, and an investigation is underway, (ii) a number of garbage and vegetation violations can be correlated to abandoned properties, (iii) pre-deployment of parking patrols on two principles, 1) safety, and 2) hot spots, (iv) follow up on complaints and enter information into dataset including time, date, location, and vehicle details, and (v) warning violations issued for water bylaw infractions, in stage three bypass warnings and issue tickets; will increase control in certain areas.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – April 2026”, dated May 15, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2026

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8409689)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that an accidental breach of pipe at a school, by a tradesman on site, was resolved by the crew who shut off the gas, ventilated the space, and evacuated the site.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – April 2026”, dated May 11, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Acting Fire Chief Grant Wyenberg provided a briefing and highlighted that 3,500 attendees came to the open house held on the first weekend of June 2026, partners from YVR attended, and informed the second day of hazmat training was completed with YVR, additional training scheduled with VCH, BC Ambulance, and YVR.

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2026**

(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8417831)

In response to queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) legal procedures are followed based on the offense committed, an offense can result in a warning, a ticket, or jail; (ii) Richmond RCMP is active in the community and teams go to community events and ensure communication is available in communities preferred language; (iii) communication with the community takes place regarding prolific offenders, safety, and protection of valuables; and (iv) RCMP vehicles under repair will have “out of service” decals on vehicles for transportation to repair site.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2026”, dated May 13, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that Supt. Julie Drotar has retired from her position following a distinguished career with the RCMP. Staff advised that a letter of thanks was presented to Supt. Drotar.

Chief Supt. Chauhan introduced Mike Roberts as the new superintendent.

As a result of discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

It was moved and seconded

That Committee congratulate Supt. Julie Drotar on her retirement and give thanks for her service with the Richmond RCMP.

CARRIED

Chief Supt. Chauhan briefed Committee on the Youth Academy, noting that candidate interviews are currently taking place.

7. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn 5:08 p.m.

CARRIED

4.

Community Safety Committee

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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 9, 2026.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Jasmeen Dhillon
Recording Secretary



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: June 22, 2026

From: Anthony Capuccinello Iraci
General Manager, Law and Community Safety

File: 12-8375-02/2025-Vol 01

Re: **Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – May 2026**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 22, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

Executive Summary

This Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – May 2026 highlights activities, information, and statistics related to calls for service from the Property Use, Parking Enforcement, and Animal Protection units of Community Bylaws.

Staff Report

Origin

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.

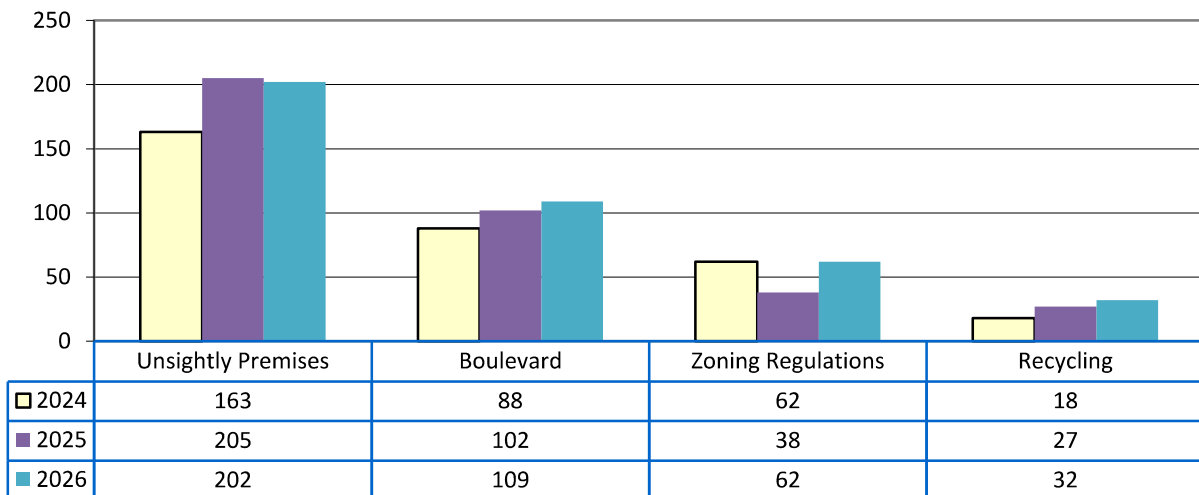
Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In May 2026, a total of 219 calls for service were opened for investigation, which represented an 8.9 percent increase (201) from the same period in 2025. A contributing factor to this rise was the introduction of Metro Vancouver’s Stage 2 Water Restrictions, which came into effect on May 1. Given the early implementation of this year’s water conservation measures, compliance concerns increased and resulted in the largest number of complaints, accounting for 17.3 percent. As of May 31, a total of 37 lawn watering calls for service were received. Despite this rise, overall volumes remained within historical seasonal norms.

Depending on the nature of the investigation, staff often liaise with multiple departments and other government agencies to conduct a thorough review of a received complaint. Among 24 potential calls for service categories, Figure 1 highlights the most common calls for service received for Property Use officers to follow up on and investigate.

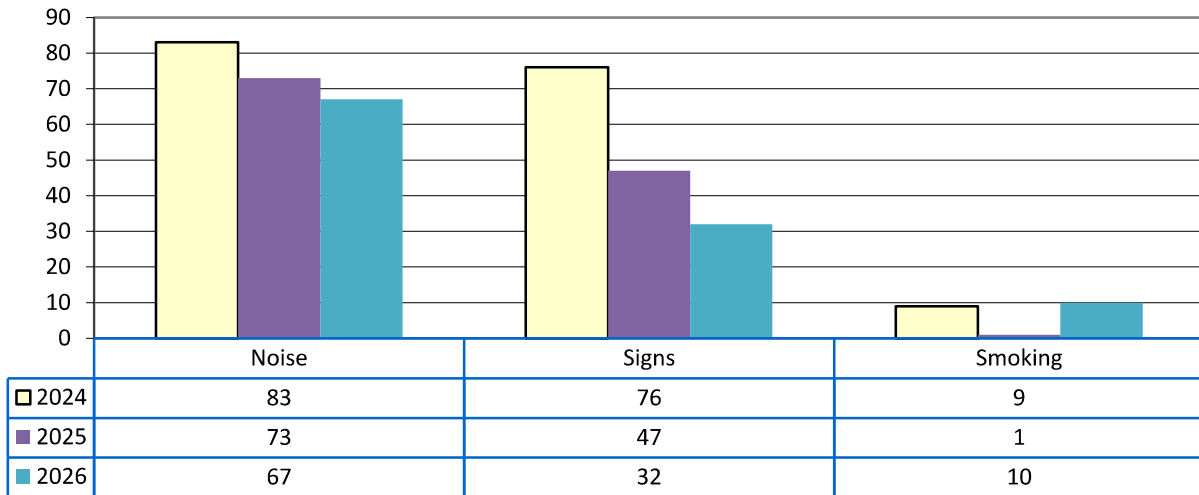
Figure 1: Property Use Calls for Service - May Year-To-Date Comparison



Other Community Bylaws Calls for Service

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

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



Soil Activity

Staff are responsible for responding to public complaints and issues of non-compliance related to unauthorized filling, monitoring permitted soil deposits and removal sites, and inspecting properties that are undergoing remediation to come into compliance with applicable City bylaws. Staff conducted 84 site inspections in the month of May.

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

- 10800 Palmberg Road
- 10940 River Road
- 12760 Blundell Road

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 13620 Westminster Highway
- 20371 Westminster Highway
- 5840 BLK Easterbrook Road
- 6660 Sidaway Rode
- 4280 River Drive
- 12910 No. 2 Road
- 9240 No. 6 Road
- 5480 No. 6 Road
- 5440 No. 6 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 53 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

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

Parking Enforcement

In May, staff responded to 500 calls for service, representing a 4.5 percent decrease compared to the same period last year (524 calls). Overall call volumes remained stable, with no statistically significant changes. Approximately 60 percent (301 calls) of calls were safety-related, primarily involving roadway obstructions, blocked driveways, and vehicles parked too close to fire hydrants.

Parking enforcement revenue increased by 6.1 percent, primarily due to enhanced proactive patrol activity. The number of parking violations issued also rose by 10.9 percent, reflecting targeted enforcement in priority areas. This increase can also be attributed to expanded deployment of License Plate Reader (LPR) technology in on-street parking areas, where pay parking and time restriction violations recorded the largest increase, rising by approximately 55.9 percent, or 355 tickets.

Monthly parking enforcement revenue is presented in Figure 3, while Figure 4 illustrates the number of parking violations issued.

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

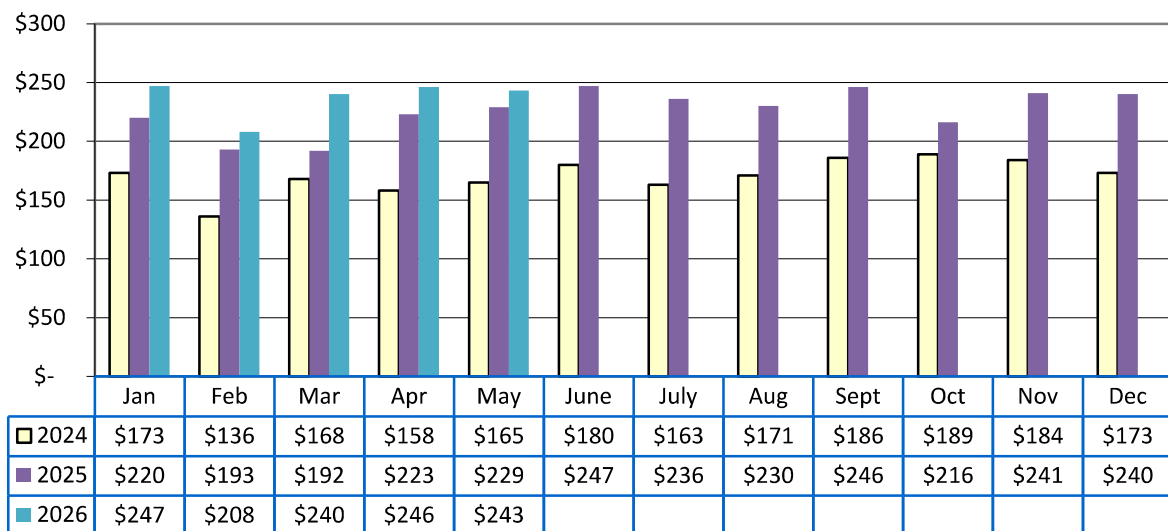
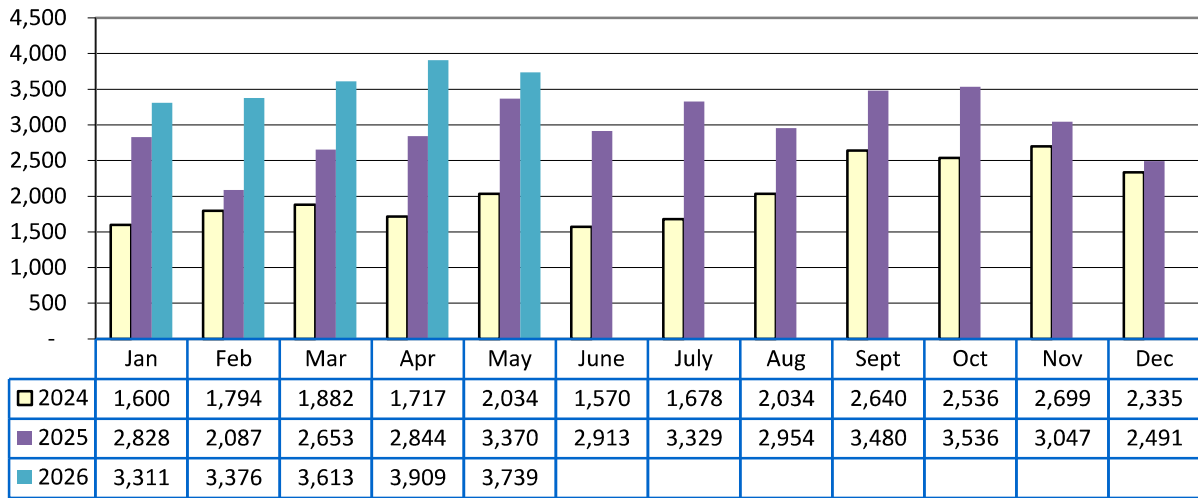


Figure 4: Parking Violation Issuance Comparison



Animal Protection and Dog Licencing

For the month of May, 1,344 valid dog licences were issued, including both new applications and renewals. A focused letter and email campaign contributed to notable increase in compliance, with this month’s activity accounting for 20.2 percent of the 6,648 licences recorded in the previous year. Year to date, a total of 6,036 dogs have been licensed under the 2026 dog licencing program, achieving 90.7 percent of last year’s total. This reflects strong progress in the current licencing cycle and suggests that renewal efforts are continuing to generate positive results. Staff continue to follow up on outstanding accounts that have not yet renewed or provided a status update, with the goal of further improving compliance in the coming months.

In May, BC SPCA Officers responded to 149 calls for service related to animal control and dog licencing violations. Officers also proactively conducted 46 park patrols across various parks, dikes, and school grounds. The most frequently patrolled locations include Gary Point Park Minoru Park, DeBeck Neighbourhood School Park, A.R. MacNeill Secondary School and Maple Lane Elementary School. These patrols help address observed issues such as dogs off leash, failure to pick up after pets, and other bylaw-related concerns. In addition to enforcement, patrols also play an important educational role by increasing public awareness and encouraging voluntary compliance with animal control regulations. Continued visibility in high-use public spaces supports both responsible pet ownership and community safety.

Ticketing

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

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance	May	YTD
Animal/Dog Licencing Offences	27	73
Zoning Offences	11	124
Unsightly Premises Offences	11	25
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	10	44
Building Regulation Offences	8	67
Sign Offences	2	13
Noise Offences	2	10
Parks Offences	1	12
Regulation of Material on Highways Offences	1	7
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	0
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Demolition Waste and Recyclable Materials Offences	0	0
Watering Offences	0	0
Total	73	375

Bylaw Adjudication

No adjudication hearings were scheduled for the month of May. At this time, no hearings are scheduled, as dispute requests are still undergoing validation through the screening process.

Revenue and Expenses

Revenues across Property Use, Parking Enforcement, and Animal Services continue to reflect seasonal activity patterns and targeted enforcement efforts. In Property Use, soil permit applications and volume fees tend to peak in the spring and summer months. Year to date several projects are still in the planning phases with applications in process. In addition, Parking Enforcement revenue remains driven by the City's pay parking program, supported by steady ticketing activity and monthly permits. Animal Services revenue is supported by the dog licensing program, with increased compliance resulting from prior years' proactive account audits and canvassing initiatives.

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

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

		YTD Budget May 2026	YTD Actual May 2026
Property Use	Revenue ¹	\$219,946	\$102,661
	Expenses	\$814,132	\$626,019
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$594,186)	(\$523,358)
Parking	Revenue ²	\$990,996	\$1,214,763
	Expenses	\$937,973	\$1,013,269
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$53,023	\$201,494
Animal Protection	Revenue ³	\$238,060	\$227,205
	Expenses	\$620,037	\$617,062
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$381,977)	(\$389,857)

Budgetary Implications

None.

Conclusion

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Corrado, Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing

Report Contributors

This report was prepared by Mark Corrado, Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing and reviewed by Finance.

Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO

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

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

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



To:	Community Safety Committee	Date:	May 26, 2026
From:	Anthony Capuccinello Iraci General Manager, Law and Community Safety	File:	12-8375-03/2025-Vol 01
Re:	Business Licence Activity Report - First Quarter 2026		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – First Quarter 2026” dated May 26, 2026, from the Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing, be received for information.

Executive Summary

In the first quarter of 2026, Richmond’s Business Licensing program continued to demonstrate strong performance, supporting Council’s priorities for sustainable community growth and responsible financial management. Revenue remained strong compared to the same period last year, while the number of valid licences increased and expired licences declined, reflecting ongoing business activity and effective staff follow-up. Although fewer new licences were issued, there was continued demand for licensing services through change applications and file updates, suggesting a dynamic business environment.

Staff also maintained a proactive, compliance-focused enforcement approach by working with businesses to resolve licensing issues before pursuing stronger enforcement measures. This strategy helped encourage voluntary compliance and supported accurate licence records across the city. Overall, the quarter reflects solid financial results, effective administration, and continued efforts to promote business compliance and support Richmond’s economic health.

Staff Report

Origin

This report provides a review of business licence activity in the first quarter of 2026.

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

Strategic and sustainable growth that supports long-term community needs and a well-planned and prosperous city.

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

Responsible financial management and efficient use of public resources to meet the needs of the community.

Analysis

Business Licence Revenue

The total revenue collected in the first quarter of 2026 was \$2,221,303 representing a 20 percent increase compared to revenue in the same quarter of 2025.

Table 1: Business Licence Revenue comparing Q1 2025 to Q1 2026

	Q1 2025	Q1 2026
Revenue	\$ 1,848,366	\$ 2,221,303

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 2 represents the total number of business licences and their status for Q1 2025 and Q1 2026. These statistics are reported quarterly, rather than annually, as the numbers fluctuate throughout the year due to a variety of factors such as application intake, premise alterations, business information changes, and permanent business closures.

Table 2: Number and Status of Business Licences comparing Q1 2025 and Q1 2026

	2025 Q1	2026 Q1
Valid Licences	13,708	14,451
Expired Licences	3,110	2,071
Pending/Change Applications	752	845
Total Licences	17,570	17,367

Q1 2026 total licences decreased by 203 (1%) compared to the same quarter in 2025. Valid licences increased by 743 (5%), while pending/change applications increased by 93 (12%) compared to Q1 2025, which may indicate higher activity in business relocations, ownership changes, or modifications to existing licences. Notably, the number of expired licences decreased by 1,039 (33%) in Q1 2026 reflecting staff’s continued efforts to follow up on outstanding applicants, confirm their status, and ensure the licences are recorded in the appropriate category.

Table 3 highlights the number of new business licences issued. A total of 437 new business licences were issued in Q1 2026, compared with 556 in Q1 2025, representing a 21.4% decrease. The decline may reflect changing business activity trends within a challenging economic environment, however, fluctuations in quarterly business licence activity are to be expected.

Table 3: New Business Licences Issued

	2025 Q1	2026 Q1
Total Issued	556	437

Business Licence Enforcement

In the first quarter of 2026, staff issued 199 bylaw violation notices for various offences, including operating a business without a licence or contrary to licence conditions. Of these, 162 violations were related to businesses operating without a valid licence and 29 violations were related to failure to comply with term or condition of a licence violation.

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. Fine revenue reflects staff efforts in following up with non-compliant businesses which may include converting a violation notice to a warning where a business applies for, pays for, and obtain a business licence in a timely manner.

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 exercised their discretion to convert finable violations into warning violations for businesses with no significant history of bylaw enforcement, provided they applied for, paid for, and obtained a licence in a timely manner. Table 4 highlights total enforcement revenue in Q1 2026 compared to Q1 2025.

Table 4: Business Licence Enforcement Revenue Q1 2025 and Q1 2026

	2025 Q1	2026 Q1
Revenue from Tickets	\$ 26,250	\$ 27,500

Budgetary Implications

None

Conclusion

This report provides the Community Safety Committee with an overview of business licence activity and revenue for the first quarter of 2026. Overall, revenue remained strong, valid licences increased year over year and expired licences declined. These results reflect continued business activity in Richmond and staff’s proactive efforts to support accurate licencing records and business compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Corrado
 Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing

Report Contributors

This report was prepared by Mark Corrado, Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing and reviewed by Finance and Economic Development.

Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO



To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** June 12, 2026
From: Anthony Capuccinello Iraci **File:** 09-5140-01/2025-Vol
General Manager, Law and Community Safety 01
Re: **Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2026**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 12, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

Executive Summary

This report highlights activities, information, and statistics related to calls for service in the community and Richmond Fire-Rescue's community safety and prevention initiatives in May 2026.

Staff Report

Origin

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

Significant Events

Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) emergency response crews minimized harm, limited damage and stopped fire spread from the point of origin, and performed life-saving interventions in these notable May 2026 incidents¹:

Structure Fire on Heather Street

On May 6, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Heather Street. The first-in apparatus responded to a report of a fire in the wall between two units. On-scene crews attacked and quickly extinguished the fire. The crews checked for fire extension and found that the fire had not extended into the building. Two families were displaced at this time and Emergency Support Services (ESS) were deployed to attend the scene and facilitate two displaced families; six people in total. The fire crews were able to rescue one cat, which was reunited with the owner from one of the affected units. The scene was secured and a Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Commercial Machinery Fire on Mitchell Road

On May 15, RFR emergency crews responded to a commercial machinery fire on Mitchell Road. The first-in apparatus responded to the report of a shredding machine fire. On-scene crews located the fire, which was approximately 40ft in the air and quickly extinguished it. Crews checked for any extension and carried out cleanup operations. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Animal Rescue on Minoru Park

On May 16, RFR emergency crews responded to reports of an animal stuck at the baseball diamond at Minoru Park. The first-in apparatus located a duck stuck in the netting, approximately 75ft in the air. The location was inaccessible by fire apparatus and unable to support a ground ladder. The City's Works Yard staff were deployed, along with equipment to reach the duck. Works Yard crew were able to retrieve the duck, and it was set free at Fire Hall No. 1. The duck appeared to be tired, but in good health and eventually flew away.

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

Structure Fire on Twigg Place

On May 17, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Twigg Place. The first-in crews saw large flames, and heavy smoke as they approached. On arrival crews located the fire, in a pile of metal scraps approximately 70ft high. Crews began extinguishment of the fire and remained on scene for some time to ensure full extinguishment. A property representative was also on scene. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Structure Fire on Smith Street

On May 27, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Smith Street. The first arriving crews discovered a smouldering mattress in a unit, with light smoke in the hallway leading to the room. Crews used water to fully extinguish the fire. Crews removed the mattress outside of the building and proceeded with ventilation of the areas affected. Once ventilation was completed crews carried out air monitoring of the affected area. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Emergency Response

Table 1 provides incident data and comparisons for May 2025 and May 2026. In May 2026, there were 1,074 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall decrease of 1 per cent compared to the previous year.

Table 1: Total Incidents - May 2026					
	Incident Totals May (2026)	Incident Totals May (2025)	Number Change from May 2025 to 2026	Percentage Change from May 2025 to 2026	5 Year Average for May
Active Alarm	172	150	+22	+15	156
Explosion	0	0	0	0	0
Fire	73	55	+18	+33	51
Hazardous Materials	5	5	0	0	6
Medical	539	568	-29	-5	552
Motor Vehicle Incident	86	87	-1	-1	76
Public Hazard	9	7	+2	+29	10
Public Service	102	106	-4	-4	101
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	84	107	-23	-21	80
Specialized Transport	3	1	+2	+200	2
Technical Rescue	1	0	+1	+100	0
Total	1,074	1086	-12	-1	1,035

The average time on scene for emergency response crews in May 2026 was 27 minutes per event, the average time on scene in May 2025 was 28 minutes. The time spent on the scene can vary due to the complexity and severity of each incident.

In May 2026, 73 fire incidents were reported to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, up from 55 in May 2025. The average number of fires reported each May over the last five years is 51.

Fire damage and property losses during May 2026 are estimated at \$28,020. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated at \$1,248,470, and the total value preserved from damage is \$1,220,450. These numbers translate to 98 per cent of the value protected (Table 2).

Incident Type Breakdown	Incident Volume	Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)	Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)
Single Family Residence	2	105,000	-	53,900	-	158,900
Multi-Family Residence	6	105,000	15,000	73,500	5,000	158,500
Commercial	4	465,500	1,250	178,850	2,525	640,575
Outdoor	55	6,745	4,245	-	-	2,500
Vehicle/Vessel	6	250,000	-	9,975	-	259,975
Totals²	73	932,245	20,495	316,225	7,525	1,220,450

RFR Public Outreach & Education

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

- May 2/3/4 - Participated in the Kaiwo Maru / Tall Ships Festival providing fire and life safety information as well as attendance of the “Big Rig” vehicle on site for the community to explore.
- May 6 - Participated with the “Big Rig” for the annual Ronald MacDonald children’s charity McHappy Day Event.
- May 12 - Fire and life safety education visit with the “Big Rig” to two K/1 classes at Brighthouse Elementary for students who had completed their online education program.
- May 13 - Fire and life safety education and turnout gear demonstration, along with the “Big Rig” to two classes at Gilmore Elementary for students who had completed their online education program.
- May 13 - Fire and life safety education visit to two K/1 classes from Homma Elementary for students who had completed their online education program.

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

- May 14 - Fire and life safety education visit with the “Big Rig” to two K/1 classes from Blundell Elementary for students who had completed their online education program.
- May 17 - Fire and life safety education sessions for members of the Chinese Evangelical Church, focussing on home and community safety.
- May 19 - Fire Hall tour and safety education provided to K/1 students from Gilmore Elementary, who had completed their online education program.
- May 19 - Fire and life safety education visit with the “Big Rig” to two K/1 classes from McKay Elementary for students who had completed their online education program.
- May 20 – Participated in the life safety “Mock Car Crash” demonstration in partnership with ICBC, RCMP, BC Emergency Health Services. The event held at McMath Secondary, with over 250 grade 11 students were shown the risks of impaired driving. The demonstrators were able to create a mock car crash using real actors and vehicles to simulate what happens at an accident scene. RFR crews provided first aid and lifesaving measures and demonstrated auto extrication on one of the vehicles.
- May 20 - Fire and life safety education was provided to a group of newcomers to Canada along with the staff from SUCCESS Richmond Service Centre.
- May 21 - Fire and life safety education visit with students from Brighthouse Elementary who had completed their grade 2/3 online education program.
- May 22 - Attendance with the “Big Rig” and community booth at the Quilchena Community Carnival event for the community to explore and learn about life safety education.
- May 27 - Participated in the City’s “Project Wet” event, where Grade 6 classes learned about how multiple agencies use water within the city.
- May 28 - Fire and life safety education and turnout gear demonstrations were provided to two classes from Homma Elementary for students who had completed their online grade 2/3 education program.
- May 29 - Fire and life safety education visit to K/1 class from Hamilton Elementary for students who had completed their online education program.
- May 30 - Participated in the City’s Public Works Open House community event. An information booth along with the “Big Rig” were onsite to provide safety information to attendees.

Emergency Programs

There was one Emergency Support Services (ESS) response for May 2026. There were six evacuees, only three required support for supplies and a total of nine hotel nights through the Provincial ESS program.

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

- May 2 - Over 100 people visited the EP booth to learn about Emergency Programs and emergency preparedness with a focus on extreme heat at the Richmond Cares Richmond Gives Community in Bloom at Lansdowne Mall. The indoor set up allowed engagement with various community partners to learn more about how we can work together to support the residents of Richmond.
- May 2 - Delivery of “The First 72 Hours: Practical Emergency Preparedness and Resilience for Caregivers” presentation to attendees of the Childcare Symposium: Supporting Resilience in Richmond. The presentation provided two scenarios, a major power outage and a large earthquake and discussed additional considerations that parents as well as childcare providers should include in their emergency plans and procedures.
- May 8 - Participation in the 2026 Metro Vancouver Regional Wildfire Workshop held by Metro Vancouver and BC Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. Participating in knowledge sharing sessions focused on the upcoming 2026 wildfire season, focusing on fire weather and drought conditions across BC, provincial wildfire readiness and support resources, and strengthening connections with emergency management partners across British Columbia.
- May 12 - Co-ordination of a functional exercise to develop the City’s All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) and prepare to support the city for any emergency events during the Richmond Celebrates Soccer period (June 11-July 19). This exercise culminated in the development of an Incident Action Plan for a severe heat and smoke incident, combined with a public health emergency, and emphasized applied incident management principles, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) roles and responsibilities, and the EOC planning process.
- May 16 - Participation in the Chinese Christian Mission (CCM) Safety & Secure Living Fair designed to engage members of the community on matters of safety. An information booth was set up to encourage people to build home emergency kits, create home emergency plans, and explain hazards which are unique to Richmond. The event was well attended in the Aberdeen Mall. This opportunity allowed staff to engage with the public and work towards building a more resilient community.
- May 19 - Delivery of a presentation to residents (including one service dog) at Copper Sky West. The presentation covered the five steps to household preparedness and provided additional information about extreme heat safety and earthquakes. One resident requested follow-up information with additional resources for service animals, which was provided.

- May 20 - Attended a virtual training exercise for the Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM) Communications Support Network. Attendees participated in scenario-based run-throughs of emergency coordination calls. The exercises provided attendees the opportunity to understand the role of the lead agency that would be chairing the call, as well as the role of supporting agencies/partners and how everyone will work together to co-ordinate consistent messaging to reduce conflicting information across jurisdictions and maintain situational awareness.
- May 20 - Provided an Emergency Preparedness Presentation to residents at the Sea Island Community Centre. The presentation covered the five steps to household preparedness with a focus on earthquakes and extreme heat. The presentation also provided an opportunity to introduce the Sea Island Community Resilience pilot.
- May 27-29 - Joint training of the Incident Command System (ICS) 300 training alongside Delta Police Department, fulfilling ICS 300 training credential requirements. The sessions strengthened inter agency operational consistency and will enable EP staff to deliver ICS 300 training courses and certification to city staff.
- May 30 - Over 300 people visited the Emergency Programs booth at the Public Works Open House, where visitors were provided an opportunity to participate in the “Map Your Preparedness” activity, demonstrate the “drop, cover, and hold” earthquake action, as well as learn more about emergency preparedness with a focus on extreme heat safety.

Budgetary Implications

Richmond Fire-Rescue continues to monitor all budget implications to ensure fiscal responsibility and oversight.

Conclusion

During May 2026, RFR experienced a negligible decrease in calls for service. RFR continues to monitor activities to identify and develop public outreach programs that respond to emerging trends and opportunities and promote effective prevention behaviours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wishlove, Richmond Fire-Rescue

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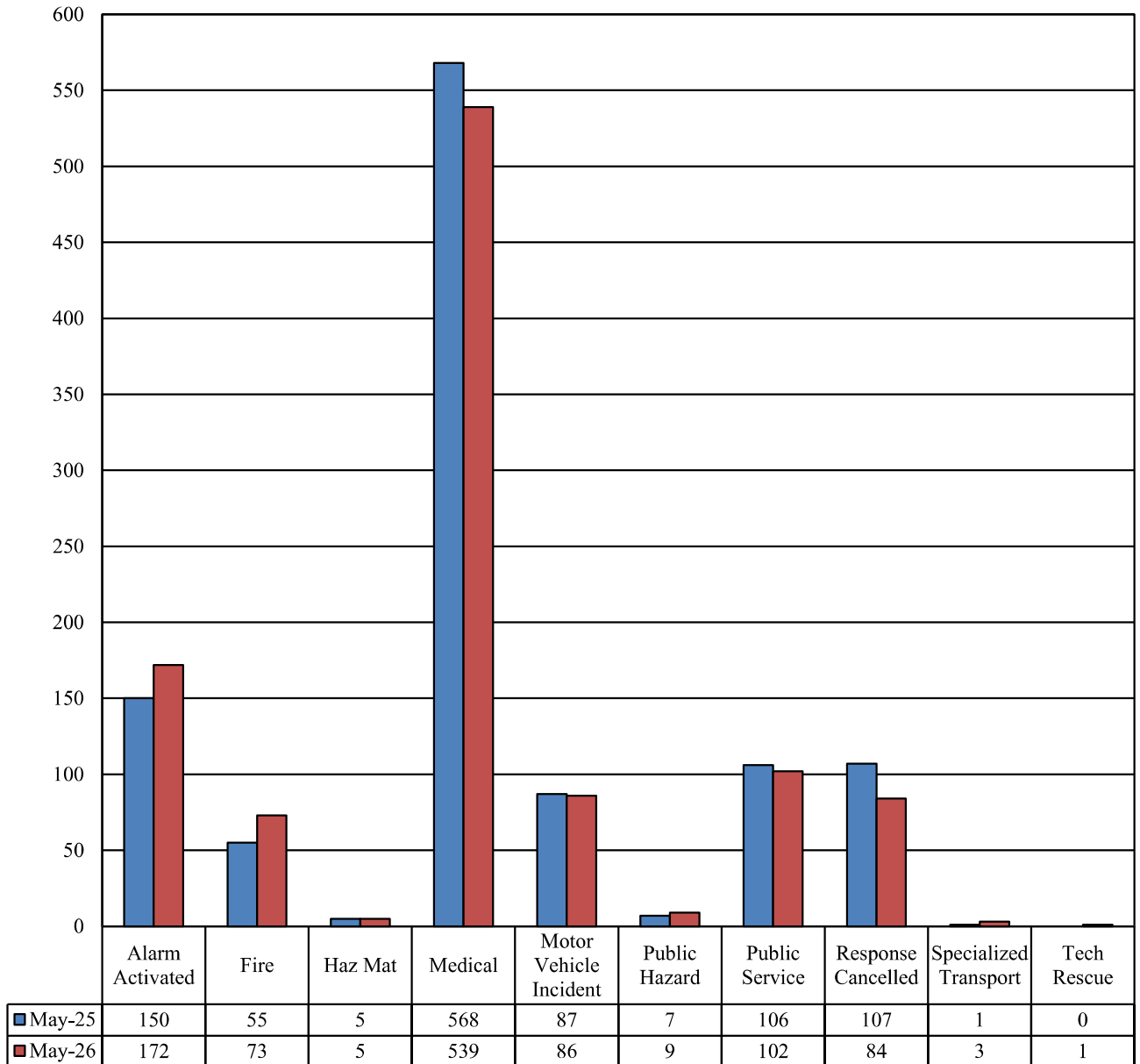
Att. 1 – Emergency Response Activity for May 2026

Emergency Response Activity for May 2026

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison of incidents occurring in May 2025 and 2026. In May 2026, there were 1,074 total incidents, compared to 1,086 in May 2025. This represents a decrease of 1 per cent between last year and 2026.

Table 3: May 2025 & May 2026 Incident Volumes



Incident Type Legend:
HazMat: includes fuel or vapour; spills, leaks, or containment
Medical includes cardiac arrest, emergency response, home or industrial accidents
Public Hazard includes object removal or power lines down
Public Service includes assisting the public, ambulance or police, locked in/out, special events, trapped in an elevator, and water removal.

First Responder Totals

Medical first-responder incidents accounted for 50 per cent of the total emergency responses from RFR during May 2026. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for May 2025 and 2026, by sub-type, is set out in the following table. There were 539 medical incidents in May 2026 compared to 568 in May 2025, a decrease of 5 per cent.

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

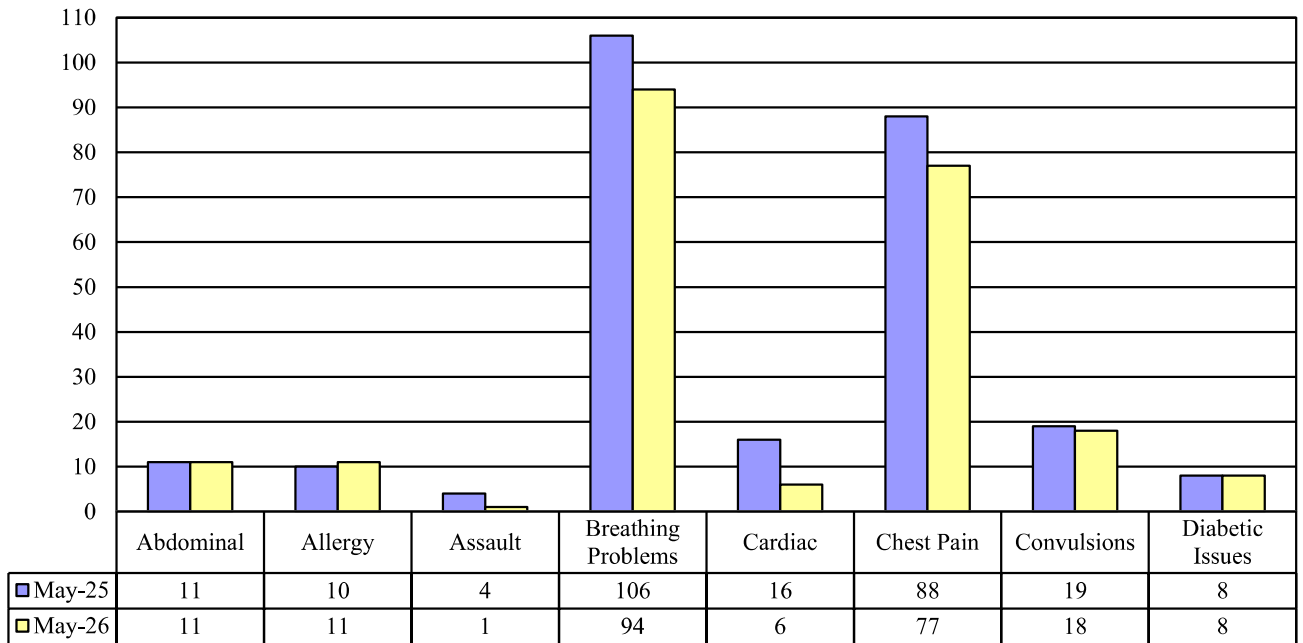
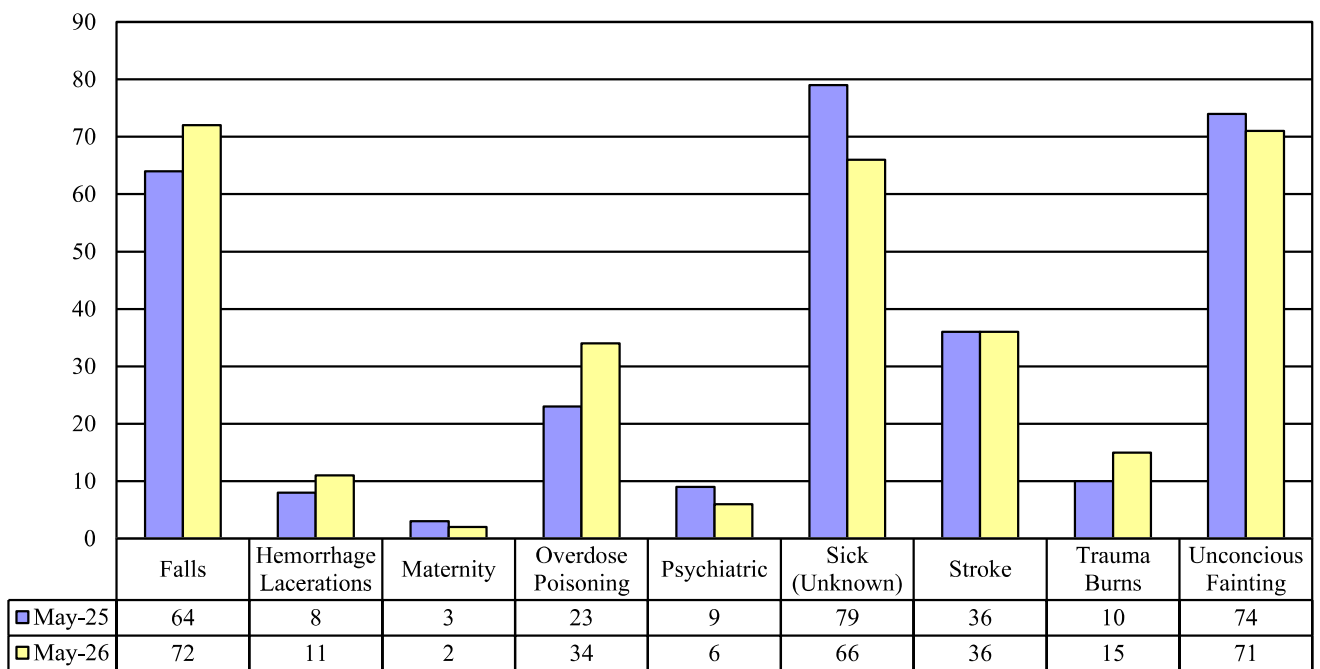


Table 4b: May 2025 & May 2026 Medical Calls by Type



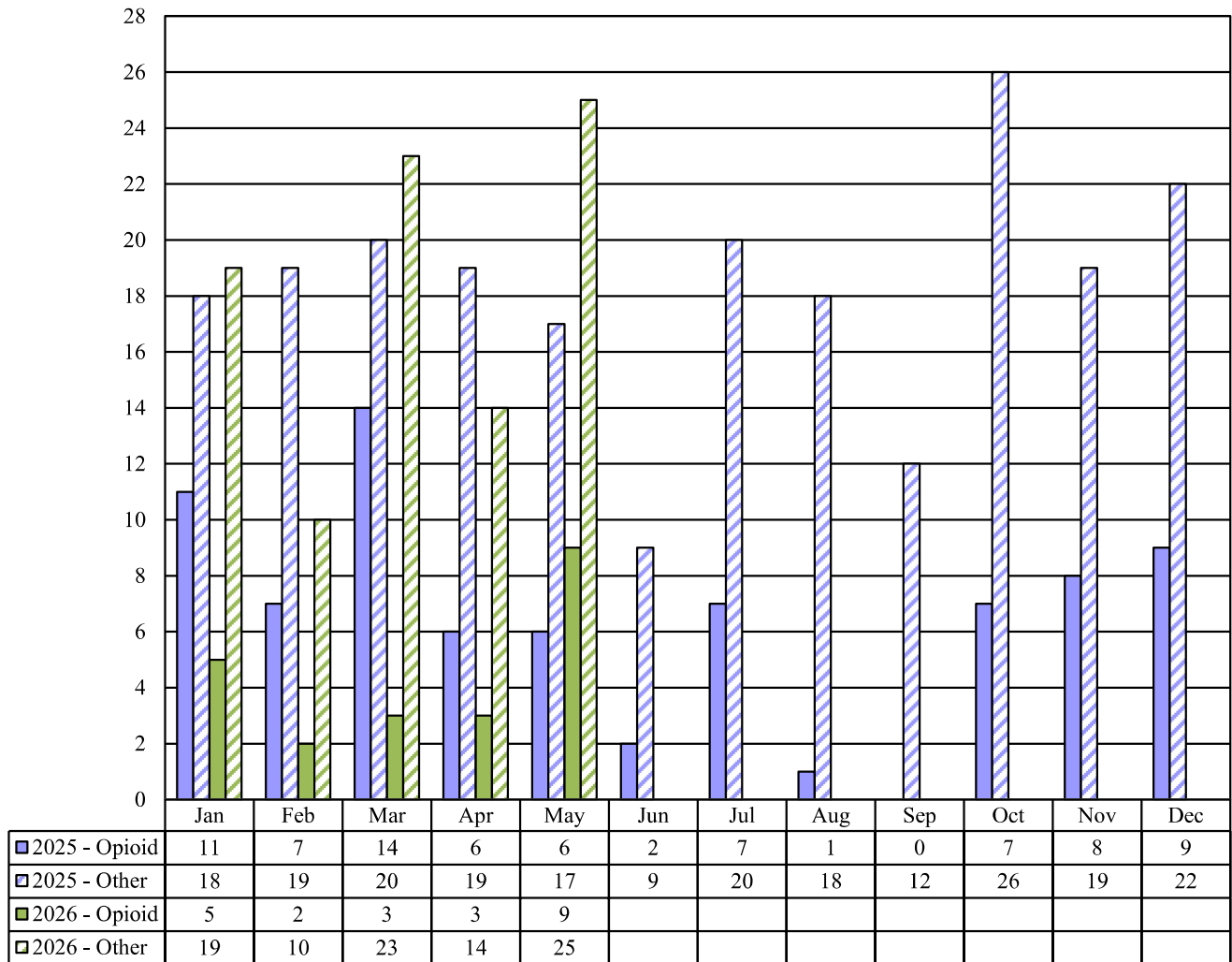
Overdose / Poisoning

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

During May 2026, RFR staff administered two doses of Naloxone.

Table 4c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents by Type – May 2026													
Year	Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	Opioid	11	7	14	6	6	2	7	1	0	7	8	9
	Other	18	19	20	19	17	9	20	18	12	26	19	22
2026	Opioid	5	2	3	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	19	10	23	14	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4d: 2025 & 2026 Overdose / Poisoning Incident Types



Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for May 2026 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – May 2026			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	-	2	-
Residential - Multi-family	-	3	3
Commercial/Industrial	-	4	-
Outdoor	17	33	5
Vehicle	-	4	2
Totals	17	46	10

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

Hazardous Materials

Table 6: Hazardous Materials Incidents by Type – May 2026	
	Details
Gases (Natural / Propane)	4
Unclassified	1
Totals	5

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

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

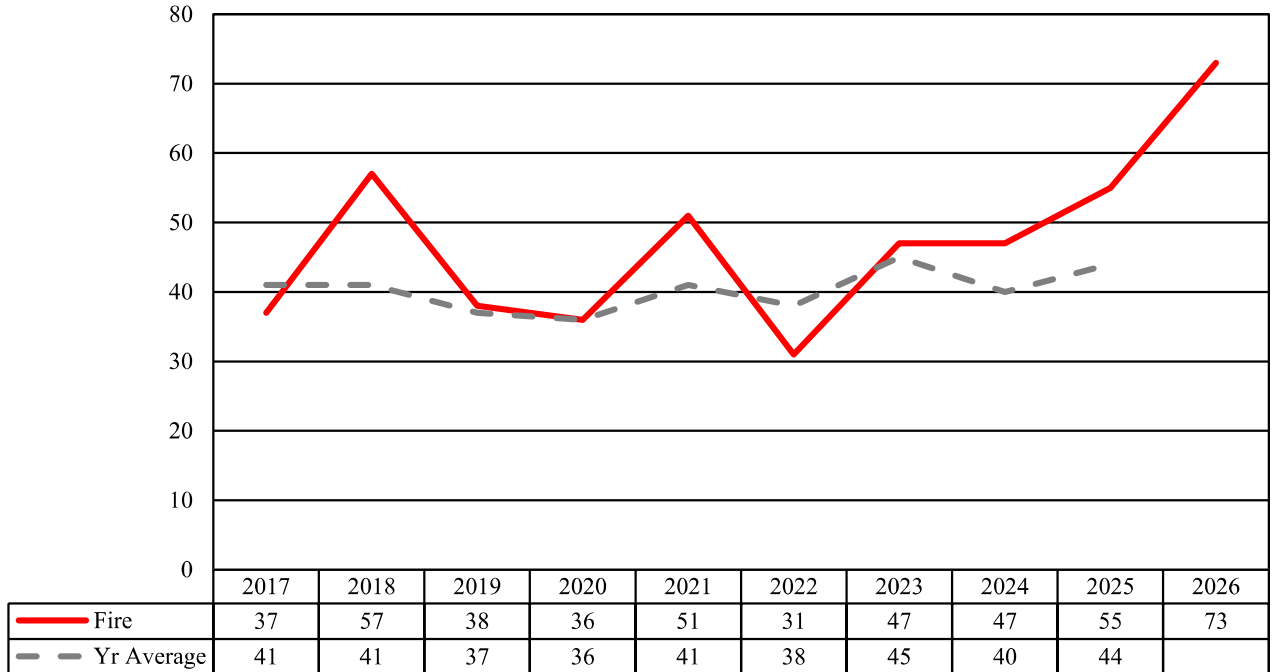


Table 7b: Total Medical Calls for Service in May and year averages from 2017 to 2026

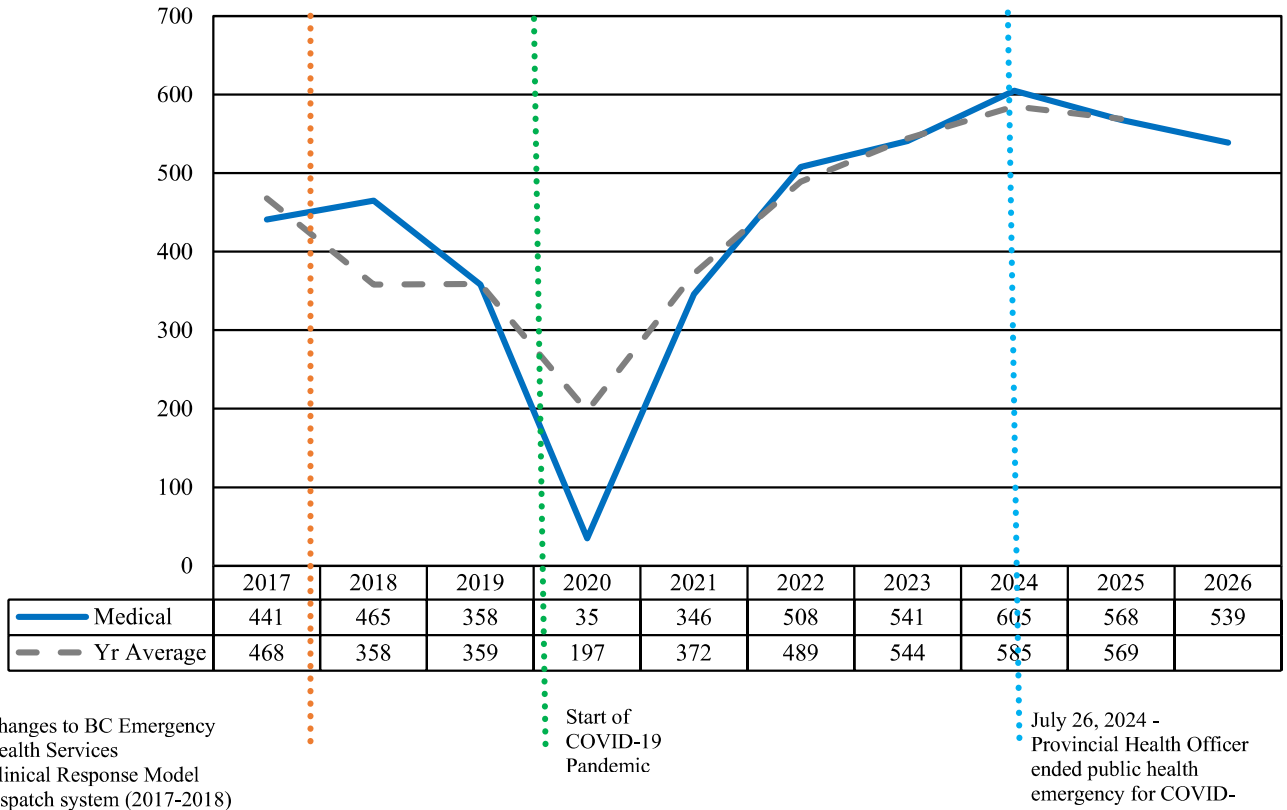


Table 7c: Total Motor Vehicle Incidents (MVI) Calls for Service in May and year averages from 2017 to 2026

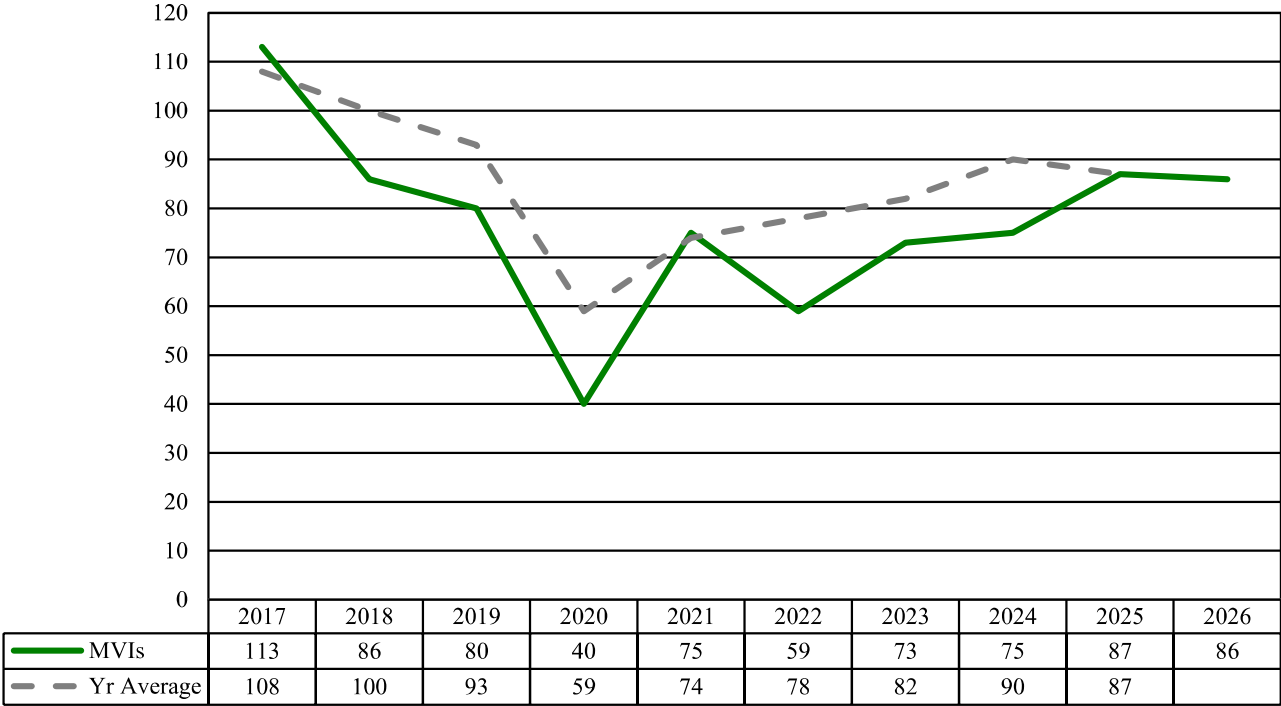


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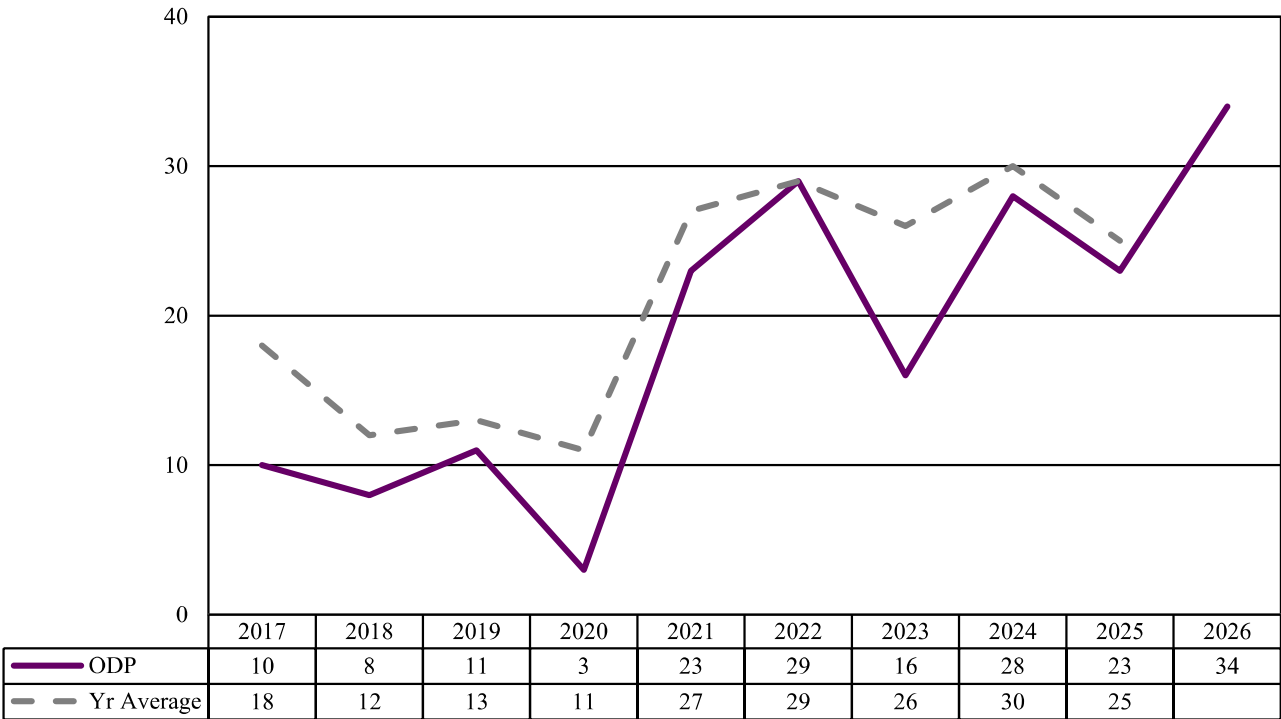


Figure 1b: Density of reportable fire incidents attended in May 2026 (total 73)

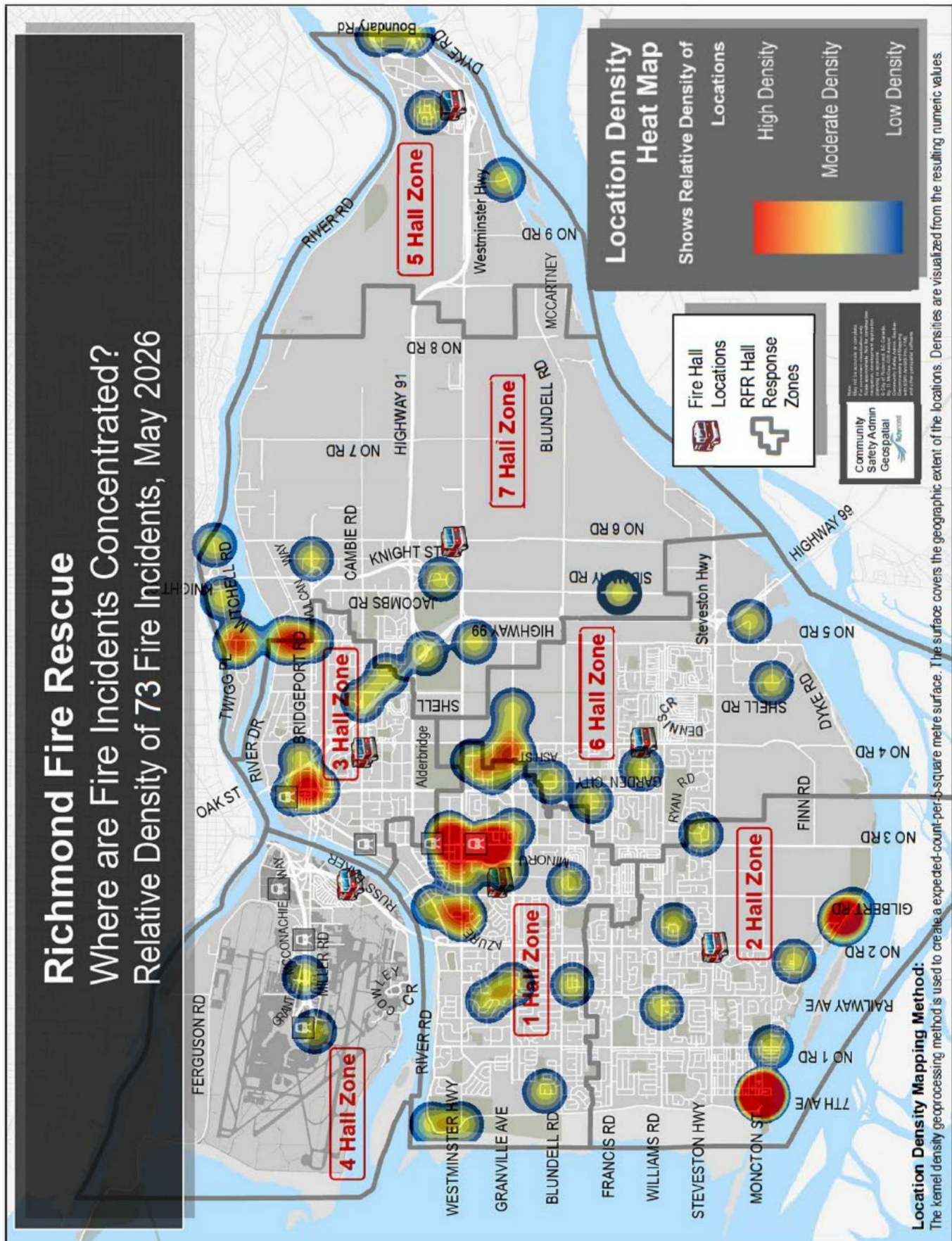


Figure 2b: Density of reportable medical incidents attended in May 2026 (total 539)

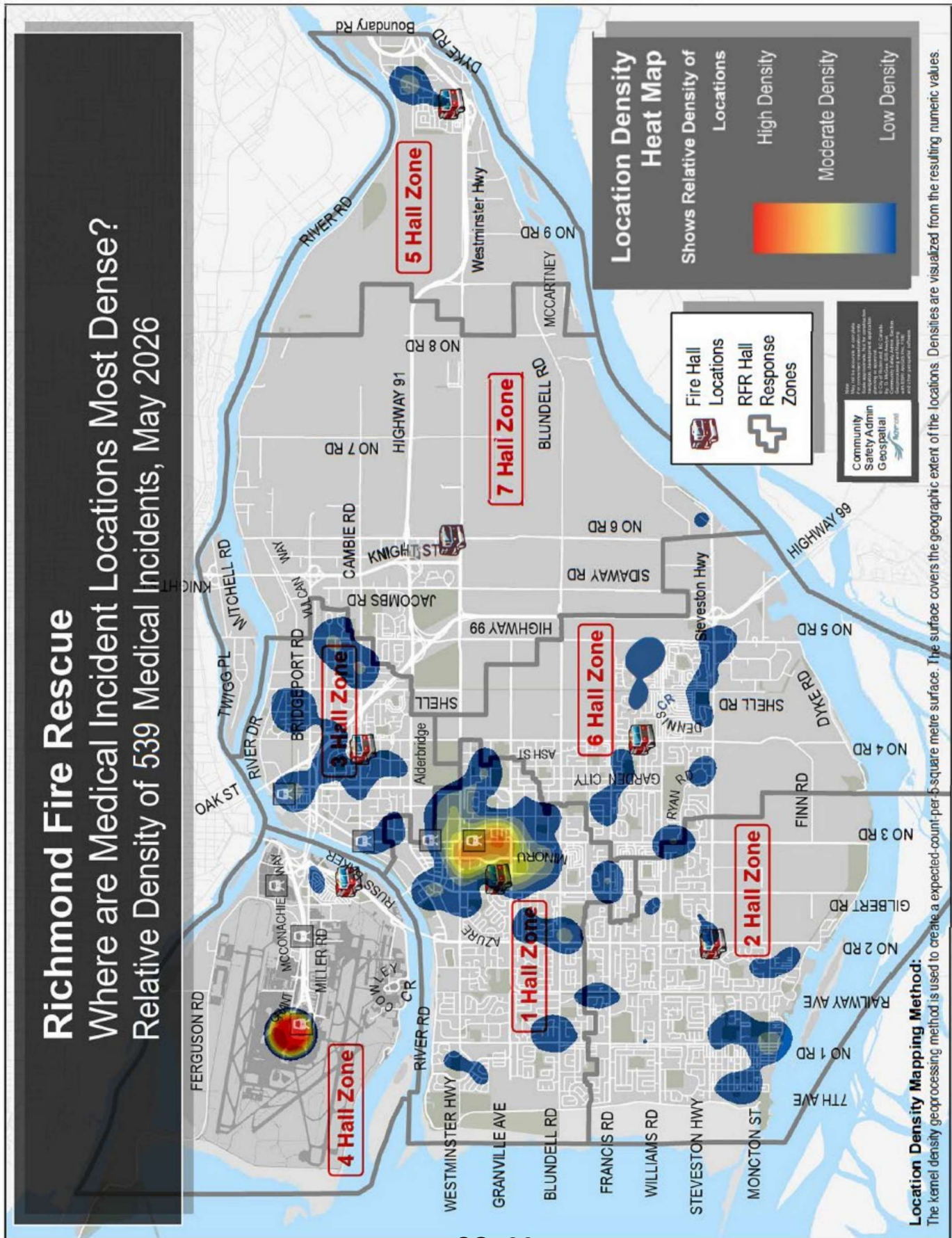


Figure 3a: Location of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in May 2026 (total 86)

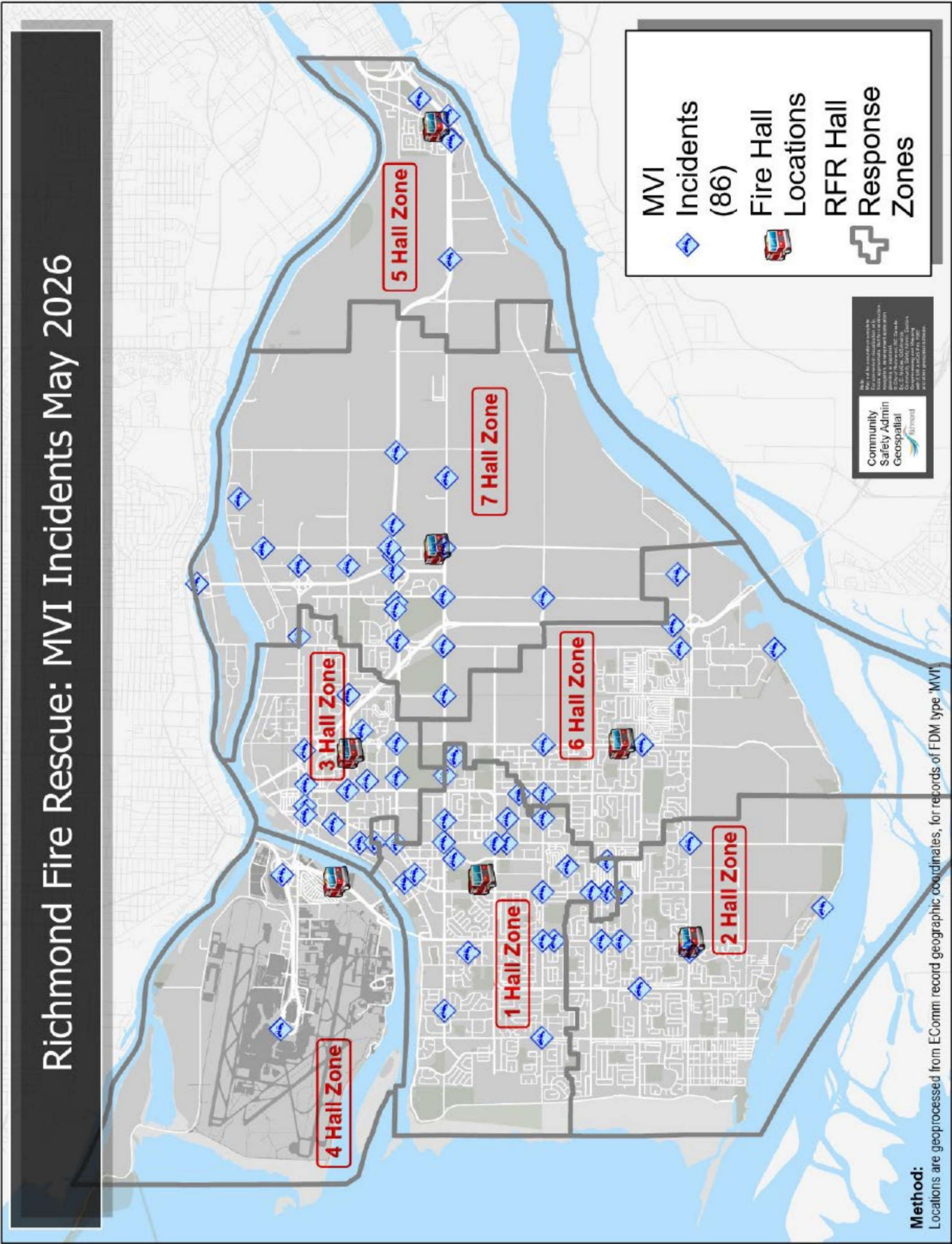


Figure 3b: Density of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in May 2026 (total 86)

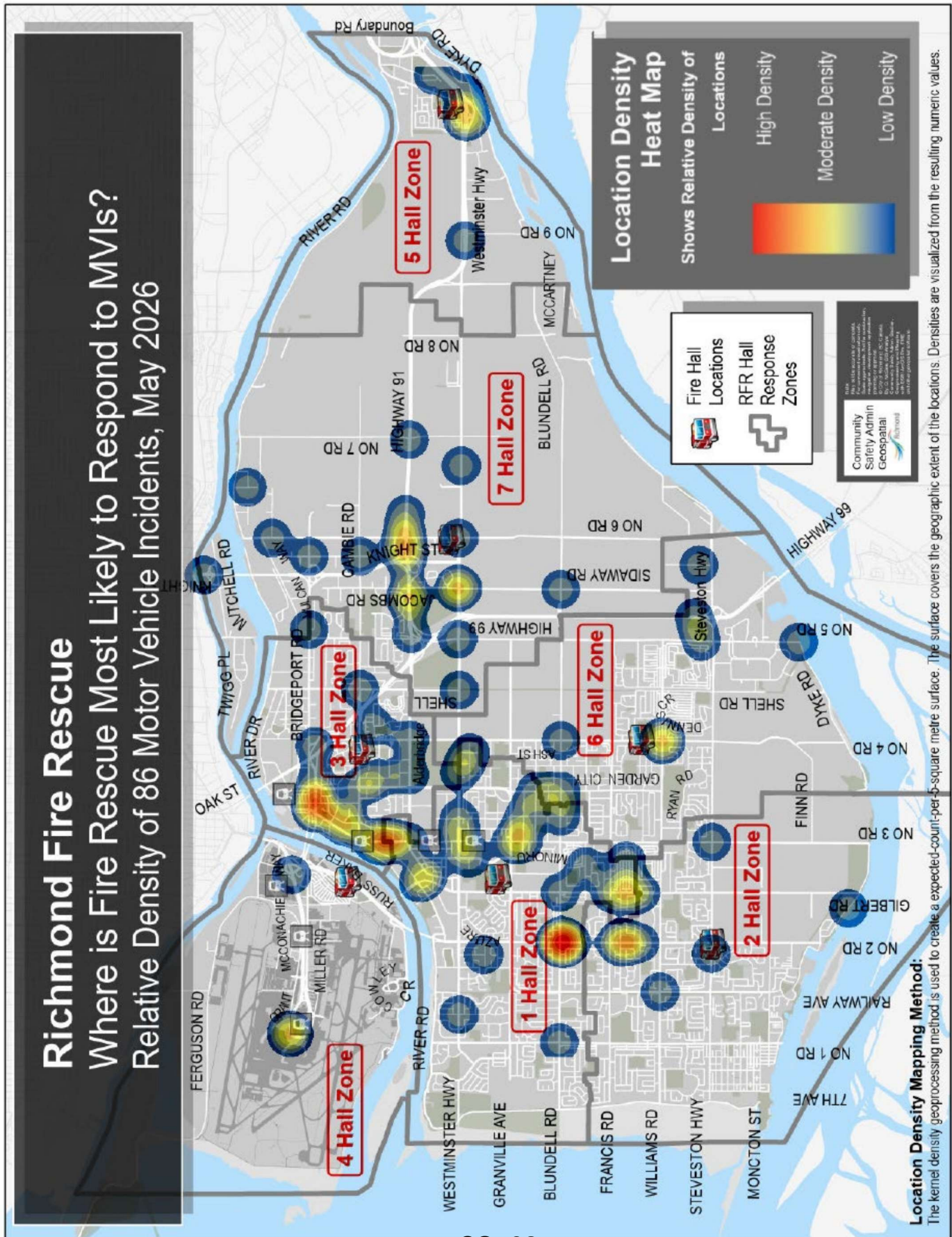


Figure 4a: Location of reportable overdose/poisoning incidents attended in May 2026 (total 34)

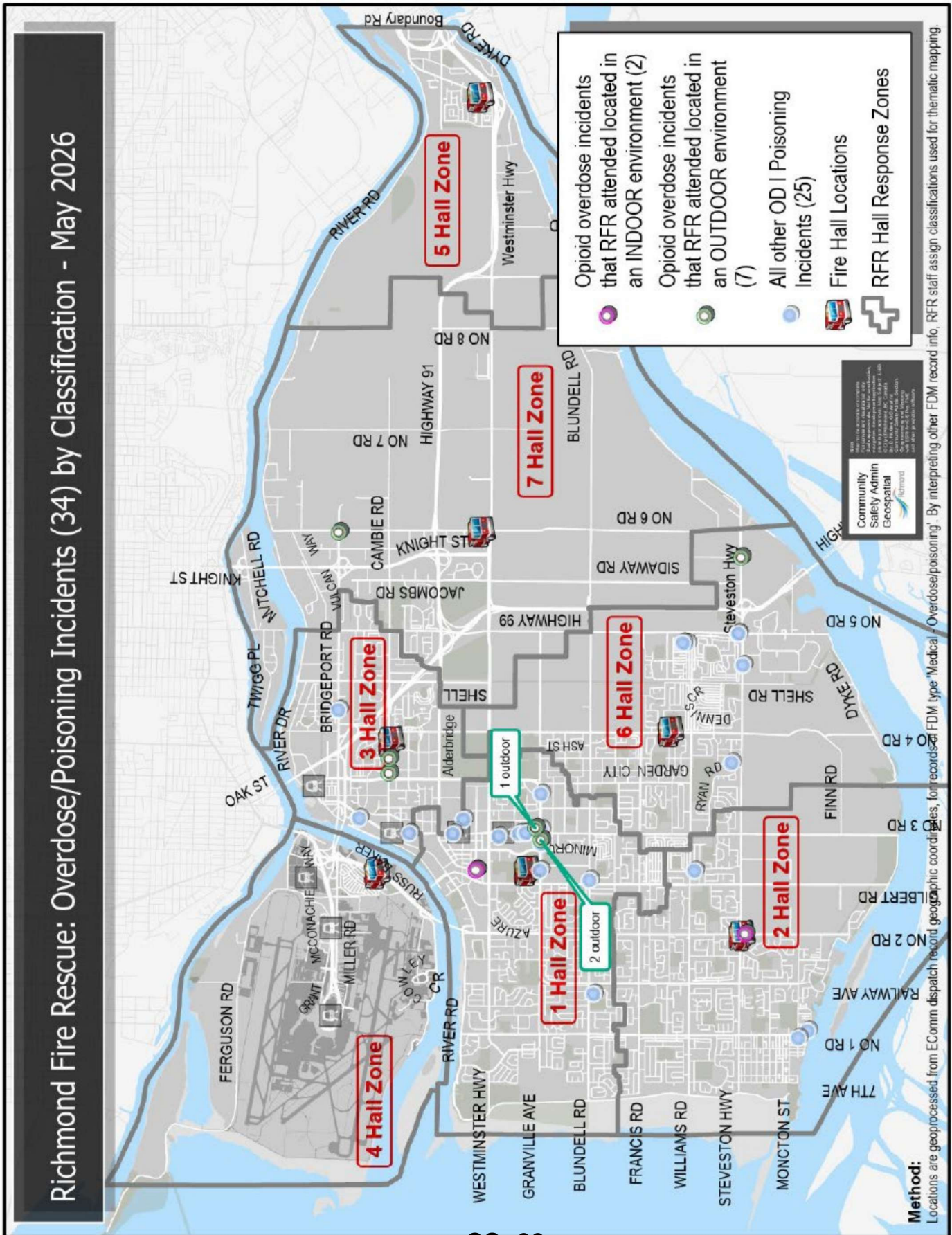
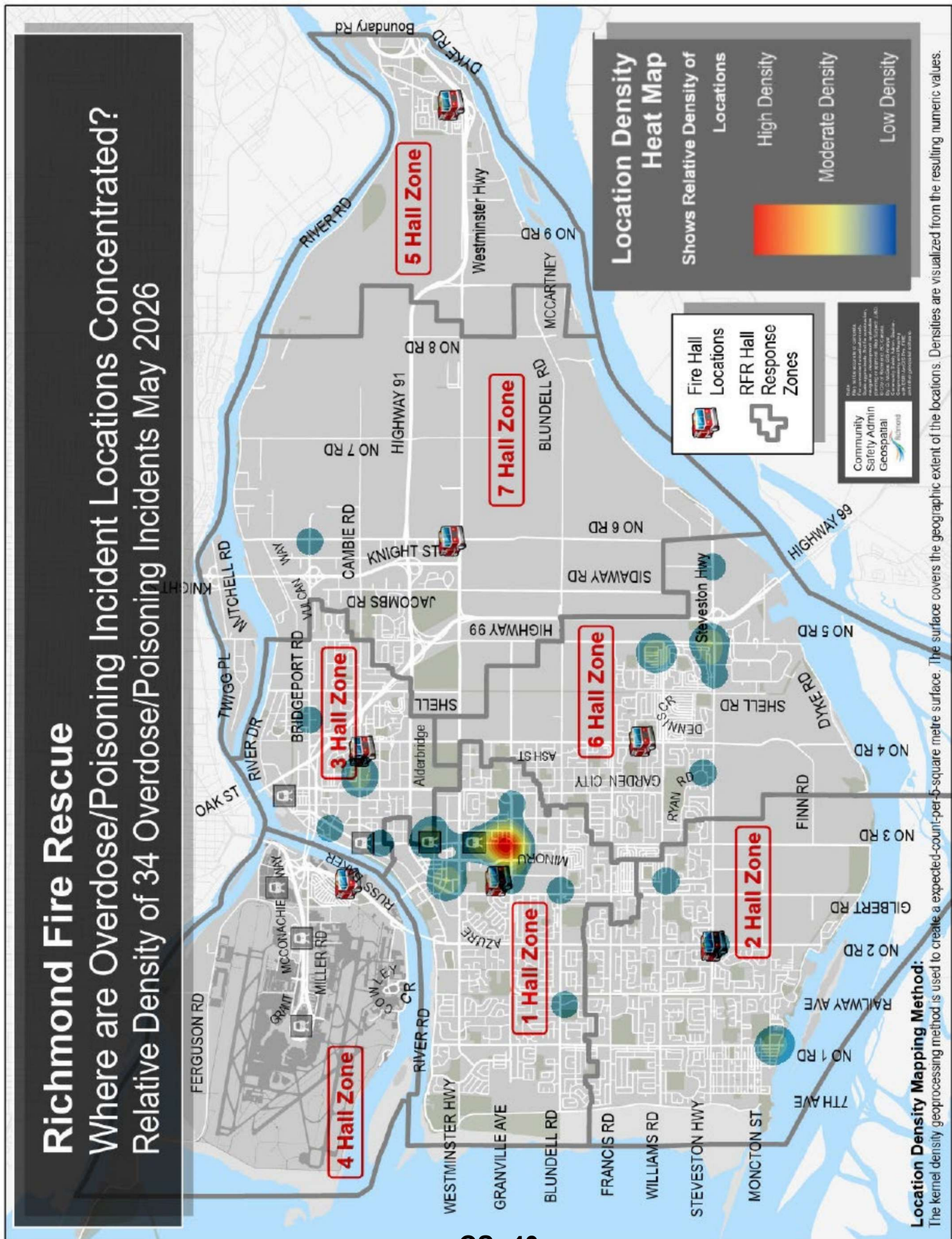


Figure 4b: Density of reportable overdose/poisoning incidents attended in May 2026 (total 34)





To: Community Safety Committee
From: Dave Chauhan
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge
Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026

Date: June 10, 2026
File: 09-5030-01/2025-Vol
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Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026”, dated June 10, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

Executive Summary

The “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2026” features notable investigations and statistics related to calls for service received by the Richmond RCMP. The report also highlights monthly activities and deployments. In May 2026, City Staff, volunteers and police officers conducted crime prevention, road safety and community engagement initiatives.

Staff Report

Origin

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

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

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

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

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

High Risk Driving Month

As part of a province-wide campaign to reduce dangerous driving, the Richmond RCMP conducted enhanced enforcement targeting speeding and high-risk driving throughout May. This included a large-scale deployment on May 8, 2026, during which police officers and volunteers were stationed at five locations across the city, and issued:

- 84 speeding tickets.
- Over 30 tickets for other driving offences
- Approximately \$22,000 in total fines and penalty point premiums.
- 179 warning letters to registered vehicle owners observed speeding.



Figure 1: High-risk Driving

Bank Card Fraud

On May 7, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a public warning after investigating multiple fraud incidents in which suspects posed as bank employees and arranged for victims' bank cards to be picked up from their homes. Police noted that similar incidents have been reported in other jurisdictions, indicating this may be part of a broader, coordinated fraud scheme. The investigations are ongoing.

Mock Crash

On May 20, 2026, the Richmond RCMP participated in a large-scale mock crash exercise at McMath Secondary School. This multi-agency initiative provided students with a powerful, realistic demonstration of the consequences of high-risk driving behaviours and emphasized the importance of making responsible decisions, both as drivers and passengers.

E-bike and E-scooter Awareness

On May 21, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release urging parents and riders to verify that their e-bikes comply with B.C. laws, as many devices sold as e-bikes do not meet the required legal classification. The Richmond RCMP advised that many reports involving e-bikes have involved riders under 16 on devices that do not comply with B.C. laws.

Analysis of Police Statistics¹

Arson

There were six reported arsons in May 2026, representing a decrease of three incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up by 12 incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons this month is within the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 13 serious assaults in May 2026, representing an 18 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are down 28 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

Eighty-five per cent of serious assaults reported in May 2026 involved individuals who were known to each other.

Auto Theft

There were 20 auto thefts in May 2026, representing a 67 per cent increase over the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 32 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

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

Mental Health

There were 238 mental health-related incidents in May 2026, representing a six per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down 22 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the average range.

There were 61 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 123 minutes; both statistics were within the expected ranges. Nine individuals were responsible for two or more calls in May, with two callers each generating six incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 20 break and enters to residences in May 2026, representing a 20 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are up four per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In May 2026, there were 24 break and enters to businesses, representing a four per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

Robbery

There were six robberies reported in May 2026, representing an increase of three incidents from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down by five incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Two incidents involved the use of a weapon, and two were false alarms.

Sexual Offences

There were 18 sexual offence files in May 2026, representing an 18 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are up 29 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Fifty per cent of the offences reported in May 2026 were sexual assaults, 22 per cent were indecent acts/exposing, and 22 per cent were distribution of child sex abuse materials.

Shoplifting

There were 167 reported shoplifting thefts in May 2026, representing an eight per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 44 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 82 thefts from automobiles in May 2026, representing a six percent increase over the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

Drugs

In May 2026, there were 29 drug offences, representing a 16 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up one per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents this month is below the average range.

Drug-Related "Social Disorder" Calls

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

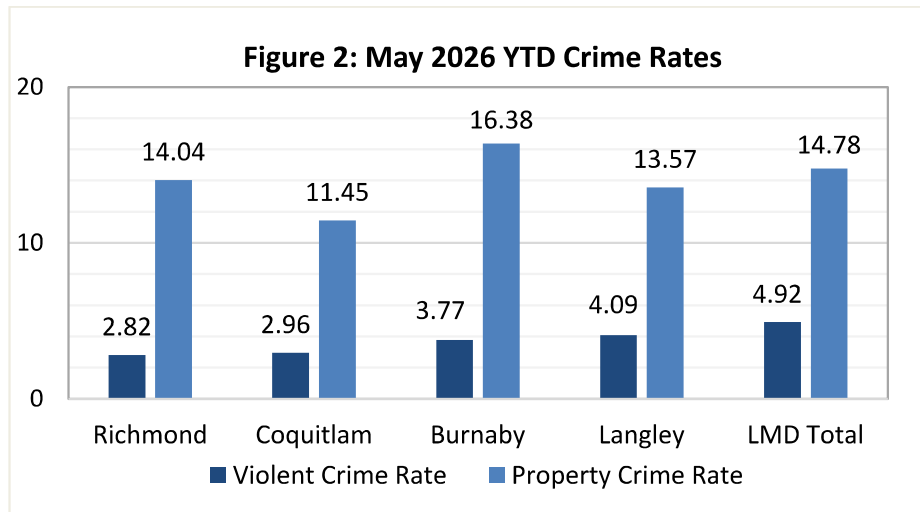
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

Month	Total Calls 2025	Total Calls 2026	2026 Suspected	2026 Confirmed
January	71	39	22	17
February	38	24	11	13
March	49	36	19	17
April	58	45	31	14
May	57	41	22	19
June	70			
July	40			
August	59			
September	57			
October	39			
November	52			
December	42			
Total	632	185	83	61

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

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Figure 2 presents the May 2026 crime rates for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which the RCMP polices.² The property and violent crime rates in Richmond were below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of May 2026, the Block Watch program had 298 groups, totalling 6,612 participants. Currently, the program includes 445 captains and co-captains.

Communications Unit

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

- 10 media releases were issued, including one warning of Virtual Kidnapping scams, which involve a caller contacting the victim, claiming a loved one has been in an accident or witnessed a crime, and is being held against their will. Similar scams have been reported across the Lower Mainland
- 36 social media posts were made on X, including posts highlighting the RCMP participation at the Tall Ships event, and a video produced by Richmond Detachment staff promoting mental health awareness.



Figure 3: Tall Ships

² Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on June 1, 2026

Community Police Office Programs

Community police officers continue to enhance the Richmond Detachment's policing services by providing a range of crime-prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers implement safety initiatives to raise awareness of crime-prevention programs, promote community engagement, and enhance police accessibility. These initiatives help reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month, reflecting weather conditions, seasonal initiatives and the availability of volunteers.

During May, volunteer highlights included:

- A total of 16 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 806 information letters issued.
- There were 13 Speed Watch deployments, during which 394 information letters were issued.
- There were two Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 41 information letters were issued.
- May 5 – Volunteers received special events training, including roles and responsibilities, and Safety Bear handling.
- May 12 and 13 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers, ICBC, and City Bylaws with Think of Me Deployments at Henry Anderson Elementary School and William Cook Elementary School. They distributed a combined 115 Think of Me cards.
- May 16 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with setting up the community engagement and crime prevention booth at the Safe and Secure Living Fair at Aberdeen Mall.
- May 20 – Volunteers participated in a mock crash exercise at McMath Secondary School, setting up and taking down equipment, enforcing the exclusion zone and acting in role-playing scenarios.
- May 26 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Speed Watch deployment in the area of Westminster Highway and Lynas Lane.
- May 30 – Volunteers participated in the Works Yard Open House, where they provided crime prevention resources, a pin-making booth, and offered tours of a police vehicle.



Figure 4: Mock Crash Event

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 257 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On May 2 and 3, 2026, RCMP officers participated in the Kaiwo Maru Tall Ship event at Garry Point Park. They provided high-visibility patrols and engaged with attendees.
- On May 6, 2026, RCMP officers participated in McHappy Day at three McDonald’s locations. The annual event raises money for McDonald’s Children’s charities.



Figure 5: McHappy Day

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond’s roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigations into serious vehicle collisions, and public education programs. A total of 978 violation tickets were issued in May. Figure 6 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in May:

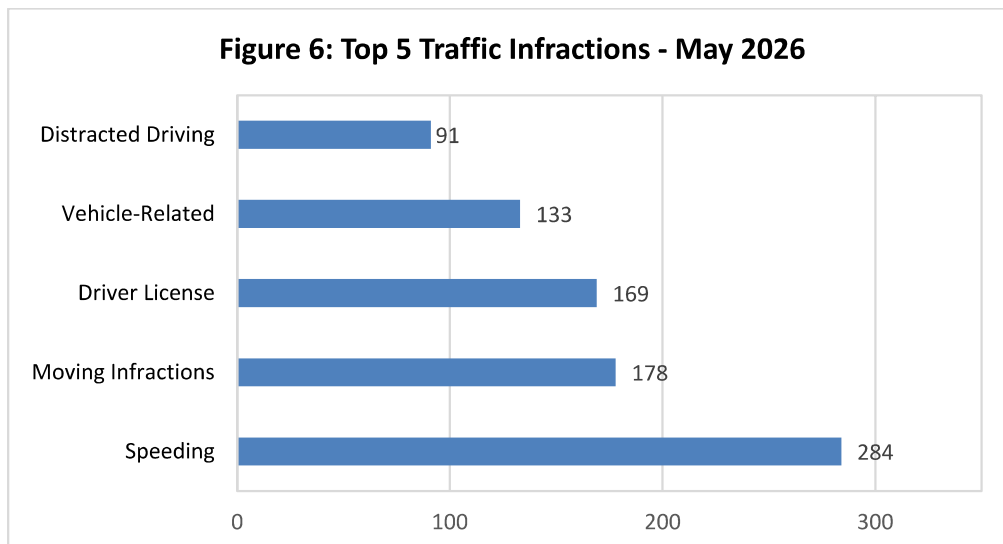


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and May 31, 2026.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025	395	2
2026 (YTD) ³	210	2

Victim Services

In May 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 52 new clients and attended three crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 58 files. In May, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, incidents of domestic violence, and suicides.

As part of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, observed this year from May 10 to 16, the Richmond RCMP released a new video that offered a behind-the-scenes look at the work of the Victim Services team and the vital role it plays in supporting people affected by crime and trauma.

Youth Section

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

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 72 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 83 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes continued for the third term of the 2025-2026 school year. A total of 413 students in 15 classes participated in the program.

Budgetary Implications

There are no budgetary implications associated with the contents of this report.

Conclusion

In May 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable activities, including a large-scale mock crash exercise for high school students. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for serious assaults, auto thefts and drug offences, which were below average, and shoplifting thefts, which were elevated.

³ The last fatal collision occurred on March 14, 2026.

In May, the Richmond RCMP and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including a campaign targeting high-risk driving. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

Respectively submitted,

Edward Warzel, Director, Police Services

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Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO

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

Community Policing Programs Information

Block Watch

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

Distracted Driving Program

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

Fail to Stop

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

Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm

Project 529

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

Speed Watch

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

Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

Stolen Auto Recovery

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

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

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

May 2026 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

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

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

The 5 year average is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence falls outside the 5 year range due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below.

May 2026 Statistics - Richmond RCMP								
Criminal Code Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
PROPERTY CRIME	724	632.6	550	762	3153	3415	8%	262
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	161	153.7	130	201	903	678	-25%	-225
OTHER CC OFFENCES	328	302.7	212	332	1569	1607	2%	38
Total	1191	1,055.1	857	1202	5438	5575	3%	137

Violent Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ASSAULT COMMON	67	53.8	51	63	329	234	-29%	-95
ASSAULT SERIOUS	13	19.8	22	29	94	60	-36%	-34
ROBBERY	6	5.0	2	8	23	18	-22%	-5
SEX OFFENCES	18	18.1	13	22	75	97	29%	22

Property Crime Groups	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
AUTO THEFT	20	20.7	19	39	92	63	-32%	-29
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	20	21.8	19	22	95	99	4%	4
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	24	25.9	20	35	110	115	5%	5
THEFT FROM AUTO	82	100.2	86	141	366	348	-5%	-18
FRAUD	96	86.9	63	99	502	477	-5%	-25
SHOPLIFTING	167	117.0	71	157	633	909	44%	276
THEFT-OTHER	167	111.3	97	126	615	711	16%	96

Other Criminal Code	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
ARSON	6	6.4	2	11	17	29	71%	12
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	236	208.3	136	226	1105	1076	-3%	-29
COLLISION	198	165.4	140	191	845	823	-3%	-22

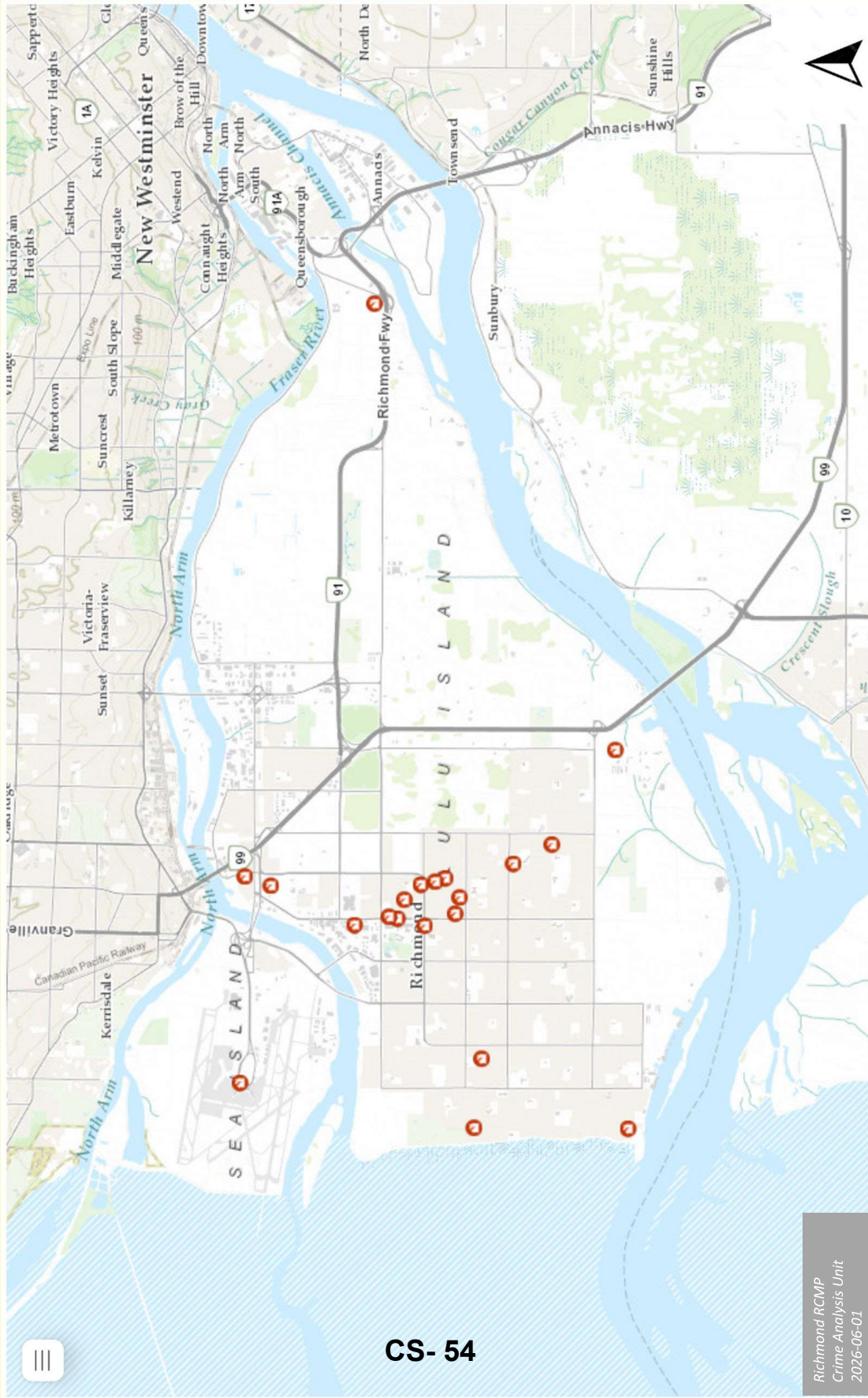
All Series 4000 Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
CDSA OFFENCES	29	37.4	37	69	146	148	1%	2

MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	238	215.2	186	238	1214	1069	-22%	-145

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Crime Map



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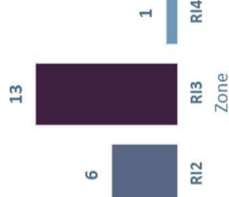
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Crime Type

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- BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS
- BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE
- THEFT FROM AUTO

Zone Count



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Month: May | Year: 2026

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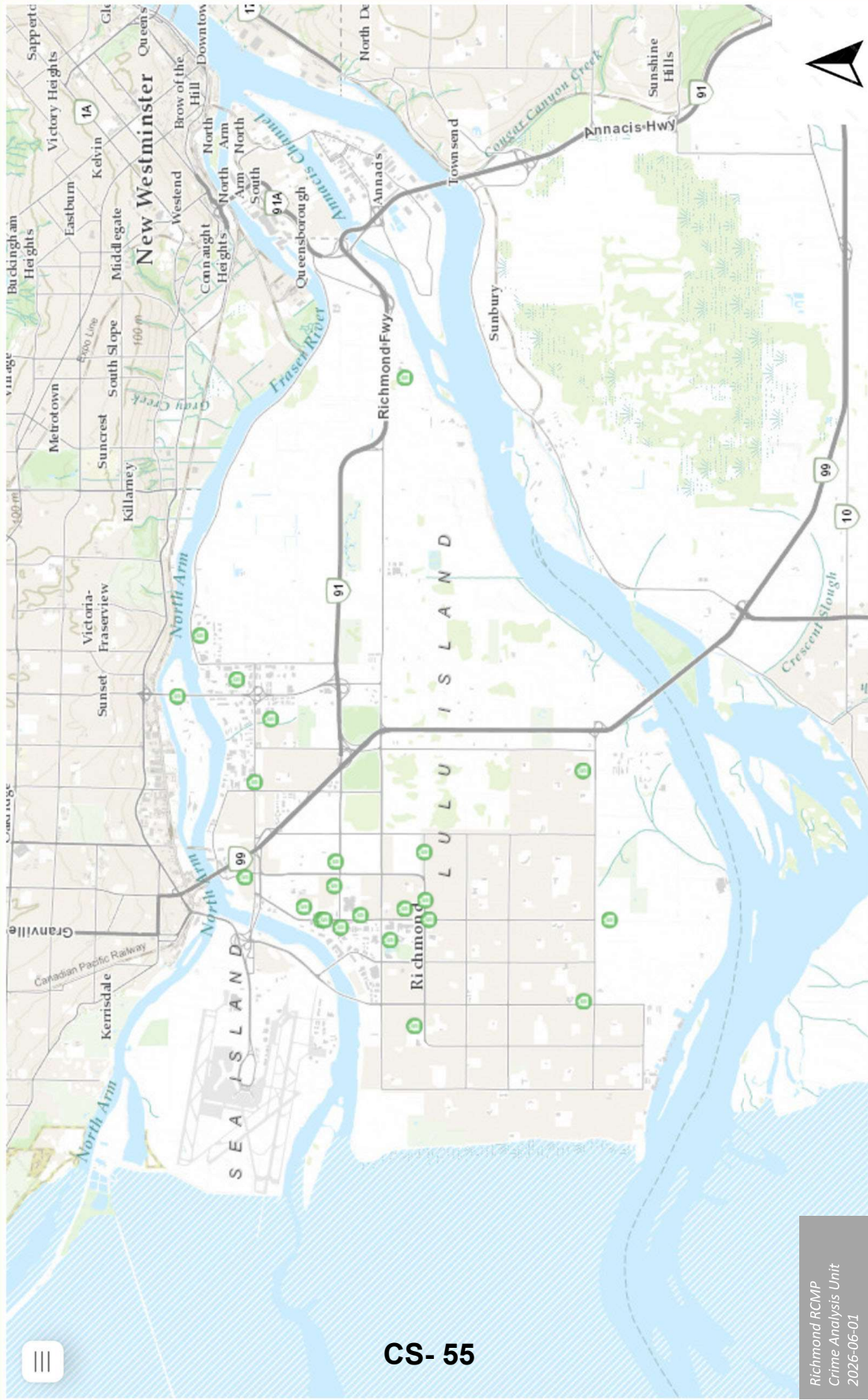
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Zone Count

Zone	Count
R12	1
R13	6
R14	17

Legend:

- THEFT FROM AUTO
- BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS
- BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE
- AUTO THEFT



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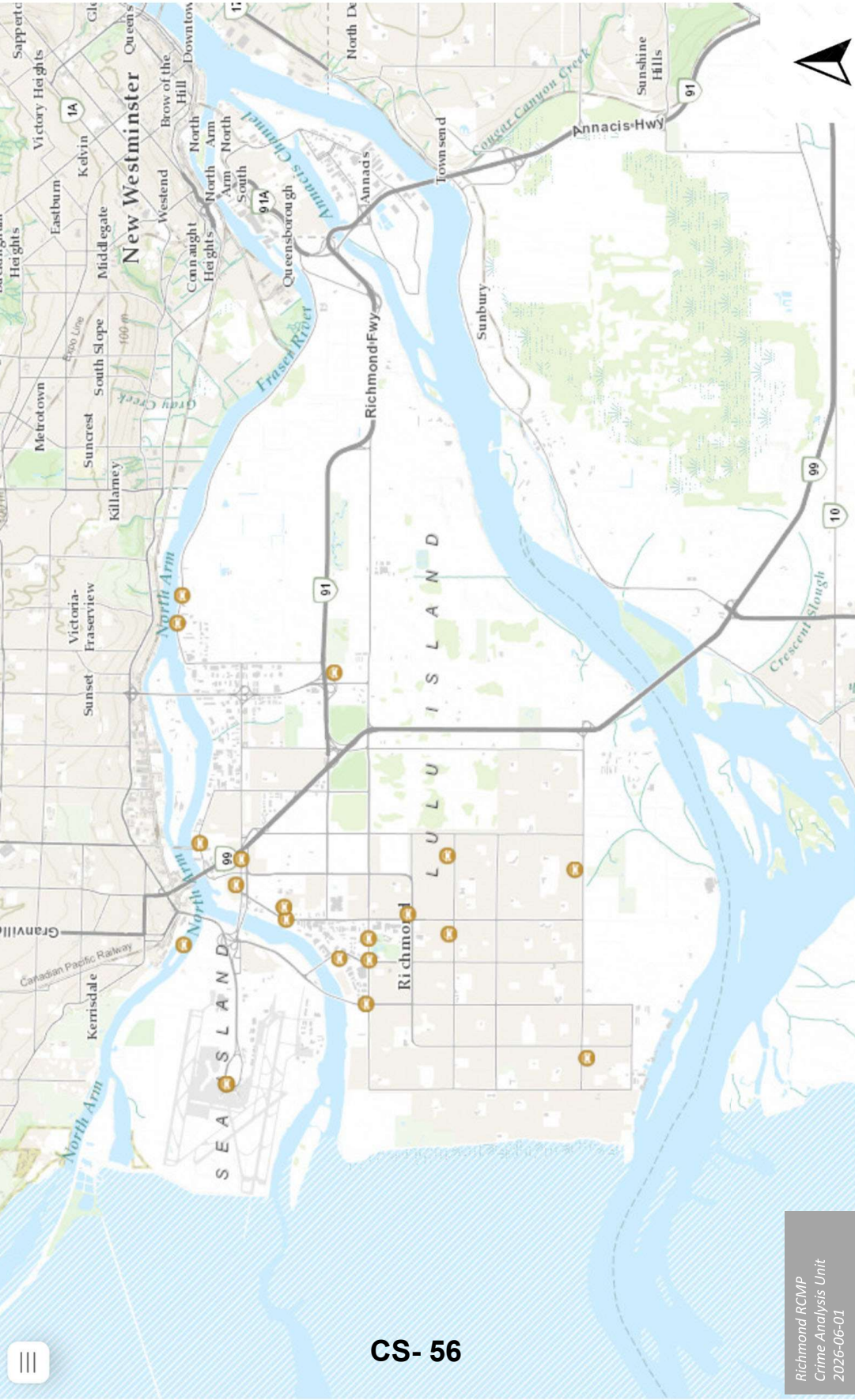
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Crime Map

Month Year



May ▼ 2026

- Crime Type**
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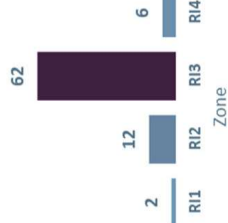
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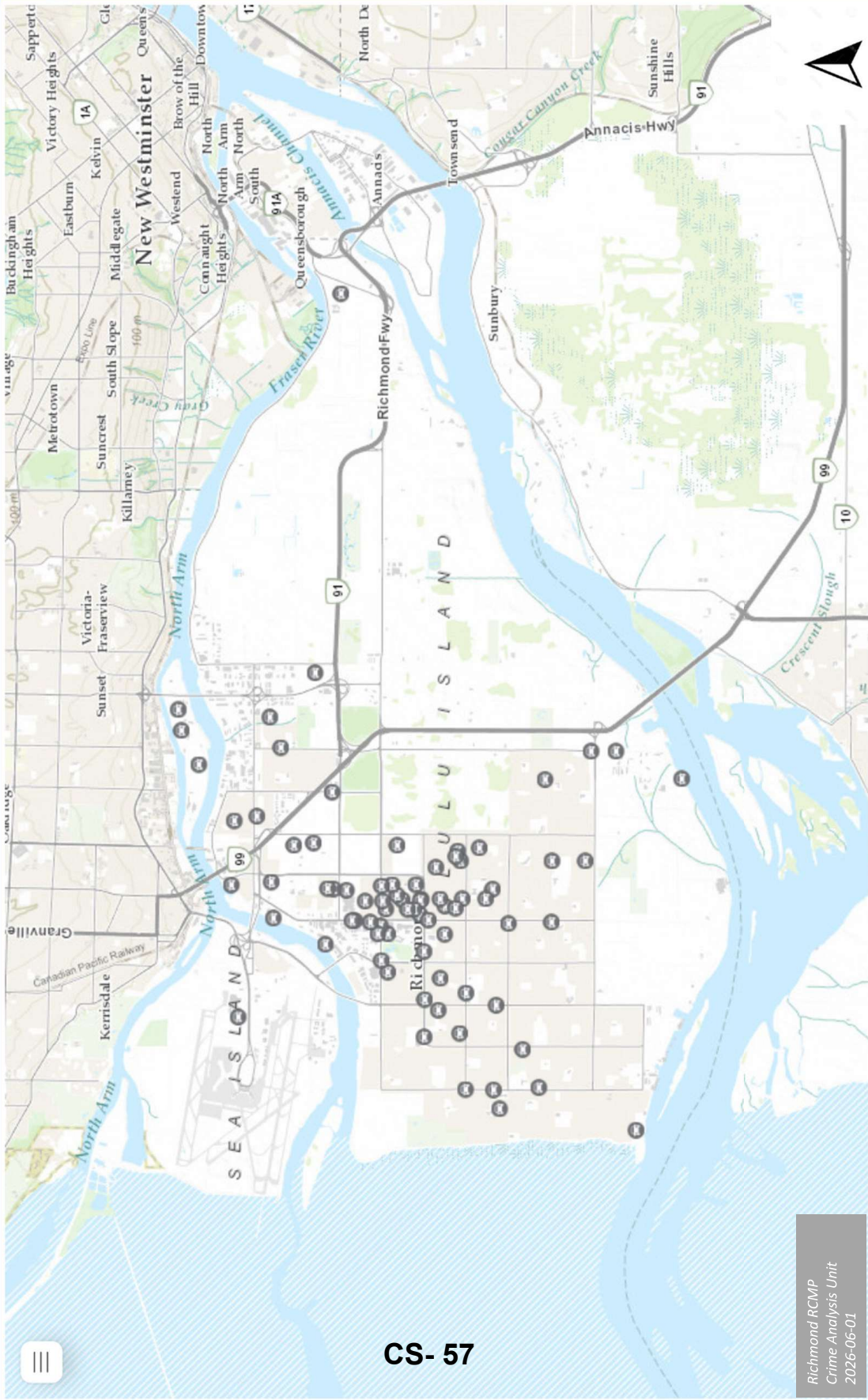
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