



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Immediately following the Planning Committee meeting**

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MINUTES

CS-4 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on July 14, 2026.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

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

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

- 1. COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - JUNE AND JULY 2026**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8503424)

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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 – June and July 2026”, dated August 17, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

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2. **BUSINESS LICENCE ACTIVITY REPORT - SECOND QUARTER 2026**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-03) (REDMS No. 8481702)

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Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – Second Quarter 2026”, dated July 17, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

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3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - JUNE AND JULY 2026**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8472007)

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Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – June and July 2026”, dated August 14, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

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4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - JUNE AND JULY 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5350-01) (REDMS No. 8450564)

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Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report– June and July 2026”, dated August 18, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

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

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

7. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT

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Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 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 4:05 p.m.)
Councillor Michael Wolfe

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

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on June 9, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

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

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

In response to a query from Committee regarding the reason for the stop work order on soil issued on River Road, staff advised that additional details would be provided in future.

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It was moved and seconded

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.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS LICENCE ACTIVITY REPORT - FIRST QUARTER 2026

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-03) (REDMS No. 8446343)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) a boat charter incident in Richmond resulting in loss of life, and whether business licences for vessels are adequately vetted against their actual use, and (ii) public awareness of substances, such as peptides, that may be sold without an appropriate business licence.

Councillor Day joined the meeting (4:05 p.m.).

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) staff sometimes become aware of concerns through media coverage, and where sales of controlled substances are suspected, coordination occurs with other agencies, including Health Canada, and (ii) Health Canada has been consulted on other matters and can be approached on whether this is an issue of concern.

Discussion ensued on whether licences could be reviewed where a vessel is licensed for one use but operated for another, such as chartering.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) vessel ownership changes are not always reflected in updated licensing information, making ownership difficult to track, (ii) regulation of vessels falls under Federal jurisdiction, though the City works with other agencies when information is requested, and (iii) staff conduct proactive open-source searches, including of social media and advertised services, in addition to investigating public complaints, to identify businesses operating without a licence.

It was moved and seconded

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.

CARRIED

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3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2026**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8435199)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) measures to protect properties on Mitchell Island from large-scale fires involving hazardous materials, including the potential for firefighting water to enter the Fraser River, (ii) the availability of aerial apparatus capable of reaching greater heights, (iii) whether the structure fire referenced in the report involved a working smoke detector, and (iv) confirmation that the reported spike in overdose calls reflected May data only.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) coordinates with Public Works during firefighting operations to manage wastewater discharge, an established practice used for several large fires, including on Mitchell Island, (ii) a task force involving Community Bylaws, the RCMP, and motor vehicle licencing was previously formed to address a concentration of fires on Mitchell Island, and routine inspection of salvage operations continues, and (iii) the reported overdose figures reflect May 2026 data only.

In response to a further query, staff advised that fire extinguisher demonstrations are typically provided on request, including to strata corporations and seniors' centres, with information available on the City's website.

It was moved and seconded

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.

CARRIED

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Fire Chief Jim Wishlove provided an update on Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) activations in support of Richmond Celebrates Soccer and FIFA activities, noting 21 total activations to date, with eight events held in the city and two remaining. RFR staff have participated in six FIFA games alongside the Vancouver EOC, with 37 staff involved in EOC activations overall. Coordination between YVR, Richmond, and Vancouver EOCs was noted as effective, including an instance in which intelligence shared with the RCMP and Transit Police helped avoid incidents as attendees left Richmond stations following a FIFA game.

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Fire Chief Wishlove also advised that RFR and the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue recently responded to an abandoned beach fire on Shady Island, with the Search and Rescue team transporting crews to the island to extinguish the fire; the Fire Chief indicated plans to attend the team's upcoming training evening to extend thanks.

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

(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8418753)

In response to a query from Committee regarding a fatality involving an e-bike/e-scooter in Vancouver, and helmet requirements upon rental, staff advised that (i) Richmond's e-scooter/e-bike pilot project includes mandatory training standards and helmet requirements for renters, (ii) that other motorized devices available for purchase can exceed the program's 25-30 km/h range, and (iii) that a recent RCMP media release addressed a recovered e-bike. Enforcement and education efforts continue, and enforcement outcomes will be reflected in future community media releases.

It was moved and seconded

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

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that the Emergency Operations Centre remained active throughout the FIFA/Richmond Celebrates Soccer games hosted in the city, with no significant issues encountered; call volumes were lower than in prior years, and increased traffic at YVR was managed well.

Chief Supt. Chauhan further advised that the Canada Day event proceeded according to a well-executed operational plan, with the Steveston Community Police Office serving as the command centre.

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) commendation of the positive public reception of policing efforts during Canada Day; and (ii) the RCMP's use of social media platforms beyond X.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) the RCMP does not currently use social media platforms such as Facebook or Instagram, though the matter has been raised at operations meetings and staff are working with Communications to identify additional platforms, alongside existing use of X, media releases, member-produced videos, and radio and television; and (ii) staff would explore opportunities to work with the media department to expand the RCMP's presence on additional platforms.

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Chief Supt. Chauhan also briefed Committee on a multi-jurisdictional fraud investigation involving an individual from Montreal who targeted elderly victims, defrauding one victim of \$150,000; several individuals were arrested and charged, and the principal individual was convicted and sentenced to three years.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:24 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, July 14, 2026.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Rae Ratslef
Recording Secretary



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:	Community Safety Committee	Date:	August 17, 2026
From:	Anthony Capuccinello Iraci General Manager, Law and Community Safety	File:	12-8375-02/2025-Vol 01
Re:	Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – June & July 2026		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – June and July 2026”, dated August 17, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

Executive Summary

This Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – June and July 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.

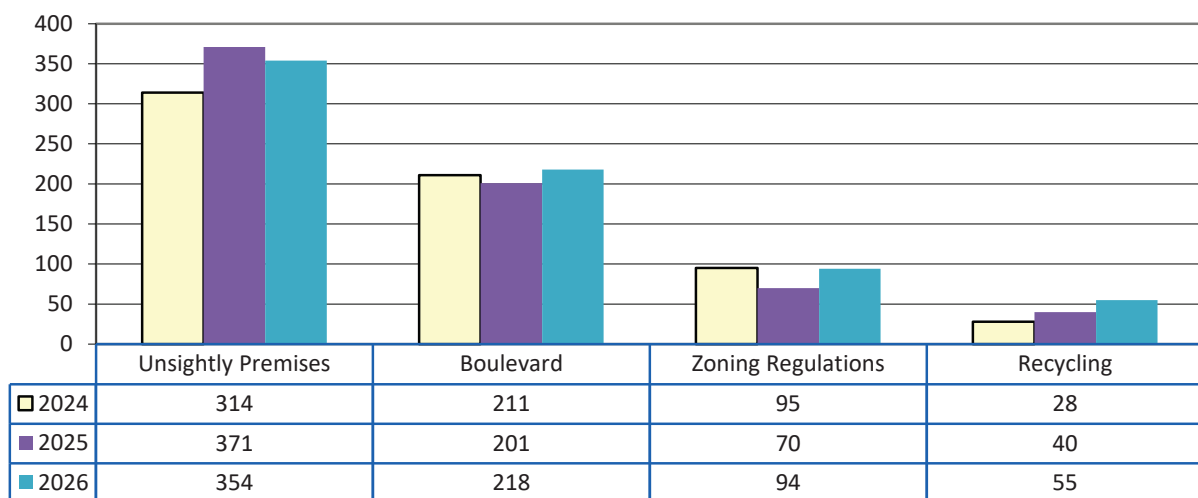
Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In June and July 2026, a total of 659 calls for service were opened for investigation, which represented a 56.5 percent increase (421) from the same period in 2025. A contributing factor to this rise was the introduction of Metro Vancouver's Stage 3 Water Restrictions, which came into effect on June 8. Given the early implementation of this year's water conservation measures, compliance concerns increased and resulted in the largest number of complaints, accounting for 36.1 percent. In June and July, a total of 245 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.

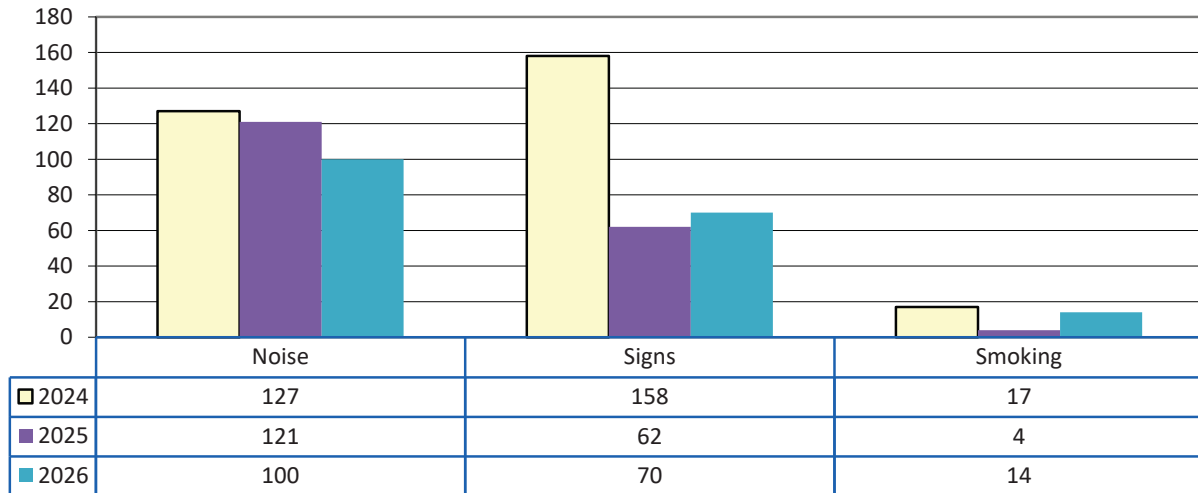
Figure 1: Property Use Calls for Service - July Year-To-Date Comparison



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 - July 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 243 site inspections in the month of June and July.

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

- 3220 Blundell Road
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- 10220 Blundell Road
- 10711 Blundell Road
- 11531 Blundell Road
- 12760 Blundell Road
- 6151 Monteith Road
- 10111 Palmberg Road
- 8520 Railway Ave
- 10951 Granville Ave
- 11480 Granville Ave
- 11520 Granville Ave
- 12104 No. 2 Road
- 8580 No. 4 Road
- 9660 No. 6 Road
- 6700 No. 7 Road

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 10320 Blundell Road
- 13531 Blundell Road
- 11251 Blundell Road
- 11531 Blundell Road
- 8671 No. 5 Road
- 8600 Steveston Hwy
- 14420 Cambie Road
- 19040 River Road

As of July 31, 2026, there are approximately 23 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process and staff continue to monitor 18 approved sites. Staff are currently addressing approximately 62 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

No new bylaw charges were sworn in the month of June and July.

Parking Enforcement

During June and July, staff responded to 933 calls for service, representing a modest 1.0 percent increase compared to the same period last year (923). Overall call volumes remained stable, with no statistically significant changes observed. Safety-related matters accounted for 58.8 percent of all calls (549 calls), with common concerns including roadway obstructions, blocked driveways, and vehicles parked within restricted distances of fire hydrants.

Parking enforcement revenue increased by 11.1 percent during the reporting period, largely reflecting more proactive patrols and enforcement activity. The number of parking violations issued increased by 16.7 percent, driven by focused enforcement in identified priority locations. Expanded use of License Plate Reader (LPR) technology in on-street parking areas also contributed to the increase. Pay parking and time-limit violations showed the most notable growth, increasing by approximately 19.6 percent, or 383 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)

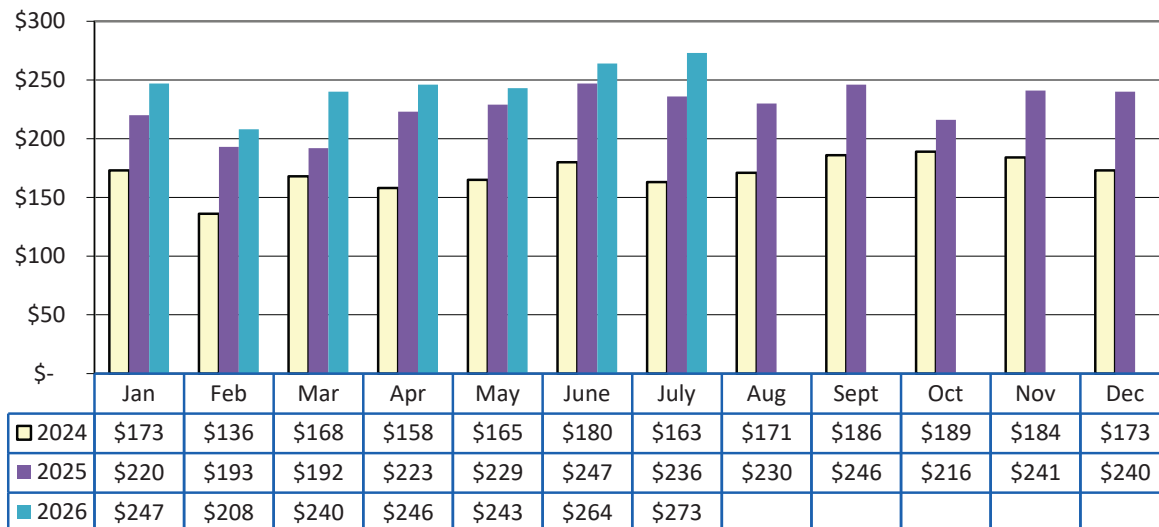
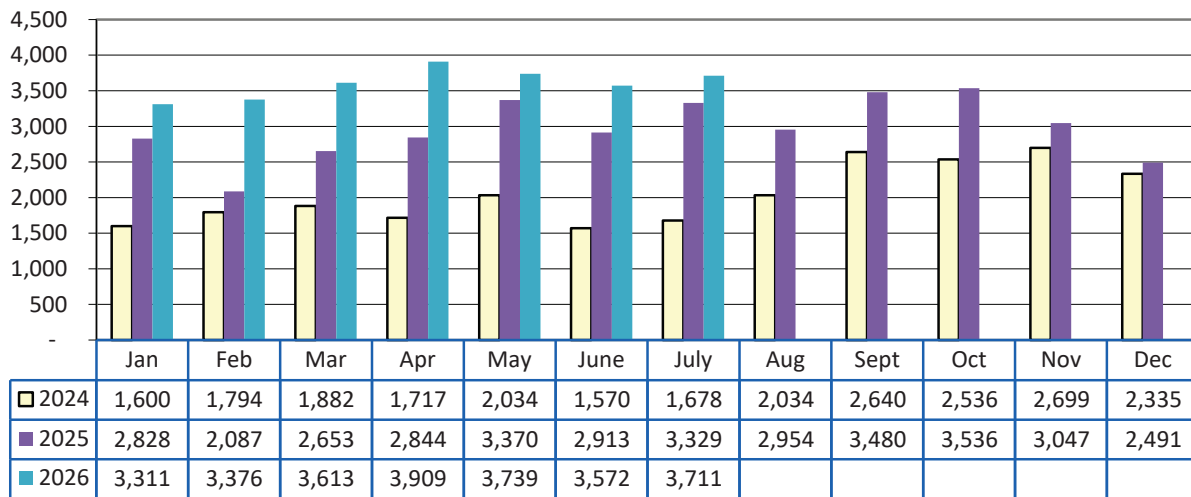


Figure 4: Parking Violation Issuance Comparison



Animal Protection and Dog Licencing

For the month of June and July, 508 valid dog licences were issued, including both new applications and renewals. A focused letter and email campaign contributed to notable increase in compliance, with June and July's activity accounting for 7.6 percent of the 6,648 licences recorded in the previous year. Year to date, a total of 6,447 dogs has been licensed under the 2026 dog licensing program, achieving 96.9 percent of last year's total. This reflects strong progress in the current licensing 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 June and July, BC SPCA Officers responded to 302 calls for service related to animal control and dog licensing violations. Officers also proactively conducted 103 park patrols across various parks, dikes, and school grounds. The most frequently patrolled locations include Steveston Village, Gary Point Park, Garden City Lands, J.N. Burnett Secondary, William Cook Elementary, and Quilchena Neighbourhood School Park. 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 July.

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance	July	YTD
Watering Offences	52	56
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	30	91
Animal/Dog Licencing Offences	26	107
Zoning Offences	23	160
Unsightly Premises Offences	11	47
Regulation of Material on Highways Offences	4	11
Parks Offences	3	32
Sign Offences	3	16
Building Regulation Offences	2	77
Noise Offences	0	11
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	0
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Demolition Waste and Recyclable Materials Offences	0	0
Totals	154	608

Bylaw Adjudication

No adjudication hearings were scheduled for the month of June and July. 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 July 2026	YTD Actual July 2026
Property Use	Revenue ¹	\$322,440	\$164,337
	Expenses	\$1,162,009	\$911,424
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$839,569)	(\$747,087)
Parking	Revenue ²	\$1,442,649	\$1,763,974
	Expenses	\$1,313,162	\$1,478,180
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$129,487	\$285,794
Animal Protection	Revenue ³	\$258,797	\$263,123
	Expenses	\$868,842	\$877,873
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$610,045)	(\$614,750)

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 June and July.

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:	July 17, 2026
From:	Anthony Capuccinello Iraci General Manager, Law and Community Safety	File:	12-8375-03/2025-Vol 01
Re:	Business Licence Activity Report - Second Quarter 2026		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – Second Quarter 2026” dated July 17, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

Executive Summary

Business licence activity remained stable during the second quarter of 2026. Business licence revenue increased by 15% compared to the same period in 2025, while the number of valid licences increased, and expired licences declined significantly as a result of ongoing licence administration and follow-up efforts. Staff also continued to support business compliance through proactive enforcement, with a focus on achieving voluntary compliance wherever possible.

Staff Report

Origin

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 second quarter of 2026 was \$ 1,147,724, representing a 15 percent increase compared to revenue in the same quarter of 2025.

Table 1: Business Licence Revenue comparing Q2 2025 to Q2 2026

	Q2 2025	Q2 2026
Revenue	\$ 997,111	\$ 1,147,724

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 Q2 2025 and Q2 2026. These statistics are reported quarterly rather than annually, as the licence counts 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 Q2 2025 and Q2 2026

	Q2 2025	Q2 2026
Valid Licences	14,368	15,622
Expired Licences	2,674	1,276
Pending/Change Applications	822	730
Total Licences	17,864	17,628

The total number of business licences in Q2 2026 decreased by 236 (1.3%) compared to Q2 2025. Valid licences increased by 1,254 (8.7%), while pending/change applications decreased by 92 (11.2%) compared to Q2 2025, which may indicate fewer business relocations, ownership changes, or modifications to existing licences. Notably, the number of expired licences decreased by 1,398 (52.3%) in Q2 2026 reflecting staff's continued efforts to follow up on outstanding applicants, confirm their status, and ensure licences are recorded in the appropriate category.

Table 3 highlights the number of new business licences issued. A total of 468 new business licences were issued in Q2 2026, compared with 629 in Q2 2025, representing a 25.6% decrease. The decline may reflect changing business activity trends in a challenging economic environment; however, some fluctuations in quarterly business licence activity are expected.

Table 3: New Business Licences Issued

	Q2 2025	Q2 2026
Total Issued	629	468

Business Licence Enforcement

In the second quarter of 2026, staff issued 210 bylaw violation notices for various offences, including operating a business without a licence or contrary to licence conditions. Of these, 161 violations were issued for businesses operating without a valid licence, with the remainder related to other business licence and Business Regulation Bylaw offences.

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 obtains 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 Q2 2026 compared to Q2 2025.

Table 4: Business Licence Enforcement Revenue Q2 2025 and Q2 2026

	Q2 2025	Q2 2026
Revenue from Tickets	\$ 25,540	\$ 23,500

Budgetary Implications

None

Conclusion

This report provides the Community Safety Committee with an overview of business licence activity and revenue for the second quarter of 2026. During this period, business licence revenue increased compared to the same period in 2025, while the number of valid licences continued to increase and expired licences declined significantly. These results reflect continued business activity in Richmond and staff's proactive licencing and enforcement efforts to maintain accurate licence records and promote 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



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Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: August 14, 2026

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

File: 09-5140-01/2025-Vol
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Re: **Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – June and July 2026**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – June and July 2026”, dated August 14, 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 June and July 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 June and July 2026 incidents¹:

Structure Fire on Cook Crescent

On June 11, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Heather Street. The first-in apparatus responded to a report of a fire in the kitchen area. On-scene crews attacked and quickly extinguished the fire. Eight people were displaced at this time and Emergency Support Services (ESS) were deployed to attend the scene and facilitate displaced people. The scene was secured, a Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Structure Fire on No. 3 Road

On June 28, RFR emergency crews responded to multiple structure fire on No. 3 Road. The first-in apparatus responded to heavy black smoke and found a fire had consumed four vendor tents. The fire was attacked and contained using hand lines, with overhead power line safety observed. The fire was extinguished and all electrical power had been shut down and locked off. The scene was secured and the RCMP and a Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Commercial Machinery Fire on Mitchell Road

On July 6, RFR emergency crews responded to a commercial machinery fire on Mitchell Road. The first-in apparatus responded to the report of a wood chip hopper fire with heavy smoke observed. On-scene crews quickly extinguished and contained the fire to the hopper. Crews checked for any extension and carried out cleanup operations. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

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

Gas Line Rupture on Wellington Crescent

On July 14, RFR units responded for reports of a ruptured gas line on Wellington Crescent. The first-in apparatus -found a dug-up -residential natural gas line. Crews proceeded to block off traffic to the surrounding area, and FortisBC Gas was notified. Tenants from two nearby homes were relocated until the gas line was shut off. FortisBC arrived and shut the line down.

Structure Fire on Cambie Road

On July 15, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Cambie Road. The first-in apparatus arrived to thick black smoke at the rear of the property. On-scene crews attacked and quickly extinguished the fire using a hand line. The fire was contained to a tent structure and large amounts of debris located at this residence. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Structure Fire on London Road

On July 29, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on London Road. The first-in apparatus discovered a fire on the second-floor balcony of a residential building. On-scene crews attacked and quickly extinguished the fire and were able to contain it to the balcony area. The crews checked for fire spread. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Structure Fire on No. 5 Road

On July 30, RFR emergency crews responded to a homeless encampment on No. 5 Road. The first-in apparatus discovered two recreational vehicles fully involved in fire. RCMP were dispatched to provide security and traffic control to block the road to allow crews to access the water source in the area. The fire was attacked and extinguished. Crews checked for any extension and carried out cleanup operations. Westminster Highway and No. Road were closed for several hours. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire.

Emergency Response

Table 1 provides incident data and comparisons for June 2025 and June 2026. In June 2026, there were 1,159 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall increase of 15 per cent compared to the previous year.

Table 1: Total Incidents - June 2026					
	Incident Totals June (2026)	Incident Totals June (2025)	Number Change from June 2025 to 2026	Percentage Change from June 2025 to 2026	5 Year Average for June
Active Alarm	155	132	+23	+17	158
Explosion	1	0	+1	+100	-
Fire	92	41	+51	+124	58
Hazardous Materials	6	10	-4	-40	8
Medical	606	554	+52	+9	570
Motor Vehicle Incident	84	89	-5	-6	86
Public Hazard	8	9	-1	-11	8
Public Service	116	100	+16	+16	97
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	87	74	+13	+18	75
Specialized Transport	3	2	+1	+50	3
Technical Rescue	1	0	+1	+100	-
Total	1,159	1,011	+148	+15	1,062

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

Table 2 provides incident data and comparisons for July 2025 and July 2026. In July 2026, there were 1,115 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall decrease of 9 per cent compared to the previous year.

Table 2: Total Incidents – July 2026					
	Incident Totals July (2026)	Incident Totals July (2025)	Number Change from July 2025 to 2026	Percentage Change from July 2025 to 2026	5 Year Average for July
Active Alarm	170	196	-26	-13	184
Explosion	0	1	-1	-100	1
Fire	64	95	-31	-33	71
Hazardous Materials	15	12	+3	+25	8
Medical	567	594	-27	-5	568
Motor Vehicle Incident	100	99	+1	+1	94
Public Hazard	12	16	-4	-25	12
Public Service	94	112	-18	-16	106
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	83	99	-16	-16	81
Specialized Transport	9	6	+3	+50	4
Technical Rescue	1	0	+1	+100	-
Total	1,115	1230	-115	-9	1,128

The average time on scene for emergency response crews in July 2026 was 27 minutes per event, the average time on scene in July 2025 was 31 minutes. The time spent on the scene can vary due to the complexity and severity of each incident.

In June 2026, 92 fire incidents were reported to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, up from 41 in June 2025. The average number of fires reported each June over the last five years is 58. Fire damage and property losses during June 2026 are estimated at \$82,635. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated at \$11,083,600, and the total value preserved from damage is \$11,000,965. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of the value protected (Table 3).

In July 2026, 64 fire incidents were reported to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, down from 95 in July 2025. The average number of fires reported each July over the last five years is 71. Fire damage and property losses during July 2026 are estimated at \$122,068. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated at \$7,708,131, and the total value preserved from damage is \$7,586,063. These numbers translate to 98 per cent of the value protected (Table 3).

Table 3: Fire Incidents Volumes By Type - June and July 2026		
Incident Type Breakdown	June 2026	July 2026
Residential: Single family	4	2
Residential: Multi family	5	4
Commercial/Industrial	3	4
Outdoor	74	51
Vehicle/Vessel	6	3
Totals	92	64
Incident Cost Breakdown		
Total Value	\$11,083,600	\$7,708,131
Total Loss	\$82,635	\$122,068
Total Preserved	\$11,000,965	\$7,586,063
Percentage	99%	98%

RFR Public Outreach & Education

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

- June 2 - Fire and Life Safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” and the Squad for completion of the online education program for two Grade 1 classes from Cook Elementary with 42 students attending.
- June 3 - Fire and Life Safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” and the Squad for completion of the online education program for one kindergarten class from Mitchell Elementary with 21 students attending.
- June 6 - Hosted the annual Doors Open event at Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1. Showcasing the fire hall, apparatus and staff throughout the day. Partnered with Emergency Programs and Vancouver Airport Fire and Rescue providing safety information to approximately 3,500 attendees.

- June 9/10 - Fire and Life Safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” and the Squad for completion of the online education program for two kindergarten and two Grade 1 classes with 83 students attending.
- June 11 - Fire and Life Safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” and the Squad for completion of the Online Education program for one Kindergarten class for Westwind Elementary with 21 students attending.
- June 13 - Participated in the Spul'uKwuks Elementary Carnival event, providing fire and life safety information as well as attendance of the “Big Rig” vehicle on site for the students and community to explore, with 250 students and adults.
- June 17/19 - Hosted students from Brighthouse Elementary for a hall tour at Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1 for completion of the Fire and Life Safety Online Education program with 65 students attending.
- June 20 - Partnered with Tisol for their “Hot dawgs don't belong in cars” safety event. Attendees learnt the importance of leaving pets at home on hot days and how the fire department responds during these types of emergencies.
- June 25 - Fire and Life Safety educational visit for Gilmore Gardens Seniors Home. Providing updated fire safety protocols for seniors and expectations during a fire drill and emergency scenarios for staff.
- June 28 - Participated in the Burkeville Daze community event. The Squad brought the “Big Rig” to this event, answered questions about fire and life safety from the public and allowed them to explore and ask questions about the firetruck. Around 300 attendees participated.
- July 1 - Participated in the annual Salmon Festival event. The Squad and the “Big Rig” were on site to provide educational information, as well as participation in the parade.
- July 4 - Participated in the Soccer Funfest Event. The Squad and the “Big Rig” were on site to provide exploration and educational information with around 500 attendees.
- July 6 - Participated in the South Arm Block Party. The Squad and the “Big Rig” were on site for public exploration and educational purposes with around 600 attendees.
- July 7 - Hosted students from Steveston Children’s Centre for a hall tour at Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1 for a camp day, with fire and life safety education regarding home escape plans and fire alarm response protocols with 25 students attending.
- July 15 - Hosted residence from the Richmond Lions Manor Care Facility for a hall tour at Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1 for fire and life safety education with 15 attending.

- July 16 - Fire and Life Safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” and the Squad for completion of the online education program for one kindergarten class from Spul'u'Kwuks Elementary with 21 students attending.
- July 19 - Participated in the Richmond Celebrates soccer at the Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park. The Fire and Life Safety education booth was on site promoting smoke alarms and Medical ID program. There were around 2,000 attendees.
- July 23 - Provided fire extinguisher awareness training for 35 City Hall and Works Yard Fire Wardens at Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1.
- July 25 - Participated in the Pride Walk Event. The Fire and Life Safety education booth was set up promoting smoke alarms and Medical ID program for around 400 attendees.
- July 29 - Provided Fire and Life Safety education to around 65 new residents for the Chinese Rental Association.
- July 30 - Provided Life and Safety education and a Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1 tour for a group of 20 new immigrants from SUCCESS Richmond Service Centre, focusing on residential fire safety and calling 911 in an emergency.

Emergency Programs

There was one Emergency Support Services (ESS) response in June and no ESS responses in July 2026. For June 2026, there were eight evacuees, who were provided supplies and a total of three hotel nights through the Provincial ESS program.

Emergency Programs (EP) staff participated in the following engagement activities in June and July:

- June 1 - Emergency preparedness presentation provided to BC Housing property “Rosewood Towers” residents and one BC Housing staff member. The presentation covered the five steps to household preparedness and provided additional information about extreme heat safety and earthquakes. The BC Housing staff member provided the attendees with “cooling kits” for extreme heat and information about the cooling room available in the building to residents during heat events.
- June 2/18 - Held Extreme Heat and Poor Air Quality meetings with city departments and outside stakeholders to help build resilience throughout Richmond for the coming summer heat.
- June 6 - Participated in the annual Doors Open event, providing visitors with information on emergency preparedness and the City’s emergency notification system, Richmond BC Alert.

- June 27- Participated in the Richmond Emergency Programs Amateur Radio Field Day Festival. This field day is an international amateur radio event where all users ensure communication capabilities. Emergency Programs deployed the city's communications truck to connected with members of the public informing them of the city's capabilities during emergencies, and to test and confirm communication links throughout the west coast.
- June 28 - Participated in the Burkeville Daze community event to provide emergency preparedness and Richmond BC Alert sign-up information.
- July 1 - Supported the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the Steveston Salmon Festival. Also provided support for the Richmond Emergency Programs Amateur Radio Society (REPARS) in providing auxiliary communications support for the event staff, connecting the event site in Steveston with the EOC at City Hall. This planned activity and partnership reinvigorated REPARS support of Richmond Emergency Programs and provided a vital real-world deployment to provide a current capability assessment of the city's mobile communications van. Around 87 radios were also provided to support the event through the City's radio loan program.
- July 2, 6, 7, 11, 14, 18, 19 - Coordinated the EOC activations for the FIFA 2026 at BC Place and Richmond Celebrates Soccer events with the City's All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT), staffing the City's Emergency Operations Centre in parallel with the Vancouver Emergency Management Agency (VEMA), RCMP, Vancouver Airport, Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) and TransLink. City staff maintained an active readiness posture to provide situational awareness for RFR and other city departments for significant incident occurrence.
- July 21 - Held a review and after-action session with the All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) members to close out the FIFA 26 and Richmond Celebrates Soccer event cycle to identify areas for improvement in further development of the city's AHIMT.
- July 25 - Information booth set up for the Richmond Pride Walk event. There were approximately 150 visitors to the booth who were provided with Emergency Preparedness information and materials.
- July 26 - Information booth set up for the City of Richmond Pride Kickoff with around 200 participants. Visitors were able to participate in the "Map Your Preparedness" activity and were provided with emergency preparedness information and materials.
- July 30/31 - Participation in the Fraser Valley Regional District's Emergency Operations Centre. Emergency Support Services Branch requested RFR Emergency Program's support to assist with staffing the Reception Centre at Shxwhá:y Village in Chilliwack. This Reception Centre was opened on July 4 to support evacuees from the Brunswick Creek Complex Wildfire near Boston Bar. Emergency Programs deployed two staff members to provide ESS support to wildfire evacuees.

Budgetary Implications

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

Conclusion

During June and July 2026, RFR experienced both a negligible increase and 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.

During the FIFA 2026 events held in July, RFR and Emergency Programs experienced minimal emergency events for the EOC and for Emergency Response crews.

Respectfully submitted,

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Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO

Att. 1 – Emergency Response Activity for June and July 2026

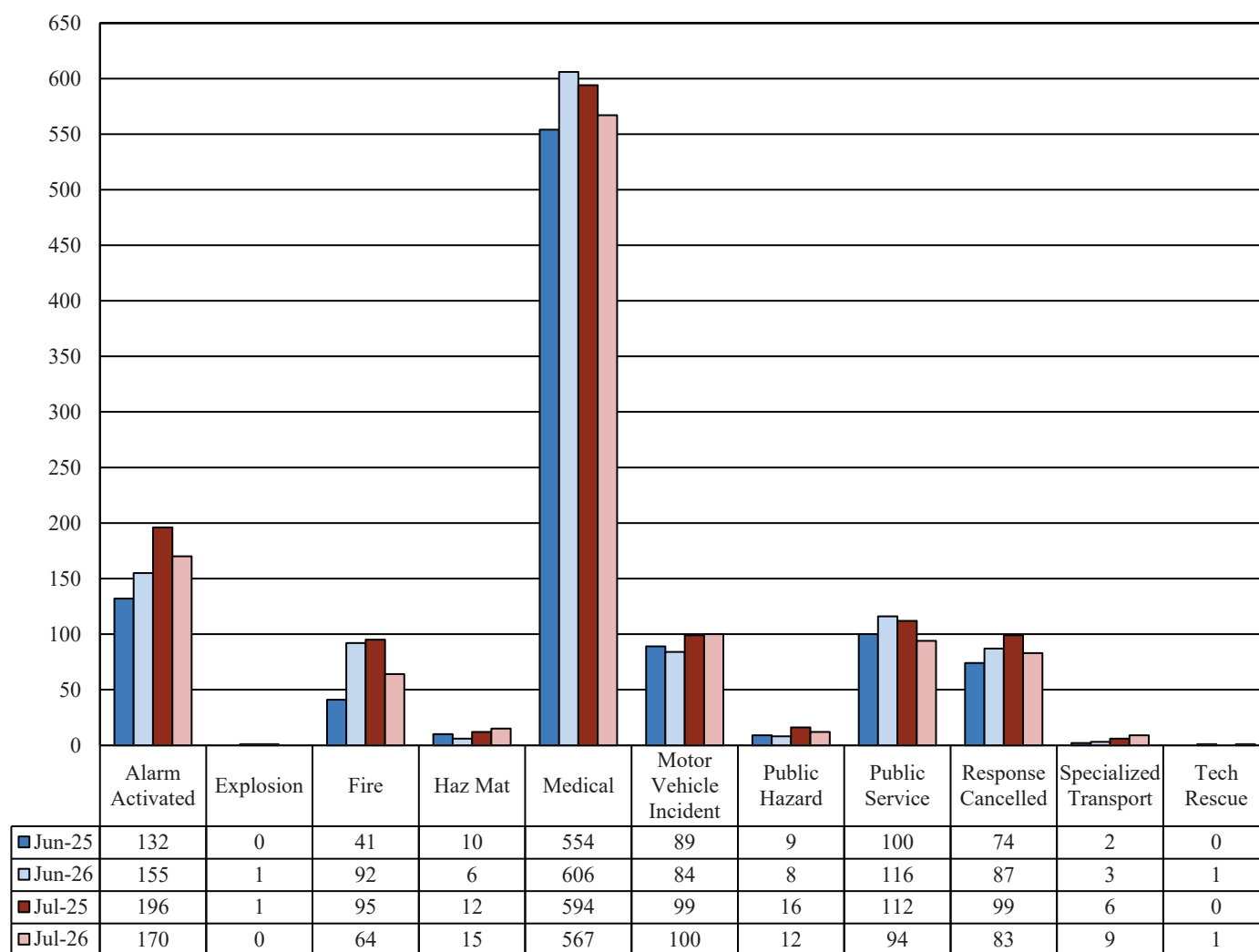
Emergency Response Activity for June and July 2026

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison of incidents occurring in June 2025/2026 and July 2025/2026.

- In June 2026, there were 1,159 total incidents, compared to 1,011 in June 2025. This represents an increase of 15 per cent between last year and 2026.
- In July 2026, there were 1,115 total incidents, compared to 1,230 in June 2025. This represents a decrease of 9 per cent between last year and 2026.

Table 4: June 2025 / 2026 & July 2025 / 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

The following charts provide a detailed breakdown of the Medical first-responder incidents occurring in June 2025/2026 and July 2025/2026.

- In June 2026, Medical first responder incidents comprised 52 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR. There were 606 medical incidents in June 2026, compared to 554 in June 2025, an increase of 9 per cent.
- In July 2026, Medical first responder incidents comprised 51 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR. There were 567 medical incidents in July 2026 compared to 594 in July 2025, a decrease of 5 per cent.

Table 5a: June 2025 / 2026 & July 2025 / 2026 Medical Calls by Type

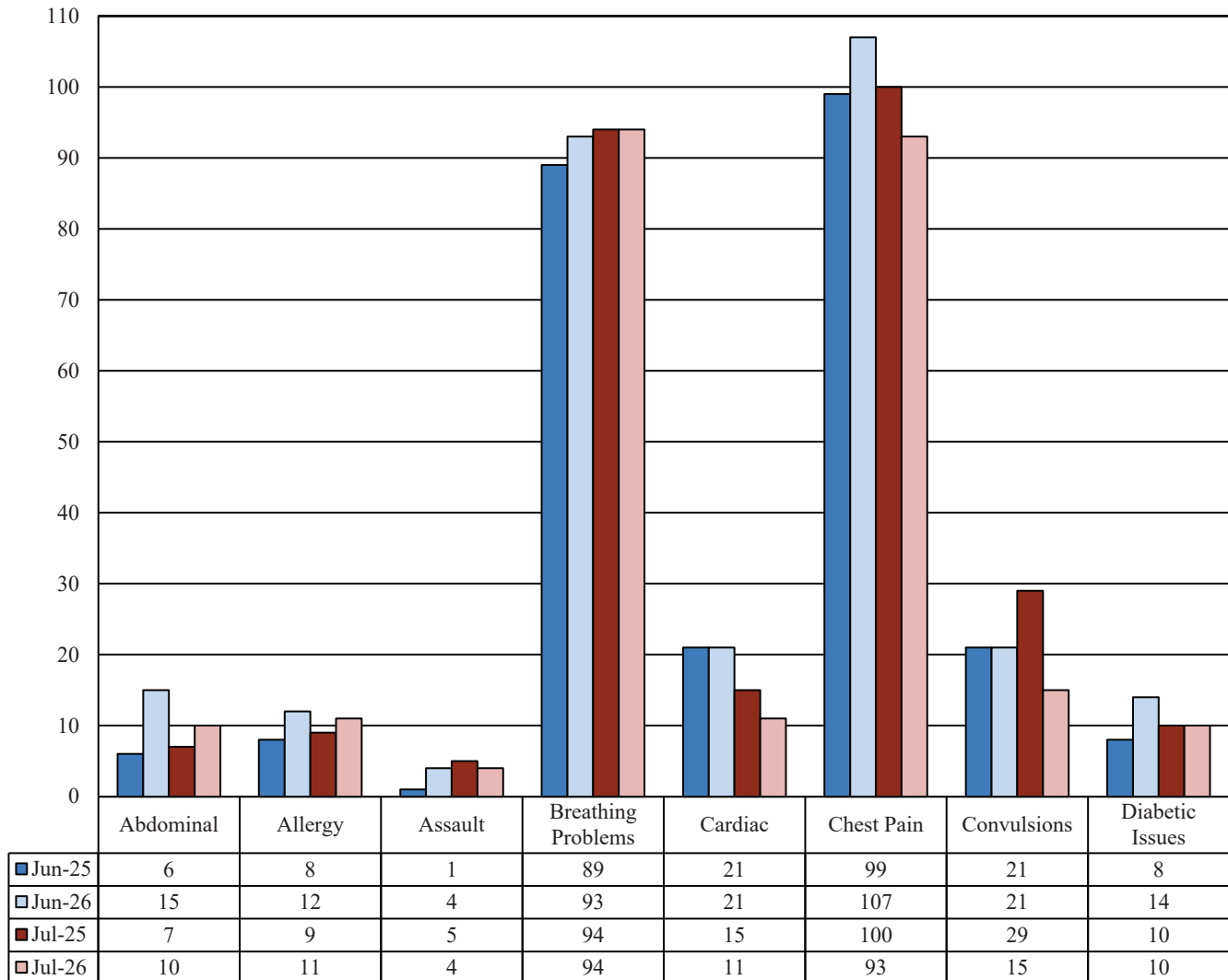
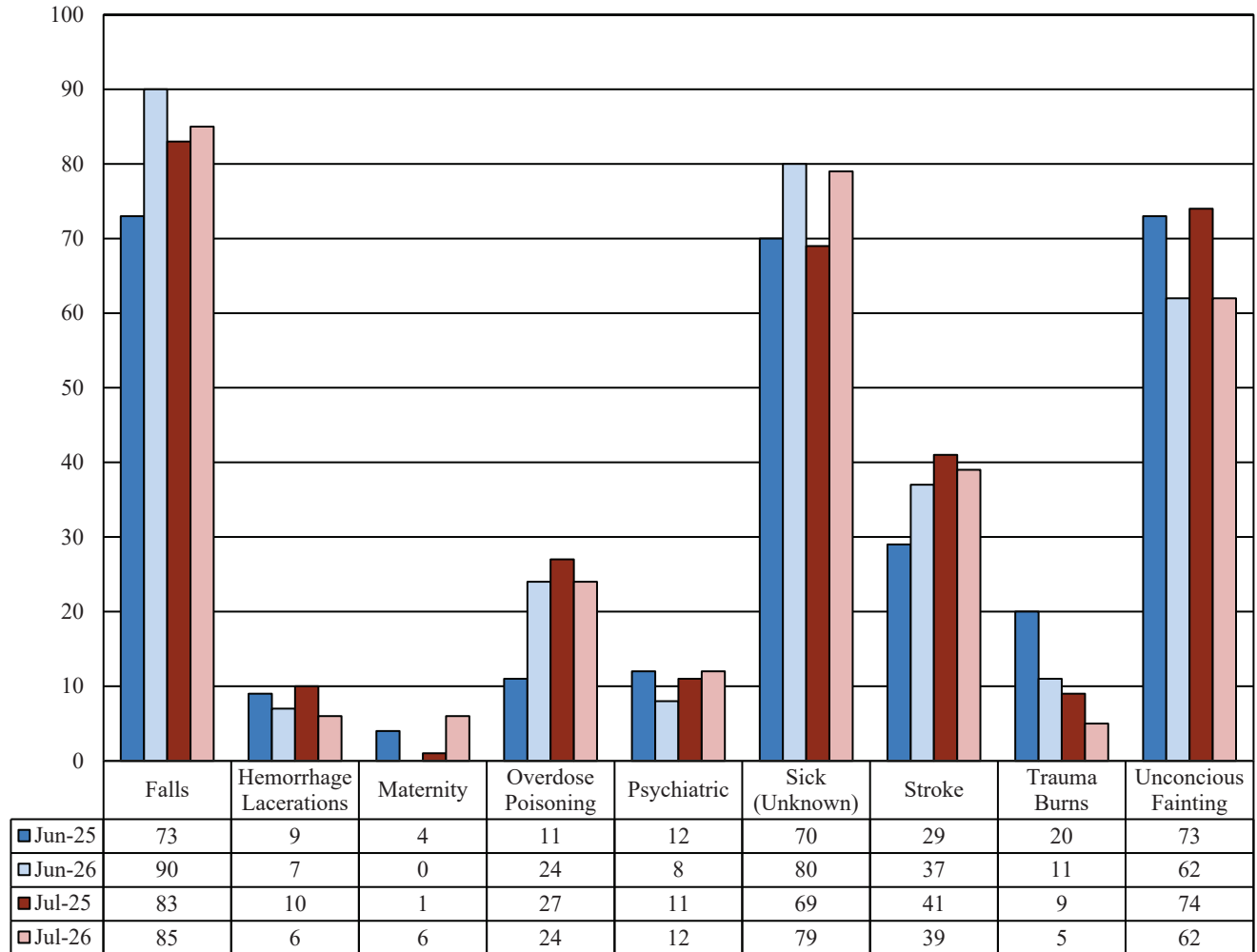


Table 4b: June 2025 / 2026 & July 2025 / 2026 Medical Calls by Type



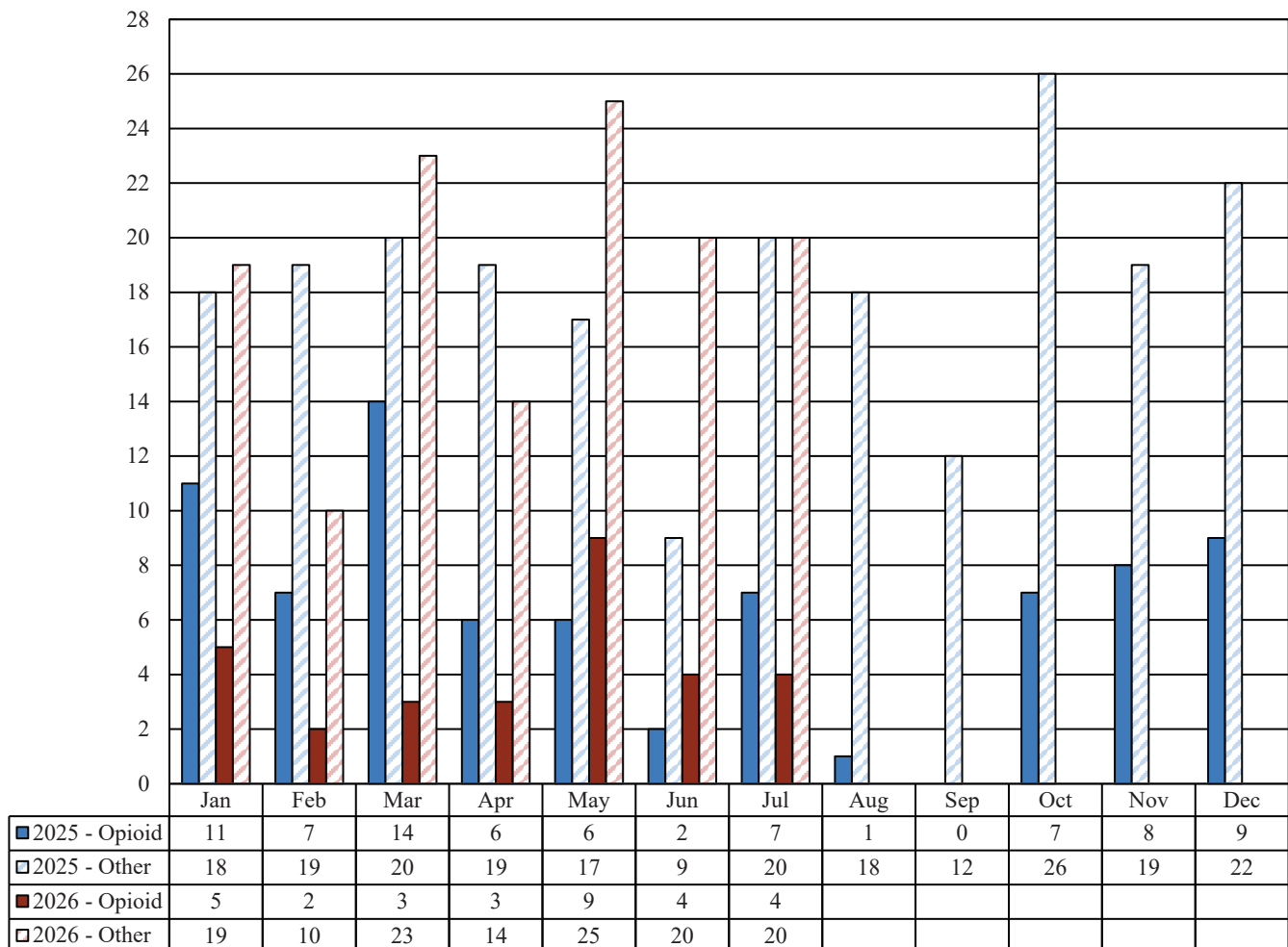
Overdose / Poisoning

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 June 2026, RFR staff administered one dose of Naloxone and during July 2026, RFR staff administered three doses of Naloxone.

Table 4c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents by Type – 2025 and 2026													
Year	Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	June	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	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	19	10	23	14	25	20	20	-	-	-	-	-

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



Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for June and July 2026 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – June and July 2026						
	June 2026			July 2026		
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Single-family Residence	0	4	0	0	2	0
Multi-family Residence	0	4	1	0	3	1
Commercial/Industrial	1	2	0	1	3	0
Outdoor	25	45	4	20	25	6
Vehicle	1	3	2	1	2	0
Totals	27	58	7	22	35	7

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 – June and July 2026		
	June 2026	July 2026
Flammable / Combustible Liquids	0	3
Gases (Natural / Propane)	2	10
Toxic / Infectious Substances	1	0
Unclassified	3	2
Totals	6	15

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

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

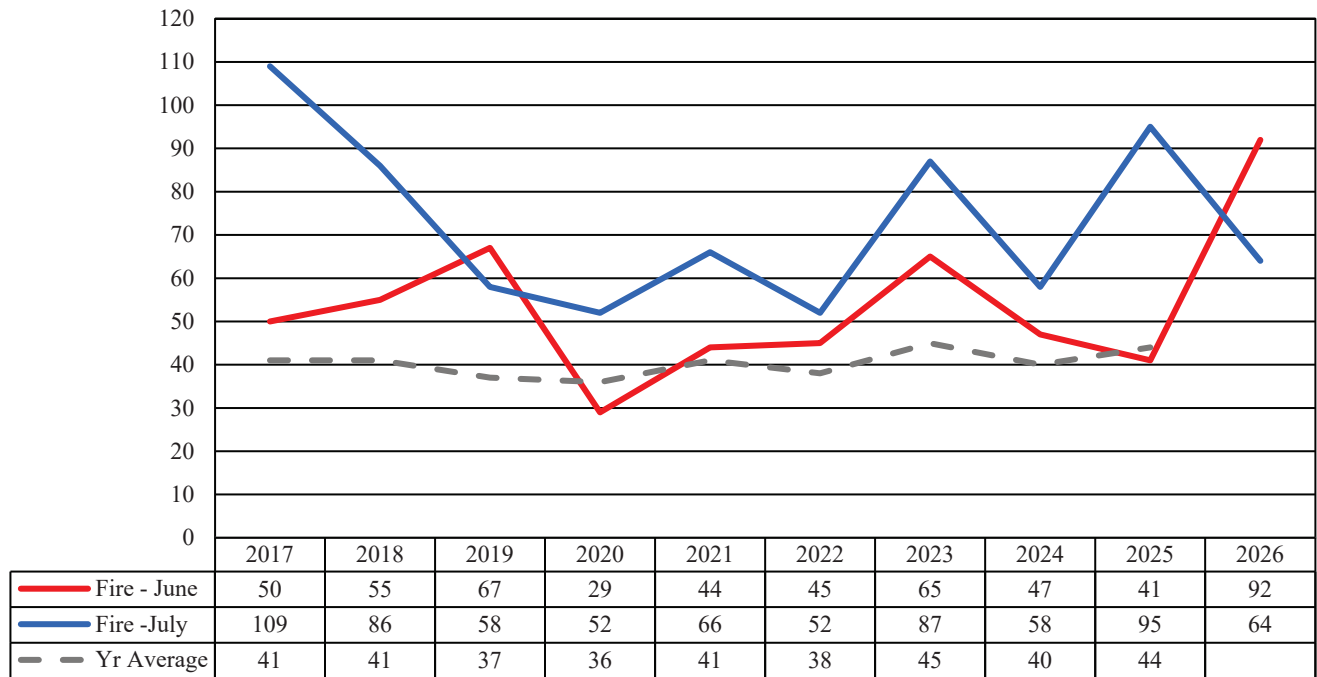
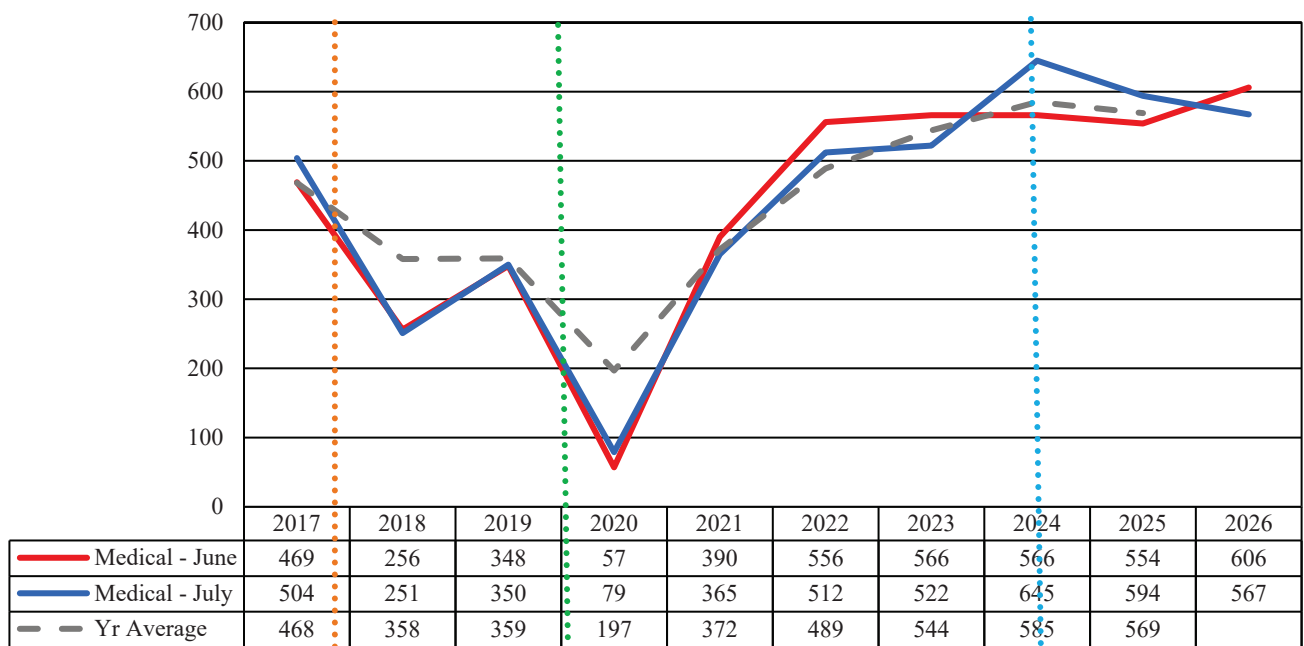


Table 7b: Total Medical Calls for Service in June / July and year averages from 2017 to 2026



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

Start of COVID-19 Pandemic

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

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

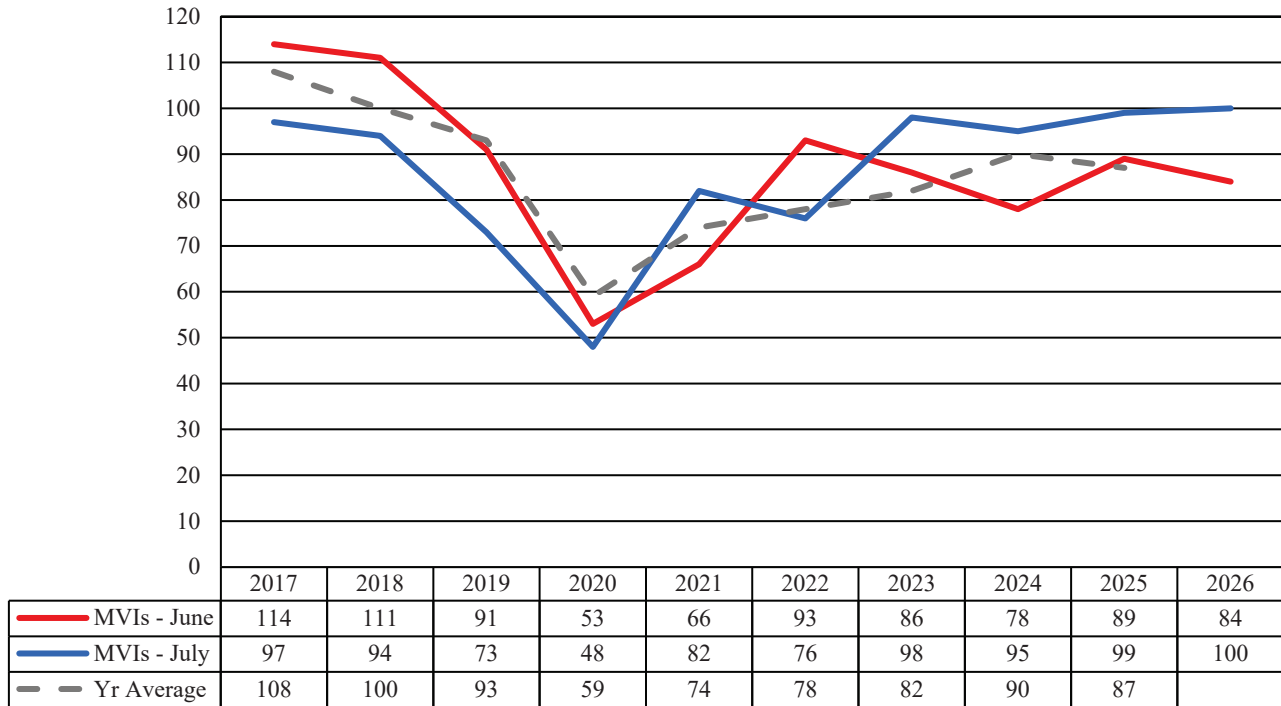


Table 7d: Total Overdose/Poisoning(ODP) Calls for Service in June / July and year
averages from 2017 to 2026

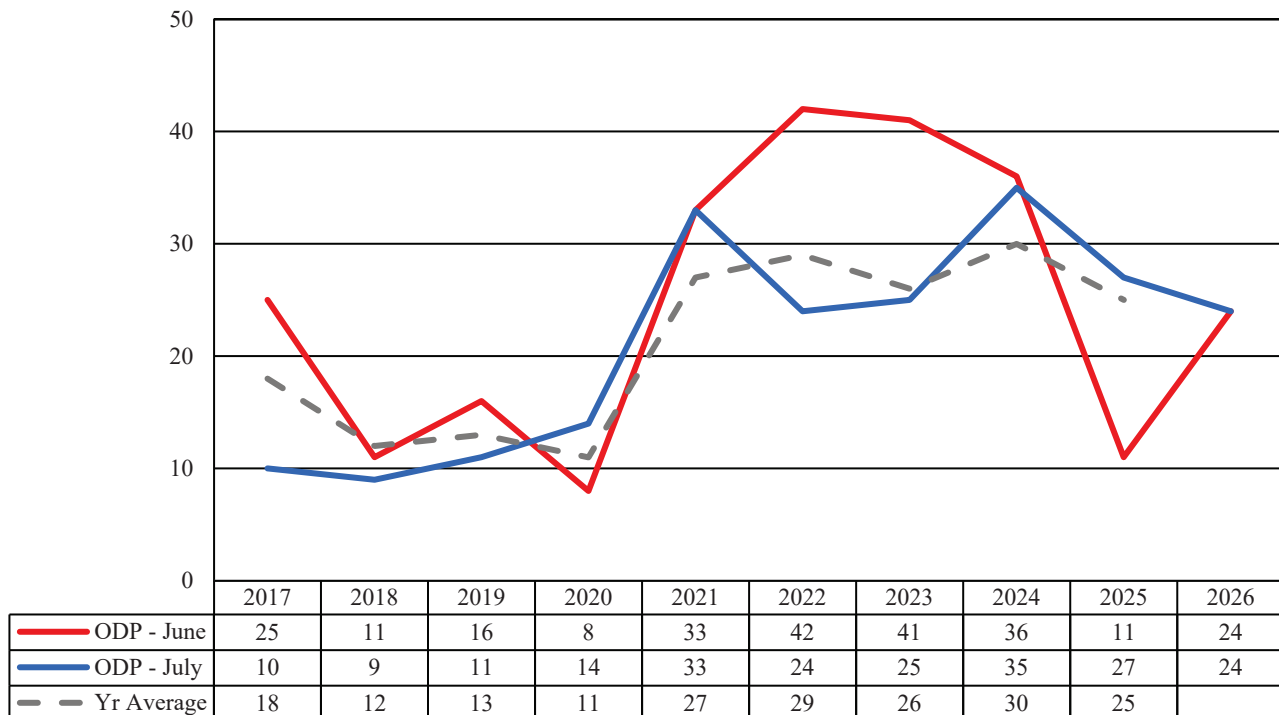


Figure 1a: Location of reportable fire incidents attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 156)

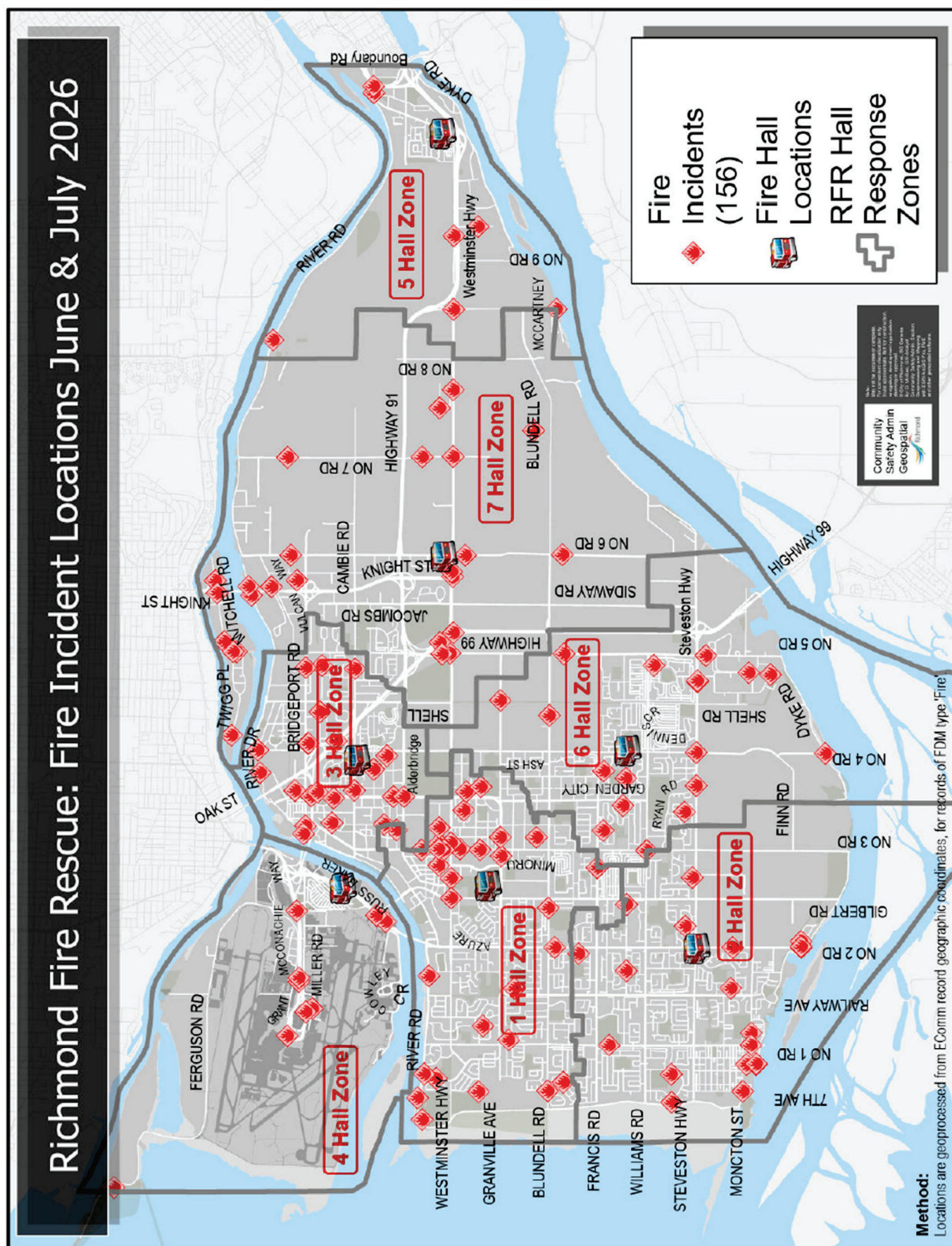


Figure 1b: Density of reportable fire incidents attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 156)

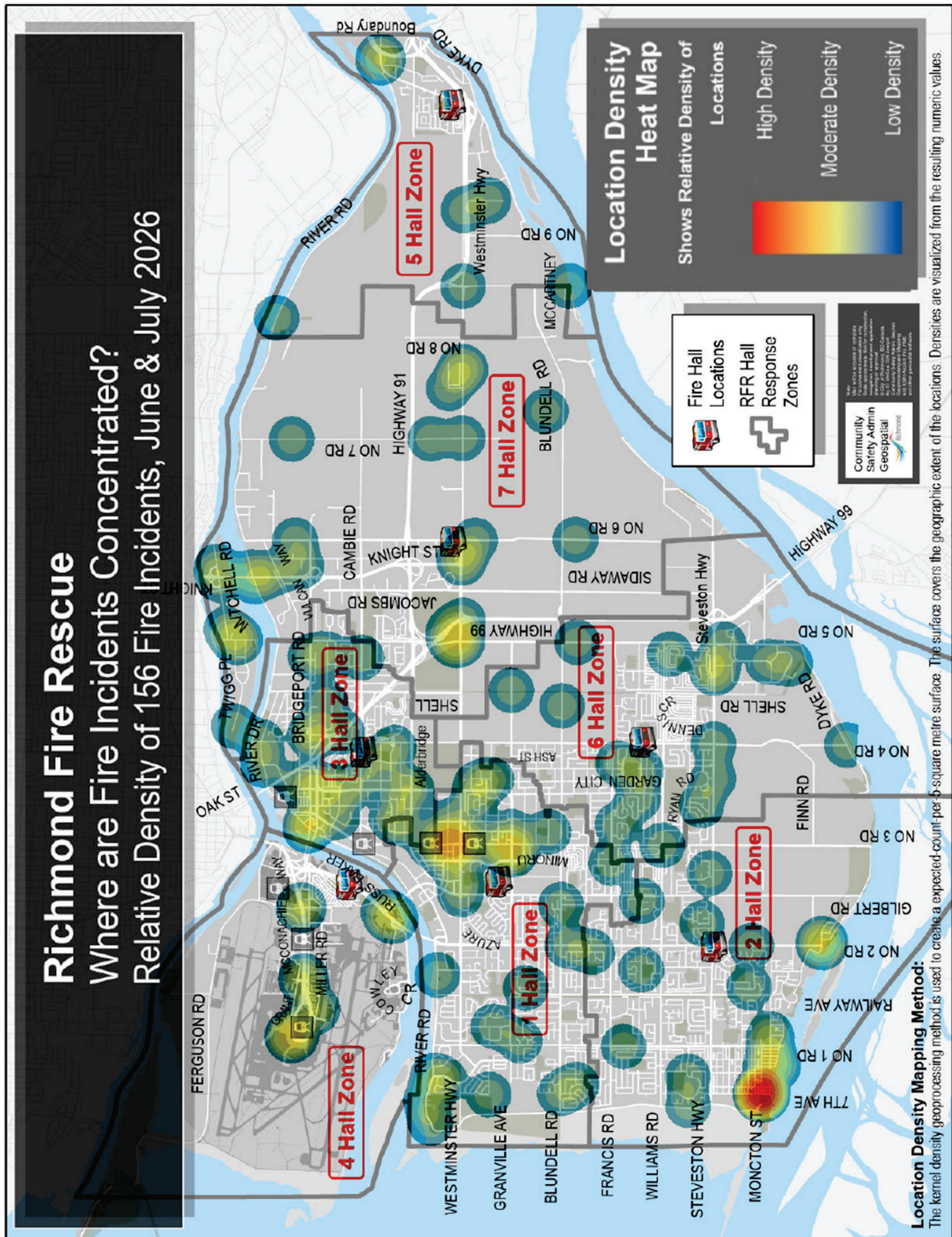


Figure 2a: Location of reportable medical incidents attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 1,173)

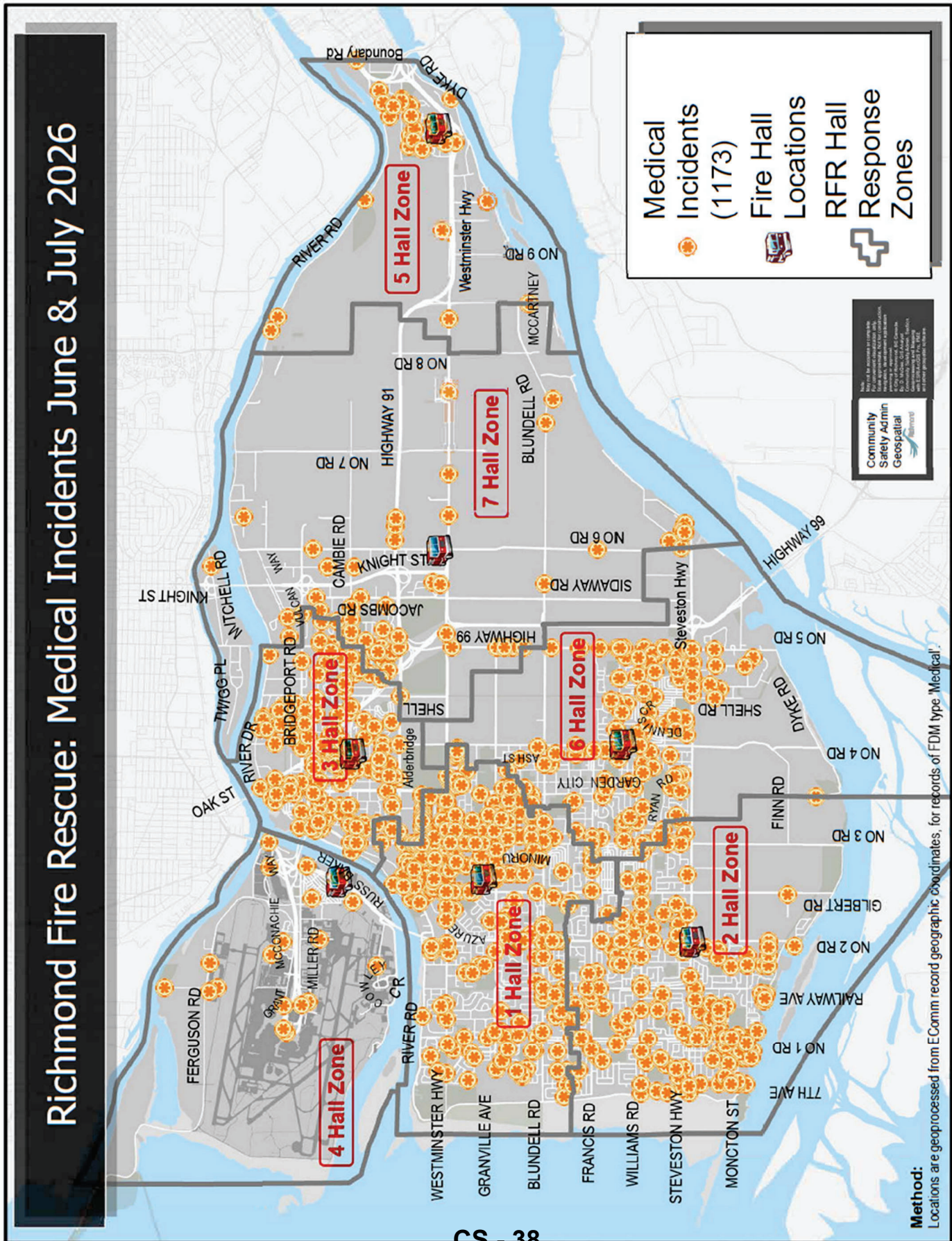


Figure 2b: Density of reportable medical incidents attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 1,173)

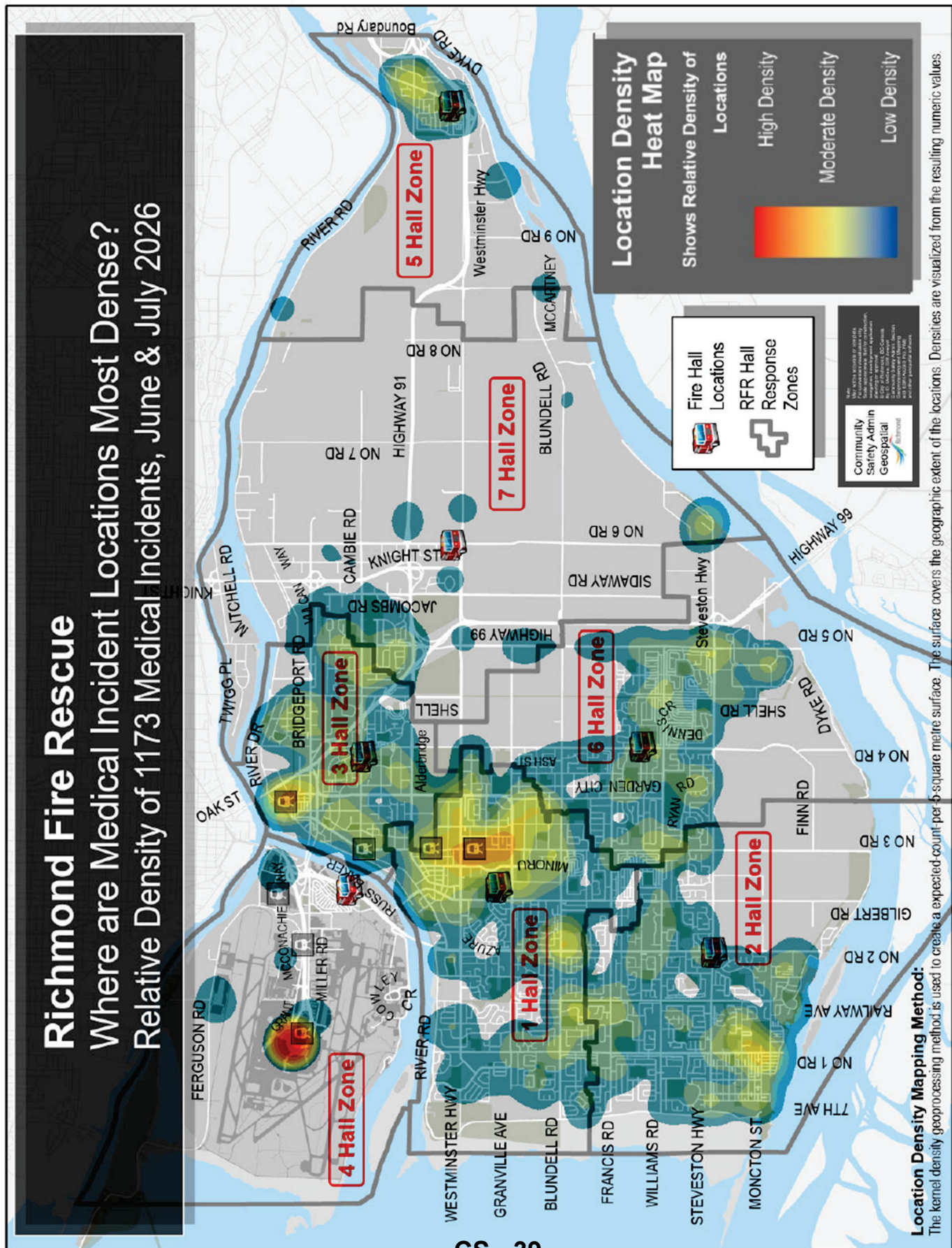


Figure 3a: Location of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 184)

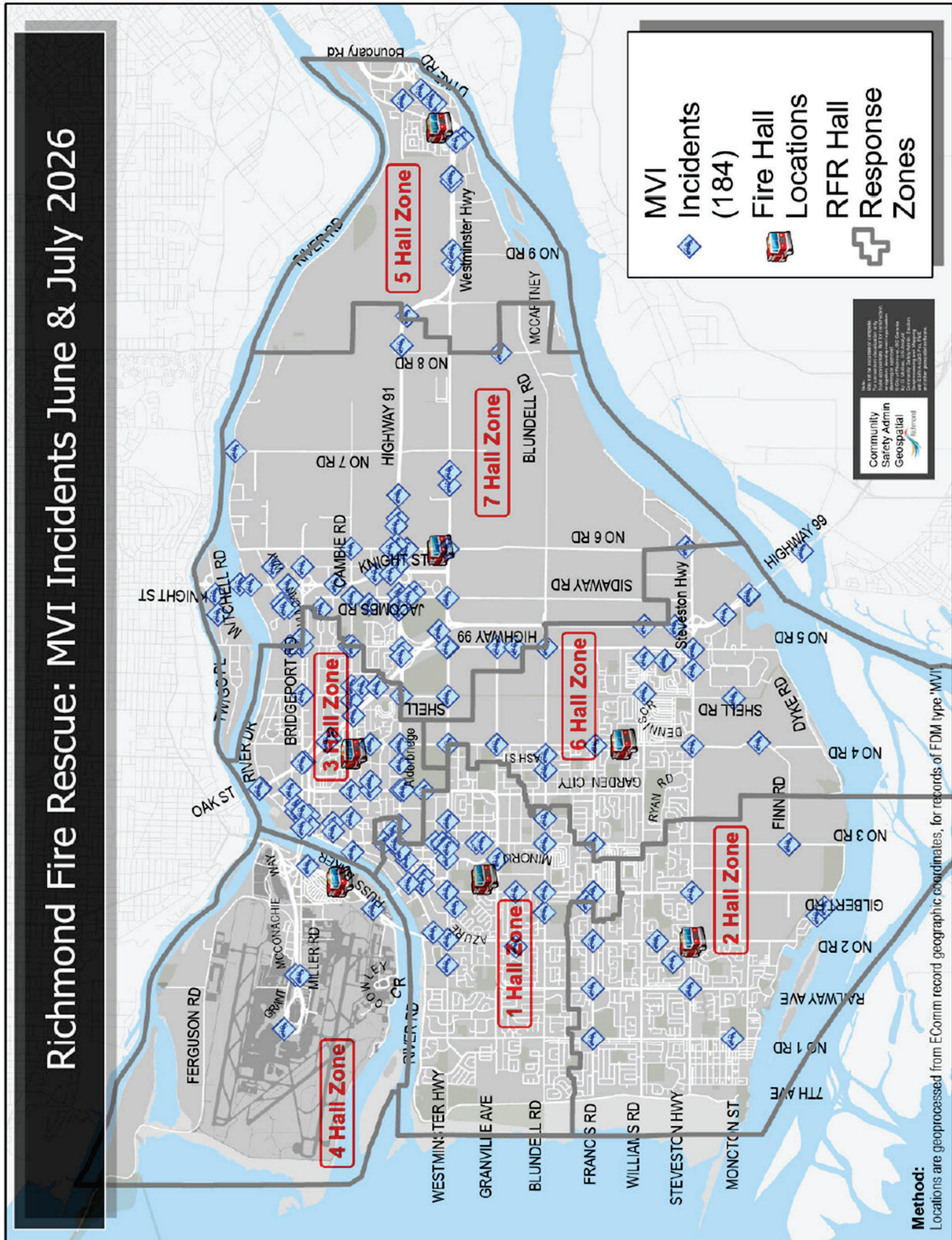


Figure 3b: Density of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 184)

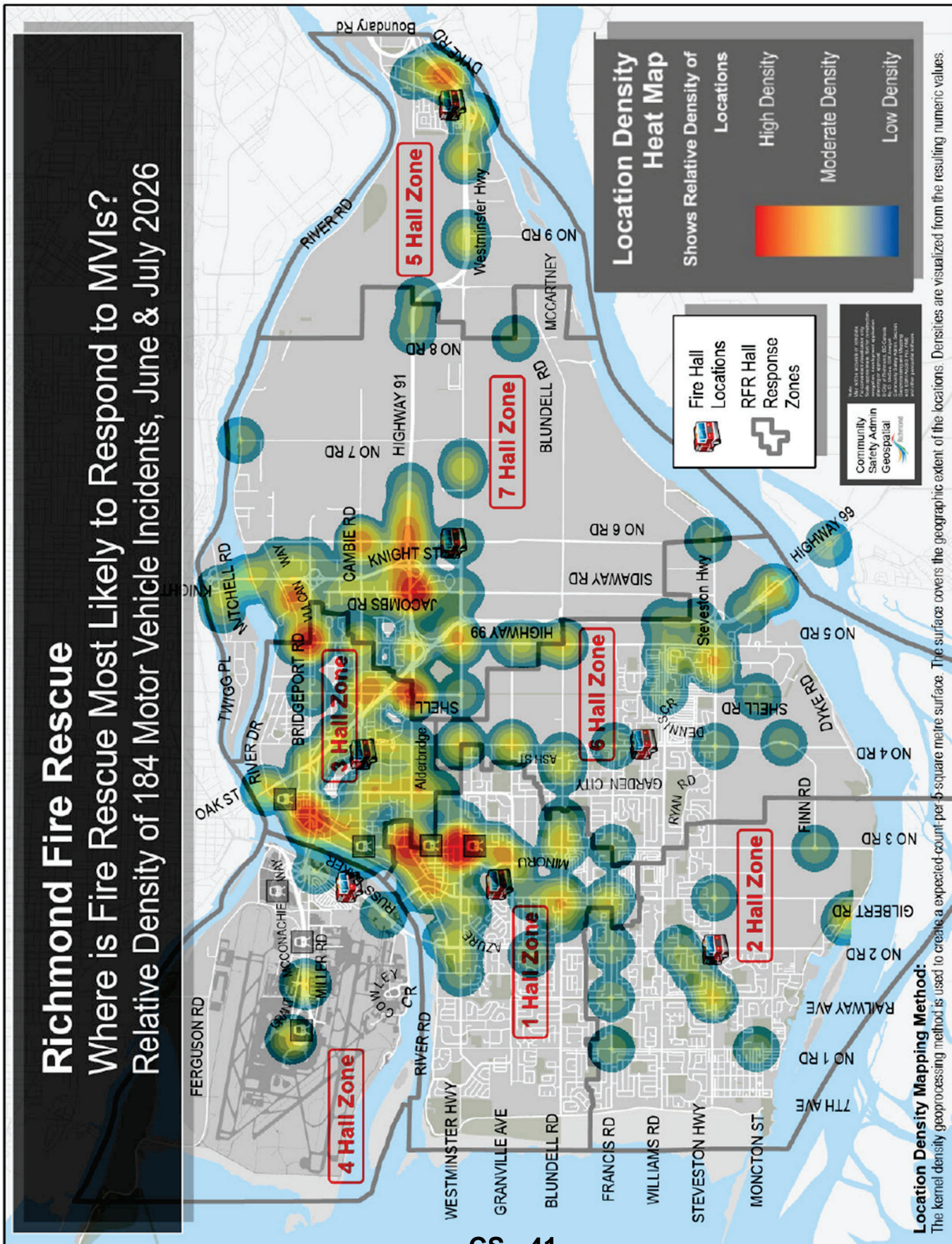
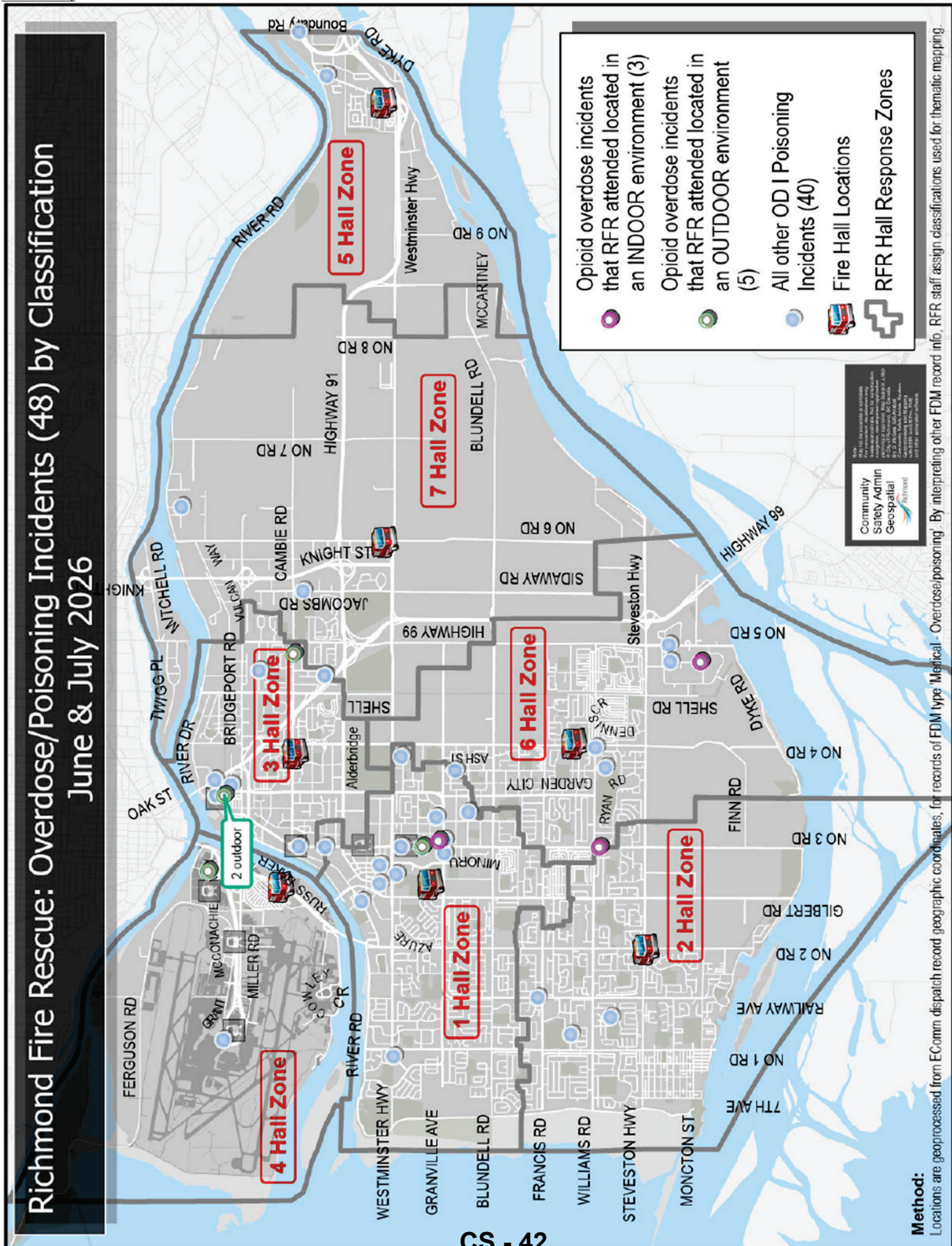


Figure 4a: Location of reportable overdose/poisoning incidents attended in June and July 2026 (Combined total 48)







To:	Community Safety Committee	Date:	August 18, 2026
From:	Dave Chauhan Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge	File:	09-5350-01/2025-Vol 01
Re:	RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June and July 2026		

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report– June and July 2026”, dated August 18, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

Executive Summary

The “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June and July 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 June and July 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

Child-Friendly Interview Room

On June 4, 2026, the Richmond RCMP announced the opening of a newly renovated child interview space designed to help children and families feel safe, calm, and welcome when attending the detachment. The renovated area includes a dedicated waiting room and an interview room, so children and victims of crime no longer have to wait in the detachment's public lobby.

Doors Open Richmond

On June 6, 2026, the Richmond RCMP hosted a Doors Open Richmond event at the City Centre Community Police Office, welcoming approximately 1,850 attendees. The event featured Safety Bear, a recruiting station, and photo opportunities with RCMP officers in Red Serge. Police and volunteers also showcased crime-prevention programs and police vehicles.



Figure 1: Doors Open Richmond

Stolen E-Scooter

On June 23, 2026, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a report of a stolen e-bike after the complainant advised that their bike had been stolen in Vancouver and tracked to Richmond. Frontline officers located and arrested the suspect inside the Richmond Courthouse. Police issued a media release reminding the public to prioritize personal safety by allowing police to manage recovery efforts.

Vehicle Collision involving Cyclist

On June 25, 2026, Richmond frontline officers responded to a report of a collision involving an SUV and a cyclist in the 7100 block of Grant McConachie Way. The cyclist sustained injuries and was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and released. The driver did not remain at the scene. Police issued a public appeal for witnesses and video footage that may assist the investigation.

Missing Boat Passengers

On June 29, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that the six people who were aboard a commercial charter fishing vessel which sank the previous day remained unaccounted for and were presumed drowned. The vessel sank in deep water near Roberts Bank, and the RCMP Underwater Recovery Team assisted with the investigation.¹

Canada Day

On July 1, 2026, the Richmond RCMP participated in Canada Day celebrations at the Steveston Salmon Festival. In addition to conducting proactive patrols at the event, police officers participated in the parade and provided photo opportunities in Red Serge. The Richmond RCMP's marine vessel, the Fraser Guardian, also patrolled local waterways to conduct enforcement and ensure safety for water users.



Figure 2: Canada Day

Road Safety Summer Initiatives

On July 16, 2026, Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising of the various summer road safety enforcement and education initiatives underway in 2026. These efforts have focused on high-risk driving behaviours, including speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, as well as enforcement and education related to underage riders using e-bikes and e-scooters.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

On July 22, 2026, Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit officers stopped a commercial vehicle transporting oversized equipment without a permit and issued two violation tickets to the driver.

¹ One of the four people rescued later died in hospital.

The load exceeded the maximum permitted width by 1.2 metres and occupied nearly two traffic lanes. Police later issued a media release reminding commercial vehicle operators that oversize load permits are essential to protecting road users and maintaining safe traffic operations.

Analysis of Police Statistics²

Arson

There were four reported arsons in June 2026, representing a decrease of two incidents from the previous month. Year to date, in June, arsons were up by 15 incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons in June was within the average range.

There were 14 reported arsons in July 2026, representing an increase of 10 incidents from the previous month. Year to date, arsons are up by 19 incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of arsons this month is above the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 28 serious assaults in June 2026, representing an 115 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, in June, serious assaults were down 20 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults in June was above the average range.

Sixty-eight per cent of serious assaults reported in June 2026 involved individuals who were known to each other. Physical force was the most reported “weapon type” at 60 per cent of incidents.

There were 15 serious assaults in July 2026, representing a 46 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are down 12 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

Eighty per cent of serious assaults reported in July 2026 involved individuals who were known to each other. Physical force was the most reported “weapon type” at 73 per cent of incidents.

Auto Theft

There were 16 auto thefts in June 2026, representing a 20 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, in June, auto thefts were down 36 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts in June was within the average range.

There were 10 auto thefts in July 2026, representing a 38 per cent decrease over the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 46 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is below the average range.

² 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 276 mental health-related incidents in June 2026, representing a 16 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, in June, the number of mental health-related incidents was down seven per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of mental health-related incidents in June was within the average range.

The number of police apprehensions, at 66, was within the average range. The average hospital wait time of 130 minutes exceeded the average range; however, this was primarily attributed to eight incidents with exceptionally long wait times. Twenty-three individuals were responsible for two or more calls in June, with three callers each generating five incidents.

There were 262 mental health-related incidents in July 2026, representing a five per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down seven 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 52 police apprehensions, which is below the average range. Average hospital wait time was 166 minutes, which was above the average range; however, this was primarily attributed to seven calls with wait times of 180 or more minutes. Eighteen individuals were responsible for two or more calls in July, with one caller generating four incidents and two other callers each with three calls.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 23 break and enters to residences in June 2026, representing a 15 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, in June, residential break and enters were up three per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of residential break and enters in June was within the average range.

There were 11 break and enters to residences in July 2026, representing a 52 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are down one 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 June 2026, there were 20 break and enters to businesses, representing a 17 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, in June, commercial break and enters were up one per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of commercial break and enters in June was below the average range.

In July 2026, there were 23 break and enters to businesses, representing a 15 per cent increase 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 four robberies reported in June 2026, representing a decrease of two incidents from the previous month. Year to date, in June, robberies were down by four incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies in June was within the average range.

Suspects have been identified in two incidents reported in June. One incident was unfounded.

There were three robberies reported in July 2026, representing a decrease of one incident from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down by 12 incidents, or 39 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Sexual Offences

There were 18 sexual offence files in June 2026, representing no change from the previous month. Year to date, in June, sexual offences were up 23 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences in June was below the average range.

Fifty-six per cent of the offences reported in June 2026 were sexual assaults and 28 per cent were indecent acts/exposing.

There were 15 sexual offence files in July 2026, representing a 17 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are up four per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Forty per cent of the offences reported in July 2026 were sexual assaults and 33 per cent were indecent acts/exposing.

Shoplifting

There were 146 reported shoplifting thefts in June 2026, representing a 13 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, in June, shoplifting thefts were up 44 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of shoplifting thefts in June was within the average range.

There were 125 reported shoplifting thefts in July 2026, representing a 14 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 37 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 72 thefts from automobiles in June 2026, representing a 12 percent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, in June, thefts from automobiles were down 12 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles in June was below the average range.

There were 74 thefts from automobiles in July 2026, representing a three per cent increase over the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down 10 per cent compared to the

same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the average range.

Drugs

In June 2026, there were 30 drug offences, representing a three per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, in June, drug offences were up five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents in June was within the average range.

In July 2026, there were 21 drug offences, representing a 30 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 17 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.

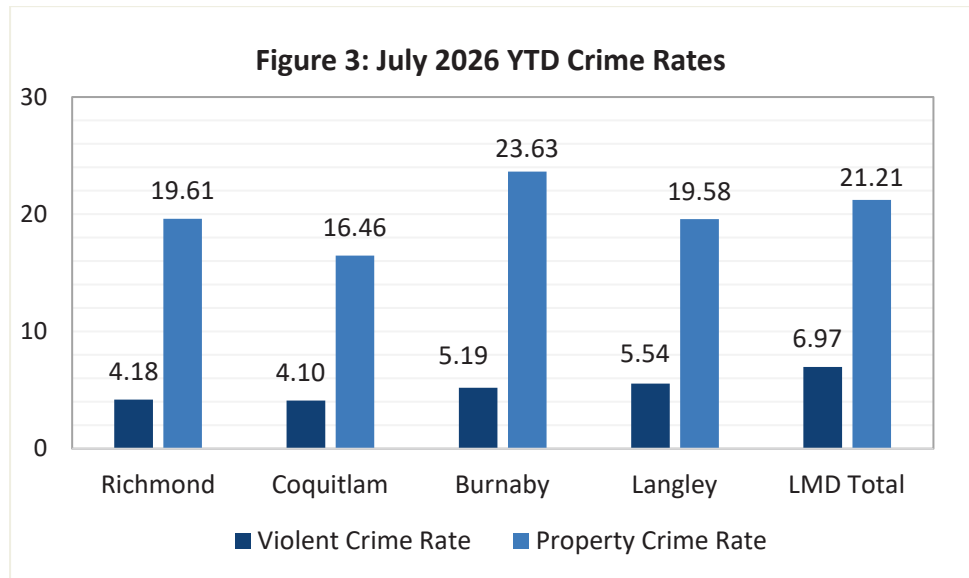
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

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	34	21	13
July	40	52	28	18
August	59			
September	57			
October	39			
November	52			
December	42			
Total	632	271	154	111

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 3 presents the July 2026 crime rates for the four largest municipalities in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), which the RCMP polices.³ The property and violent crime rates in Richmond were below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of June 2026, the Block Watch program had 298 groups, led by 445 captains and co-captains, for a total of 6,602 participants. On June 27, 2026, Block Watch coordinated a Block Party in the 5600 block of Emerald Place to educate residents on auto theft prevention.

At the end of July 2026, the Block Watch program had 297 groups, totalling 6,603 participants. Currently, the program includes 408 captains and co-captains.

³ Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on August 4, 2026

Communications Unit

The Communications Unit provides public safety and crime prevention messaging to enhance community awareness of policing-related issues.

During June, the Communications Unit conducted the following:

- A summer Impaired Driving Prevention education campaign was launched, supported by media releases and social media posts aimed at reducing impaired driving.
- Nine media releases were issued, including a June 15, 2026, post advising the public of a recent increase in thefts of electric vehicle charging cables from residential neighbourhoods, reportedly for resale.
- Twenty-seven social media posts were made on X, including a summer awareness campaign to reduce thefts from automobiles.



Figure 4: Summer Impaired Driving Campaign

During July, the Communications Unit conducted the following:

- Released a short pet safety video, was shared on X on July 6, 2026. The campaign emphasizes the importance of not leaving pets unattended in hot vehicles. When an animal is found in distress, police are authorized to enter the vehicle to remove it safely.
- Eleven media releases were issued, including a reminder to motorists to slow down in construction zones.
- Twenty social media posts were made on X, including boating and road safety tips, as well as suspect images in ongoing investigations.



Figure 5: Summer Pet Safety

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 June, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of one foot patrol, totalling five hours.
- A total of 19 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 837 information letters issued.
- There were five Speed Watch deployments, during which 202 information letters were issued.
- There were nine Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 144 information letters were issued.
- Volunteers attended the Vancouver International Airport with Safety Bear on six occasions and engaged with travellers in the various arrivals and departures areas.
- June 6 – Volunteers supported police officers with the Doors Open Richmond event at the City Centre Community Police Office. They assisted with setup and takedown, managed stations, provided vehicle tours and a “Spot the Target” activity, and engaged with community members.
- June 10 – New volunteers received orientation and Speed Watch training.
- June 11 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a recruiting session for the Auxiliary Program held at Richmond City Hall. The session covered the program requirements, training, and participants' duties.
- June 12 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers at the Richmond Celebrates Soccer opening day event at the Richmond Olympic Oval.
- June 14 – Volunteers participated in the Island City by Bike event, providing rider support along the route.
- June 28 – Volunteers and RCMP officers set up the community engagement booth at the annual Burkeville Daze event, in addition to a soccer engagement activity.



Figure 6: Burkeville Daze

During July, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of multiple foot patrol shifts of festival grounds at Salmon Festival
- A total of 13 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 484 information letters issued.
- There were seven Speed Watch deployments, during which 239 information letters were issued.
- There were 18 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 285 information letters were issued.
- July 1 – A total of 25 volunteers participated in the 79th anniversary of the Steveston Salmon Festival. In addition to conducting foot and bike patrols, volunteers assisted at the crime prevention booth and promoted various RCMP crime prevention programs.
- July 5 – Volunteers attended the Vancouver International Airport with Safety Bear and engaged with travellers in the various arrivals and departures areas.
- July 6 – Volunteers set up a community engagement booth at the South Arm Neighbourhood Block Party, held at the South Arm Community Centre. Approximately 800 attendees were present at the event, which featured the “Spot the Target” van, photo opportunities, tours of police vehicles, “impaired” simulation goggles, and a soccer activity course.
- July 7 – Volunteers conducted foot patrols during the Cambie Kick-off event at King George Park and distributed over 500 pedestrian safety reflectors.
- July 11 – Volunteers conducted patrols and community engagement at the FIFA Viewing Party Richmond Celebrates Soccer event at the South Arm Community Centre.
- July 14 – Volunteers participated in the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Semi-Final event at the West Richmond Community Centre and conducted foot patrols during the event.
- July 19 – Volunteers participated in the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Final event at Aberdeen Centre, conducting foot patrols and distributing over 400 pedestrian safety reflectors to attendees.
- July 24, 25 and 26 – Dolphin Basketball Classic – Volunteers were present over the multi-day event and hosted a community engagement table. Volunteers engaged with families, friends and players. Event moved indoors due to wet weather.



Figure 7: Volunteers on Canada Day

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 340 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On June 12, 2026, RCMP officers participated in the Richmond Celebrates Soccer opening day event at the Richmond Olympic Oval.
- On July 7, 2026, RCMP officers attended the Cambie Kick-off and FIFA viewing event at King George Park and conducted high-visibility patrols.
- From July 24 to 26, 2026, RCMP officers participated in the Dolphin Basketball Classic, engaging with attendees at the tournament and conducting foot patrols in the area.

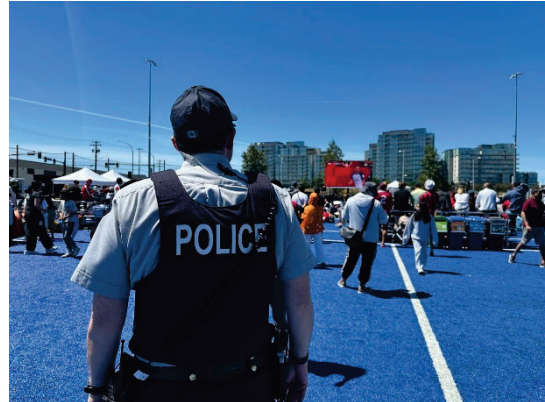


Figure 8: Richmond Celebrates Soccer

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 1,088 violation tickets were issued in June 2026, and 1,380 were issued in July 2026. Figure 9 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in June and July.

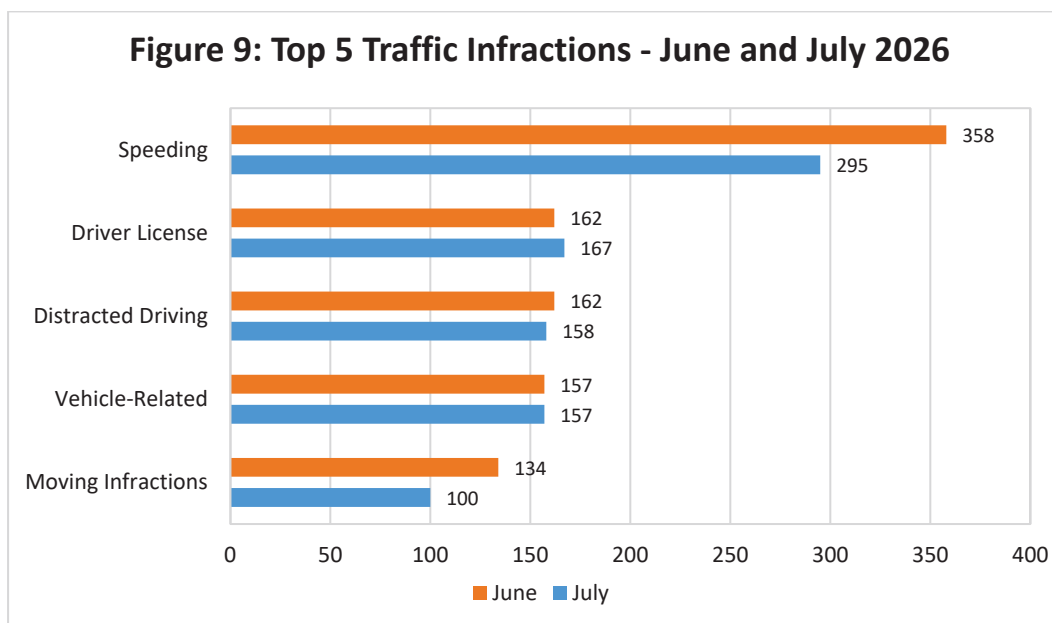


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and July 31, 2026.

Table 2 – Motor Vehicle Collisions		
Year	Collisions with Non-Fatal Injuries	Fatalities
2022	406	1
2023	436	3
2024	455	2
2025	395	2
2026 (YTD) ⁴	307	0

Victim Services

In June 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 June, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, sexual assaults, and the mass-casualty vessel sinking.

In July 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 70 new clients and did not attend any crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 54 files. In July, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths and incidents of domestic violence. The unit also continues to assist by providing additional ongoing support to the victims and families of commercial charter vessel sinking.

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 June and July, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 16 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 24 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- A total of 491 students in 16 classes participated in the DARE classes, which concluded for the third term of the 2025-2026 school year. DARE Graduation Ceremonies were held from June 8 to June 17, 2026. Each student received a DARE certificate and a T-shirt.

Budgetary Implications

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

⁴ The last fatal collision occurred on March 14, 2026.

Conclusion

In June and July 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable activities, including the search and recovery efforts related to a sunken vessel and a cyclist injured in a hit-and-run. Police statistics for June indicated that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for sex offences, thefts from automobiles and commercial break-and-enters, which were below average, while serious assaults and robberies were elevated. July statistics indicated that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for arson, automobile theft and drug-related “social disorder” calls, which were all below the average range.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Community Policing Programs Information

Block Watch

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

Distracted Driving Program

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

Fail to Stop

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

Lock Out Auto Crime

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

Project 529

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

Speed Watch

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

Spot the Target

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

Stolen Auto Recovery

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

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

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

June 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.

June 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	718	636.2	551	689	3842	4163	8%	321
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	160	154.2	129	182	1073	838	-22%	-235
OTHER CC OFFENCES	350	304.1	286	340	1909	1973	3%	64
Total	1196	1,060.5	938	1162	6600	6808	3%	208
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	54	53.8	48	60	389	284	-27%	-105
ASSAULT SERIOUS	28	20.0	12	26	116	93	-20%	-23
ROBBERY	4	5.0	2	3	25	21	-16%	-4
SEX OFFENCES	18	18.2	19	28	94	116	23%	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	16	20.6	14	26	118	75	-36%	-43
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	20	25.7	24	31	134	136	1%	2
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	23	22.0	14	29	117	121	3%	4
THEFT FROM AUTO	72	99.3	87	125	478	422	-12%	-56
FRAUD	116	87.7	72	101	603	598	-1%	-5
THEFT-OTHER	142	112.7	85	152	767	857	12%	90
SHOPLIFTING	146	118.2	64	148	738	1061	44%	323
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	4	6.4	2	12	19	34	79%	15
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	229	208.8	204	237	1342	1307	-3%	-35
COLLISION	144	166.1	163	174	1017	974	-4%	-43
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	30	37.3	22	71	177	185	5%	8
MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	276	214.7	202	249	1444	1345	-7%	-99

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July 2026 STATISTICS

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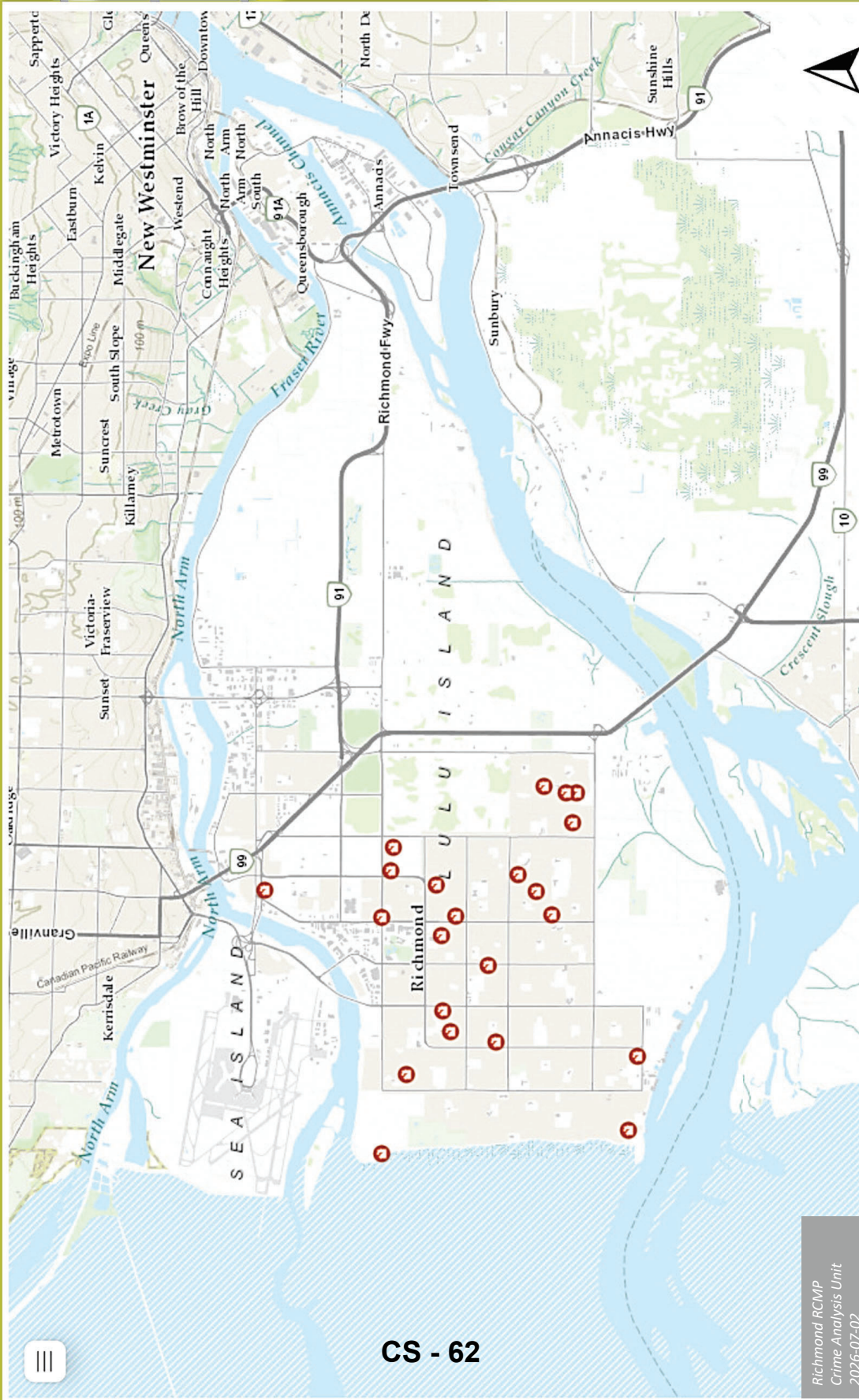
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Criminal Code Offences	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
PROPERTY CRIME	615	638.6	578	730	4528	4851	7%	323
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	155	153.5	152	183	1240	1012	-18%	-228
OTHER CC OFFENCES	331	306.6	292	345	2292	2352	3%	60
Total	1070	1,063.3	1015	1185	7779	7968	2%	189
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	64	53.8	50	63	443	353	-20%	-90
ASSAULT SERIOUS	15	20.2	19	28	139	122	-12%	-17
ROBBERY	3	4.7	1	5	31	19	-39%	-12
SEX OFFENCES	15	17.8	13	25	118	123	4%	5
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	10	20.1	13	30	145	78	-46%	-67
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	11	21.7	9	18	137	135	-1%	-2
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	23	25.7	21	25	157	165	5%	8
THEFT FROM AUTO	74	98.4	68	99	564	508	-10%	-56
FRAUD	90	88.3	73	113	712	704	-1%	-8
SHOPLIFTING	125	120.1	76	140	885	1210	37%	325
THEFT-OTHER	130	113.4	100	139	892	967	8%	75
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	14	6.6	5	13	30	49	63%	19
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	230	209.8	184	245	1597	1555	-3%	-42
COLLISION	178	167.4	159	223	1238	1166	-6%	-72
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	21	38.0	22	74	208	243	17%	35
MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	262	214.0	192	249	1724	1607	-7%	-117

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Commercial Break & Enter n = 20

Crime Map

Month

June

Year

2026

Crime Type

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Zone Count

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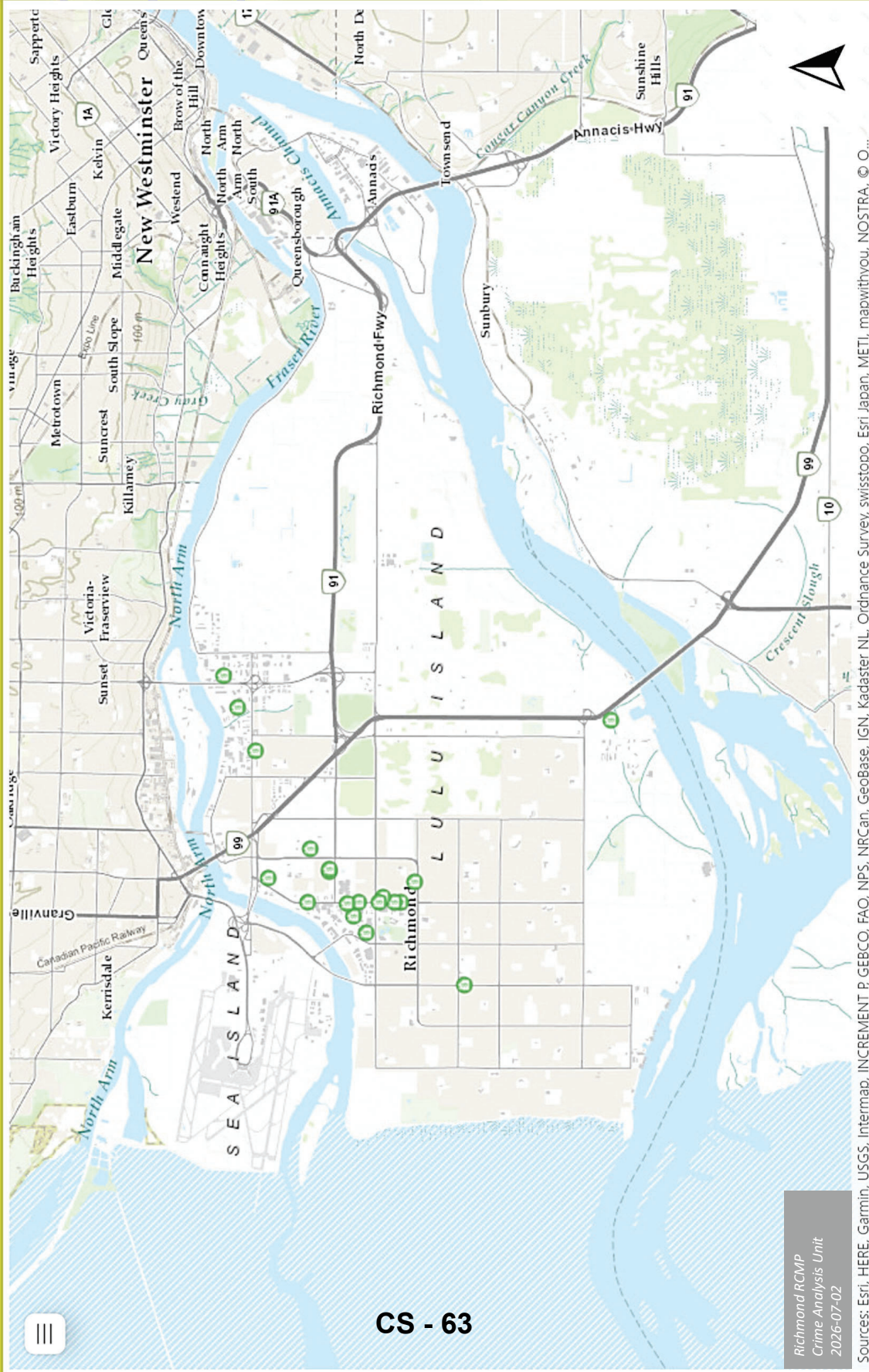
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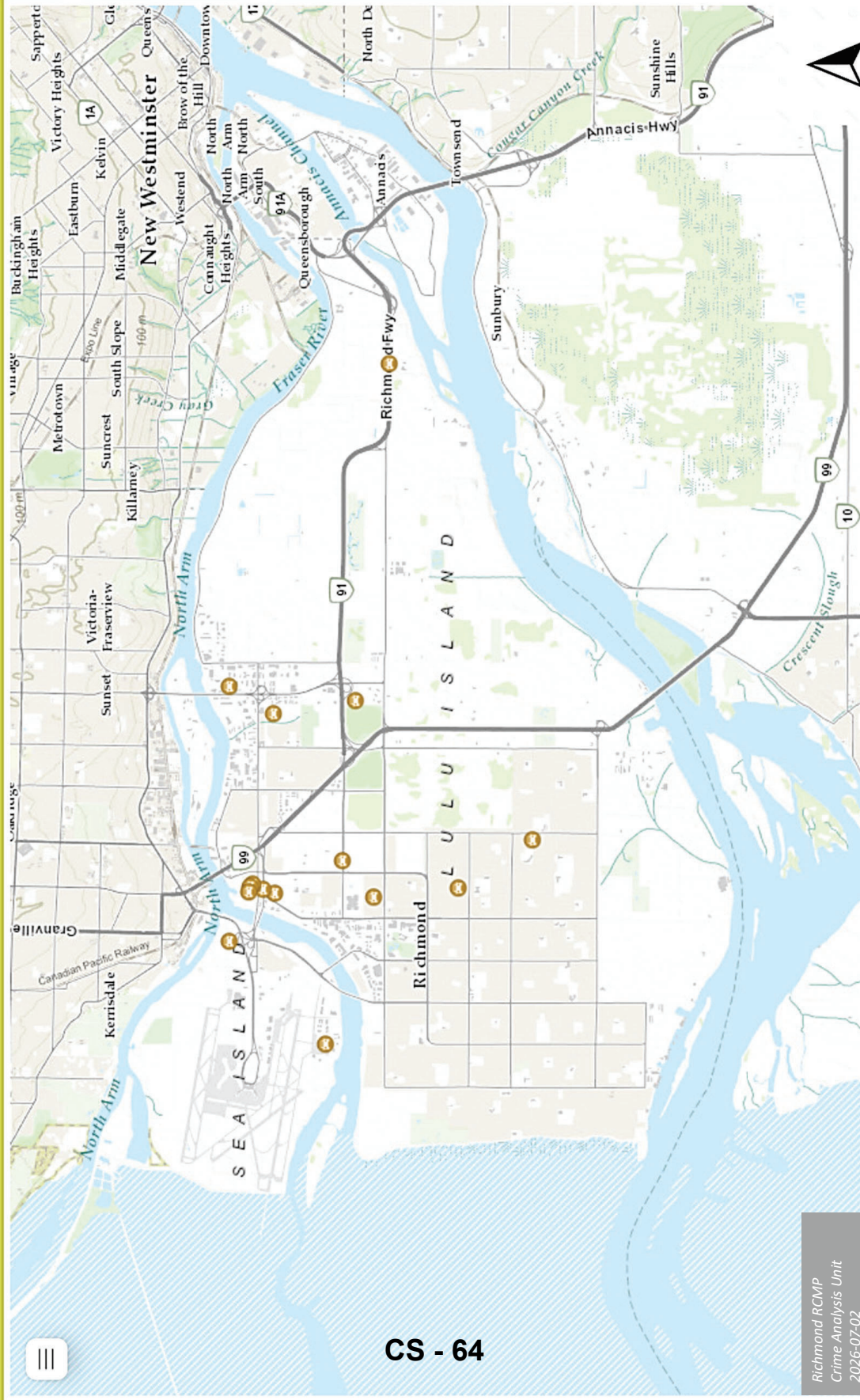
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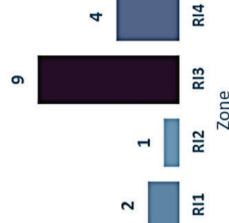
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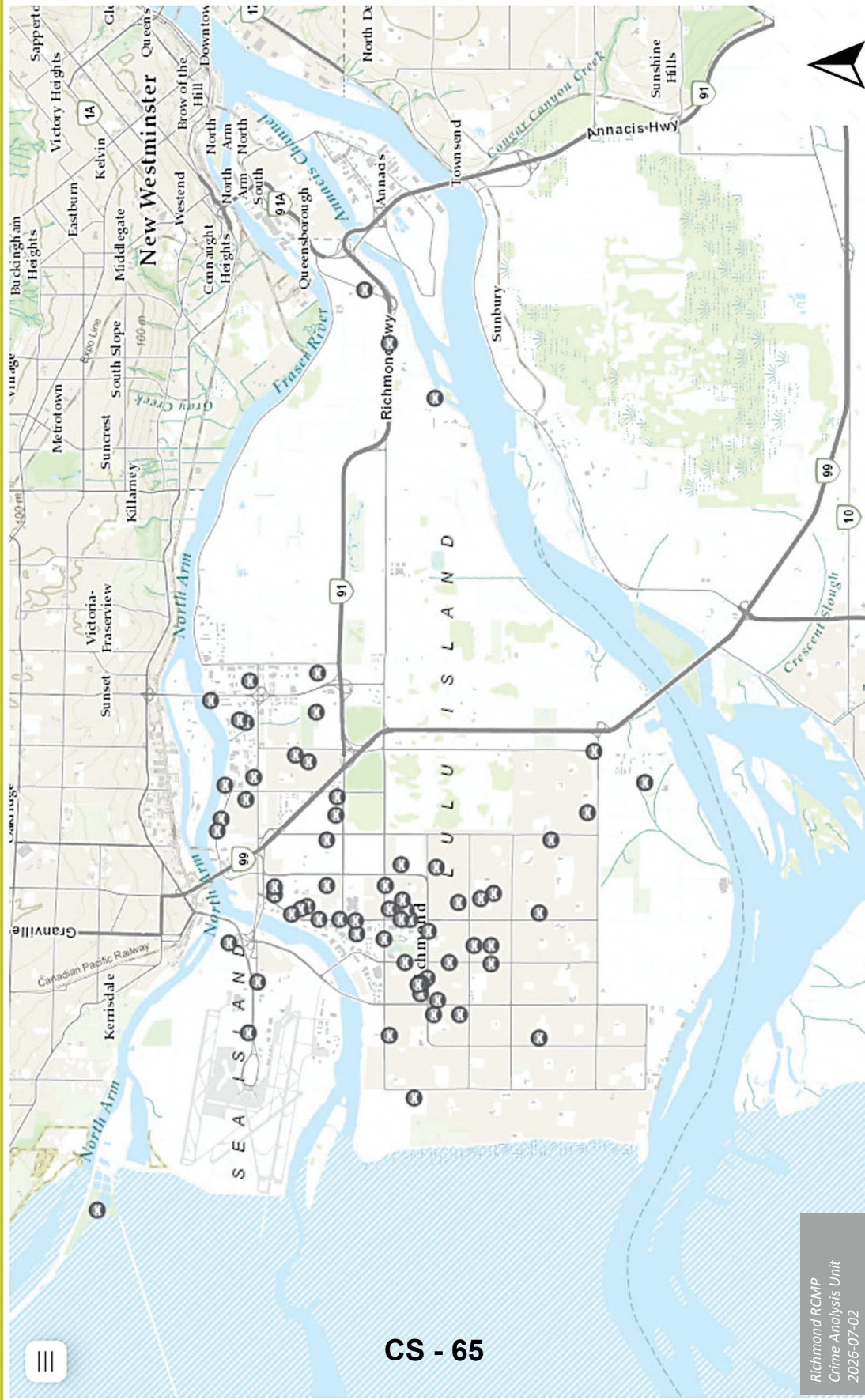
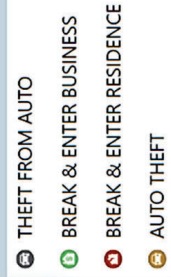
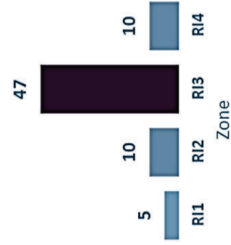
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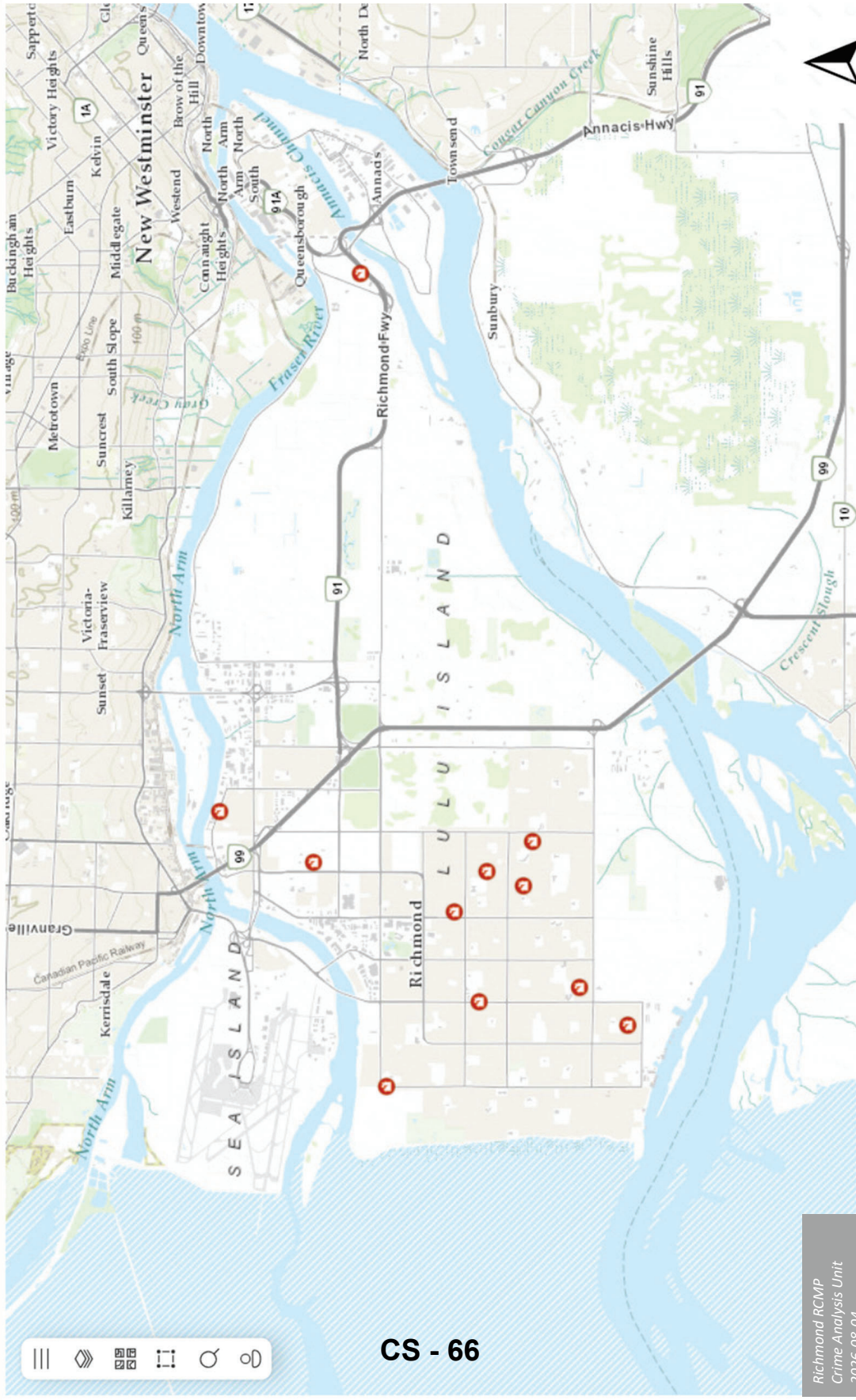
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Crime Map



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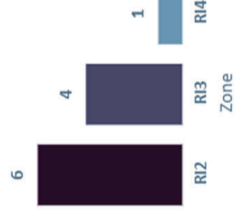
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Crime Type

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- ☐ BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS
- ☒ BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE
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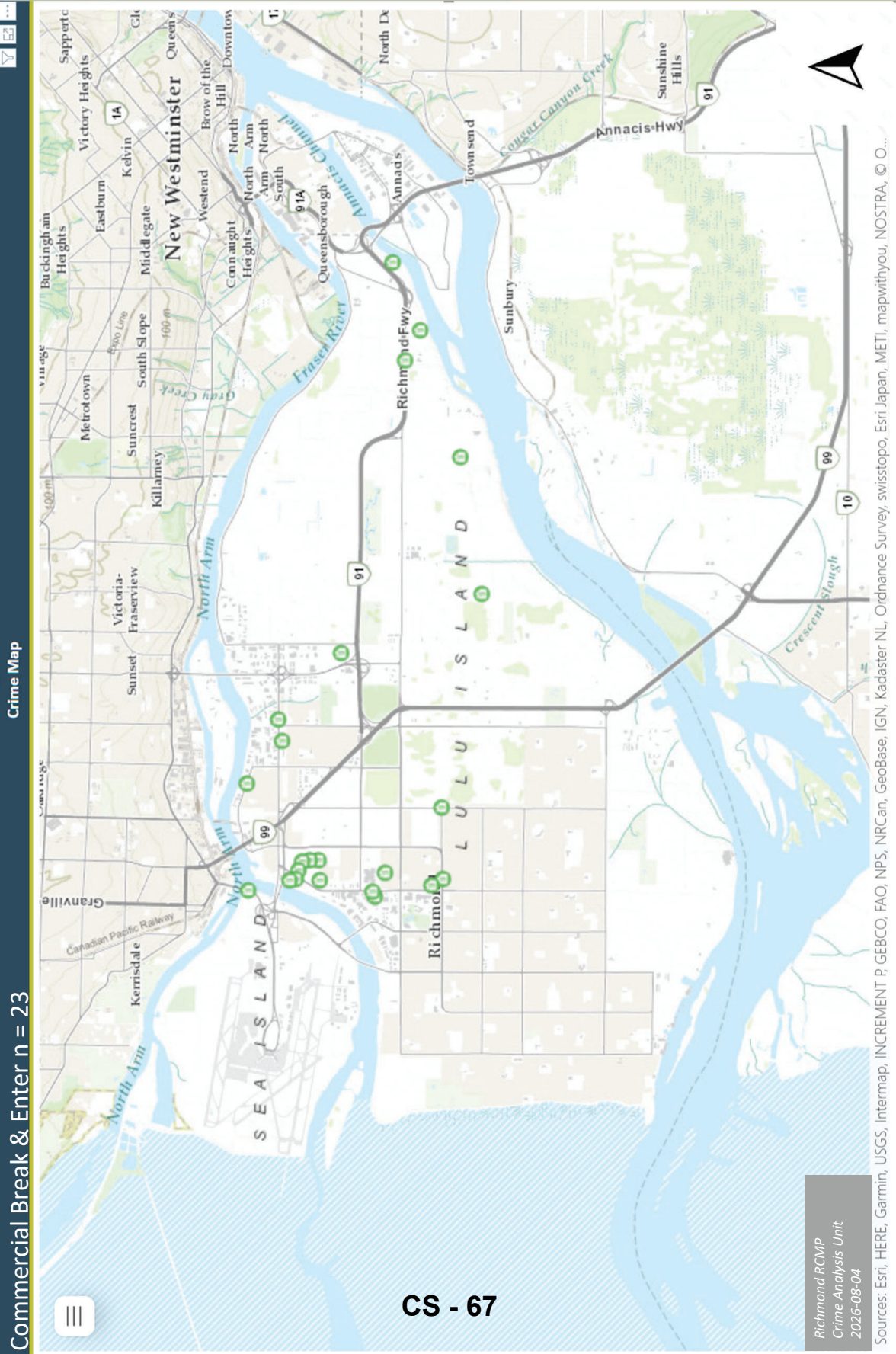
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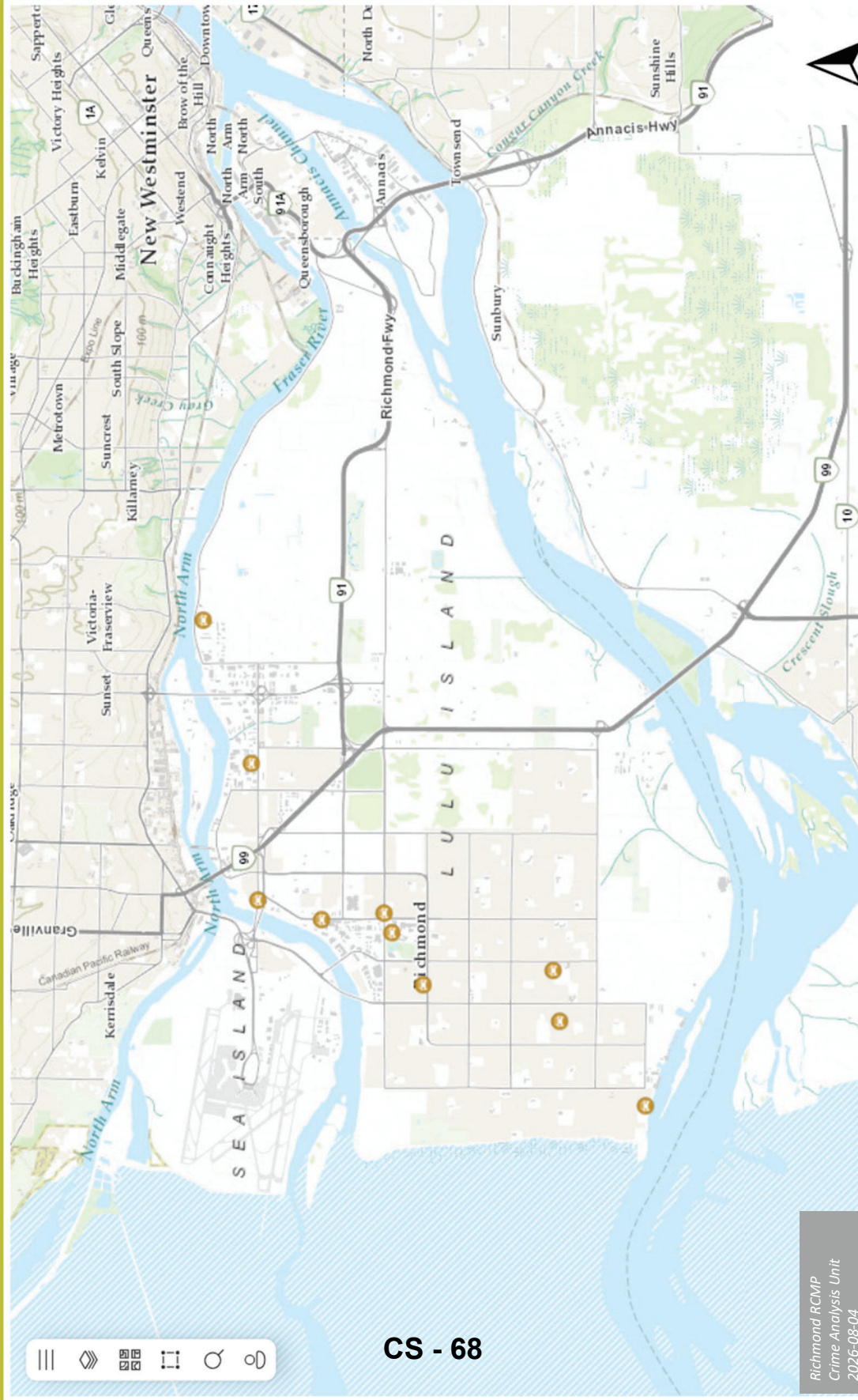
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Crime Map



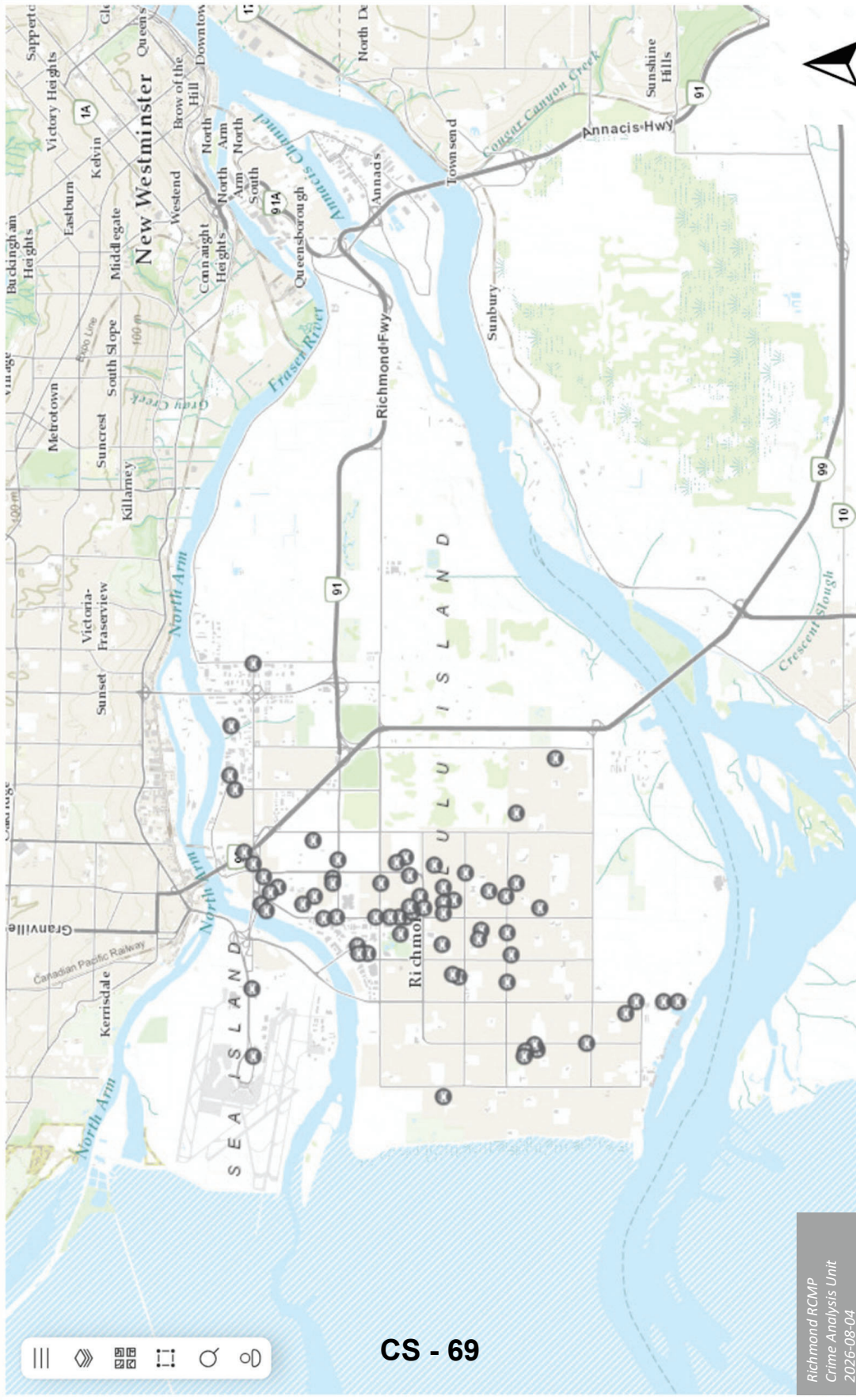
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Theft from Auto n = 74

Crime Map



Month

Year

July

2026

Crime Type

☐ AUTO THEFT
☐ BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS
☐ BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE
☒ THEFT FROM AUTO

Zone Count

2	22	48	2
RI1	RI2	RI3	RI4

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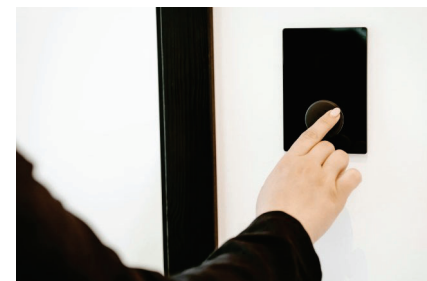
CRIME PREVENTION

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Knock, Knock, Who's There?

Imagine someone ringing your doorbell. What is your next step? Generally, people are curious to know who is at the door, but for some, ignoring the visitor has become a social norm. While ignoring the door is often meant to send a message that the household is busy or not accepting visitors, thieves view this lack of response as a clue that no one is home. Therefore, this article highlights the importance of actively responding to activity around your property.



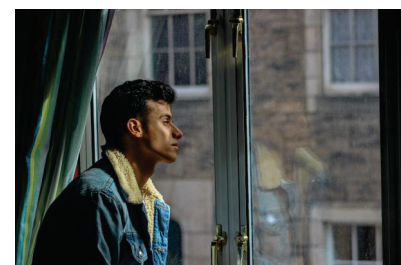
What might you hear or see around your home? – Some everyday sounds you might hear around your home include car alarms, door knocks, and doorbell chimes. While these sounds are usually ordinary, they can point to suspicious activity under certain conditions. In addition, sounds like alarms, breaking glass, loud bangs, or straining wood are indicators that a break-in may be occurring, which should prompt an immediate response. Lastly, some common visuals you might notice around your home are motion-sensor lights turning on or security camera notifications popping up on your phone screen.

Why should I acknowledge and check these sounds? – The sounds mentioned above let you know that someone is on your property or that something unusual is happening. Thieves will often ring a door bell simply to determine if the homeowner is present. If no one answers, it gives them the green light to proceed.

As a result, we recommend always acknowledging a person at the door. Let them know you are home and aware of their presence. You can do this safely by looking through a side window or talking through the closed door. If you are not at home, you may still acknowledge visitors through other means. Some security cameras and smart doorbells allows you to see and speak to visitors remotely. These tools put you at a distinct advantage because they show you are vigilant, while leaving the visitor in the dark about whether you are actually home.

Loud, unusual noises like breaking glass or loud bangs are strong indicators of a problem. For example, a sliding glass door being smashed and a wine glass falling to the ground have very distinct sound profiles and require different levels of urgency. Whenever you hear suspicious sounds, safely check their source. If you see anything suspicious, report it to the police immediately.

Why should I check these visuals? – Many security cameras send live notifications directly to your phone. How often do you actually look at these alerts? Have you received so many that you have become desensitized to them? If so, consider lowering your sensors' sensitivity or adjusting the camera's angle to reduce false alarms. Additionally, always check what triggered your motion-sensor lights. Your lights can tell you that someone or something is near. Safely check by looking through a window or utilizing your security cameras' feeds.



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E-Scooter Safety

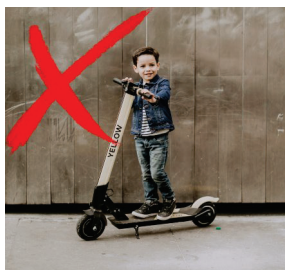
In June, a 12-year-old riding an e-scooter in North Vancouver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries following a collision with a vehicle. The RCMP issued a ticket to the child's guardian for allowing a person under the age of 16 to operate an electric kick scooter. A recent CBC article highlighted that e-scooter related injuries among children are on the rise, according to B.C. Children's Hospital. The hospital's emergency department saw 81 visits related to e-scooter use among children and youth from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. This number has more than doubled compared to the previous year. When surveyed about their accidents, only half of the injured riders reported wearing a helmet at the time of the incident. Furthermore, more than half admitted they were travelling above the maximum legal speed limit. The hospital also stated that 35% of the emergency visits involved fractures, 26% were for bruises and abrasions, and 17% involved concussions. While these statistics only reflect child injuries, and adult data will likely differ, the types of injuries sustained are often the same. Consequently, some cities have banned e-scooters on major roads and school properties. So, what are the rules in Richmond and how can you ride safely? Under the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project, E-scooters are legal in Richmond, but only under specific conditions.

In Richmond, the rider must be at least 16 years old and must wear a helmet at all times. E-scooters are permitted on bike lanes, shared pathways and local streets that have a speed limit of 50km/h or less. Regarding operating speeds, the maximum legal limit is 20 km/h on roads and 15 km/h on shared paths. Conversely, you are not allowed to ride e-scooters on sidewalks or unpaved trails. Lastly, carrying passengers is strictly prohibited. Fines for infractions range from \$95 to \$175.

Excessive speed and a lack of helmet use are the leading contributors to serious injuries. E-scooters and e-bikes travel much faster than regular kick scooters and pedal bikes. The faster you go, the longer it takes to stop, resulting in more severe impact due to the higher velocity. At lower speeds, riders and pedestrians have enough time to react and make safe decisions. Therefore, when riding your e-scooter, always slow down for your own safety, as well as for the safety of pedestrians and drivers. Furthermore, the design of an e-scooter gives it a higher center of gravity compared to a bike. When someone falls from an e-scooter, they tend to fall forward, often leading to facial or head injuries. An e-scooter's small wheels also make it highly vulnerable to bumps, rocks, and road debris. Thus, it is vital to always wear a properly fitted helmet. Lastly, as a rider, you share responsibility for road safety. Obey all traffic signs, follow the rules of the road, and use proper hand or electric signals to communicate your intentions to pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Based off what you learned above, can you identify why these images are correct or incorrect?

- 1: Riders must be at least 16 years old. 2: Person is riding with a helmet and shared pathway.
3: Person is riding without a helmet. 4: Two people are riding on an e-scooter with no helmet and on sidewalk.



Theft from Storage Lockers

Richmond Block Watch has noticed an increase in break-ins to apartment building storage lockers. Thieves often find their way inside because a resident drove or walked away before the garage gate or front door fully closed. In addition, some thieves simply buzz random units to gain entry. Once inside, they target common areas like mail and storage rooms. Unfortunately, many condos lack crime prevention tools or surveillance, making these rooms an easy target. To help protect your belongings, we want to highlight several tips to secure items within your storage locker.



Do not put items you deem to be “valuable” in the locker, such as important documents or expensive collectibles. If you must store it in the locker, ensure your items are not visible by putting it in a secure, non-transparent box. Depending on the design of your storage locker, thieves may be able to reach through gaps to grab items. If possible, consider hanging a shade cloth or tarp to block the view of contents. In addition, always use a high quality, tamper-proof lock. The lock is your first line of defense and acts as a visual deterrent to opportunistic thieves. Maintain an updated inventory of all stored belongings to assist in identification and recovery in the event of theft. Always ensure both your lock and the main storage room door are securely locked upon departure.

To Start a Block Watch Group

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

Select a Group Lead

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

Recruit and build your group

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

Complete activation of your team

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

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

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Lock Box Security Assessment

In a commercial setting, business owners benefit from using lockboxes to manage property access and streamline operations for their employees. While they are highly effective for transferring keys to different parties, they can be targets for thieves. During the last quarter, the Business Link office noticed a common trend in commercial break and enters that involved businesses using lockboxes. After gaining entry, the thieves would typically target cash registers or cash boxes. Therefore, we want to highlight the importance of lockbox security.



Invest in a high quality lockbox that has been tested to withstand high impacts, and ensure you follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper installation. Next, choose a discreet location that is not easily visible from the main street, such as near a side door or a back door. Make sure the lockbox is securely mounted to a wall or solid surface to eliminate a thief's ability to pry or pull it off entirely. Some businesses use pre-installed lock boxes outside their storefronts, perhaps left behind by a previous owner or built into the building's original design. Double check that these older units are correctly mounted to the wall and have not been compromised by natural wear and tear. Change the combination code regularly, especially if you have shared it with multiple people or if the paint on the buttons has started to fade, as it makes the code easier to guess.

Furthermore, perform regular maintenance on your lockbox. Ensure it remains in good working condition and cannot be easily defeated. If you notice any structural weaknesses, replace it as soon as possible. Periodically clean its mechanical components to prevent debris from accumulating and jamming the closing components. Lastly, consider adding secondary crime prevention tools such as security cameras and motion-sensor lights in the area. These tools not only keep eyes on your lockbox but also secure your main points of entry.

Please report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

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

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

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

