



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

CS-4 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on May 12, 2026.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

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

DELEGATIONS

1. (1) Dr. Meena Dawar, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, to present on overdoses and deaths from overdoses in Richmond.

ADDED

- (2) Richmond Fire-Rescue Emergency Programs Team to provide a presentation on the current state of the program, including the Emergency Operations Centre preparations in support of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer public engagement and preparedness.

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LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2026**

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

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See Page CS-31 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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

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See Page CS-38 for full report

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

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

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

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Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

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

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

7. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 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
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

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

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on April 14, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

The Chair advised that FIFA Planning update for Community Safety Committee will be added as Item No. 6A, and Seedlings Child Care Centre door security concern will be added at Item No. 6B to the agenda.

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **TOUCHSTONE FAMILY ASSOCIATION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OUTCOME EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2025**

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-01) (REDMS No. 8382523)

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In response to queries from Committee, Judy Valsonis, Executive Director, Touchstone Family Association (Touchstone), advised that (i) the Driver Diversion Program, administered by the Richmond RCMP, offers drivers the option to participate in the program instead of receiving a fine. Participants must meet strict completion requirements, and facilitators receive extensive training, (ii) although referral numbers were higher before the pandemic, they have steadily rebuilt over the past several years, showing increasing consistency and renewed engagement each year, (iii) all referrals to the Restorative Justice (RJ) program come directly from the RCMP, and (vi) 85 percent of individuals referred to the RJ Program did not reoffend.

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) ICBC's participation in the Driver Diversion program, (ii) increasing awareness and engagement through the business community's participation and partnership (iii) program participation and trends over the last 12 years, (iv) expanding the Driver Diversion program into schools, and (v) the cost of the program being comparatively lower versus the costs associated to taking cases to court.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "Touchstone Family Association Restorative Justice Annual Performance Outcome Evaluation Report for 2025" from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, dated April 16, 2026, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MARCH 2026**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8377406)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that the Canada Post strike was a factor in the delayed licence renewals. Renewal deadlines were extended, reminder emails and follow-ups were sent to residents in arrears, and 900 new sign-ups were secured, with related revenue reflected in future reporting.

Discussion ensued with respect to the removal of the Richmond Hospital parking structure and the resulting increase in hospital visitors parking at the Gateway Theatre, where parking rates are higher.

As a result of the discussion the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff explore options for parking rate reductions at the Gateway Theatre outside of event or performance hours, and report back.

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The question on the referral motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to (i) exploring parking rates comparable to Richmond Hospital's rate or other options to help reduce costs for families, (ii) staff efforts to accommodate parking overflow from the hospital, and (iii) looking at options for possible free parking such as what was offered during the pandemic when the Province had waived parking fees for the hospital.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) 241 parking permits have been allocated to hospital staff, (ii) the parking rate is \$3 an hour at the Gateway Theatre, and (iii) staff can analyze parking volume data by time.

The question on the **referral motion** was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report - March 2026", from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, dated April 17, 2026, be received for information.

CARRIED

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

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8378210)

Discussion ensued with respect to a breakdown of the "other overdose incidents" reported in March and any related trends or triggers.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – March 2026", from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, dated April 13, 2026, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

None

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MARCH 2026**

(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8355433)

Chief Supt. Chauhan noted a correction to page 72 in the Executive Summary of the report which reads "...over 100 arrests from a joint human trafficking initiative". The narrative should read "...over 100 individuals were communicated with from a joint human trafficking initiative".

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In response to queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan noted that (i) RCMP members and volunteers regularly engage with businesses through business outreach and community forums, encouraging reporting of all retail offences, (ii) retail theft complaints have increased from just over 800 in 2022 to approximately 1,600 in 2025, reflecting improved communication with the business community, enforcement efforts, and the use of online reporting tools. (iii) the RCMP maintains ongoing coordination with law enforcement partners through regular information sharing and intelligence exchange. Agencies also receive intelligence and safety bulletins to support awareness of emerging risks and public safety issues, (iii) there are currently 25 prolific retail theft offenders on curfew conditions, with investigators conducting regular residence checks to ensure compliance, and (v) the Crime Severity Index, developed by Statistics Canada, measures both the volume and severity of crimes using weighted values for each offence type. Based on 2024 data released in July 2025, Richmond's index decreased by 13.41%. Richmond continues to maintain one of the lowest violent crime rates.

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) Richmond RCMP partnerships with other agencies, (ii) BC Counter Human Trafficking Unit and Richmond RCMP joint operation targeting individuals using online platforms to arrange transactions involving sexual services, (iii) significant decline in social disorder calls, (iv) distracted driving violations, (v) the Crime Prevention Booklet's spring checklist recommendation to improve home visibility by installing bright lighting. Chief Supt. Chauhan noted that he will discuss potential health concerns related to bright lights with the Block Watch Coordinator, and (vi) the importance of the Communications Unit providing public safety and crime-prevention messaging to enhance community awareness of policing-related issues.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – March 2026", dated April 18, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Sgt David Au who oversees the Economic Crime Unit, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1) spoke to how the Richmond RCMP responds to fraud related complaints in Richmond, highlighting that that Economic Crime Unit falls under the organized crime unit umbrella comprised of seven members and their mandate is to investigate financial crimes of complex and or multi-jurisdictional/sensitive in nature that are perpetuated by crime groups and organized crime.

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Councillor Wolfe left the meeting via teleconference (5:04 p.m.) and did not return.

6A. FIFA PLANNING UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

It was noted that a staff memorandum titled FIFA Planning Update for Community Safety Committee was provided to Council (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2) highlighting the regional planning work and the potential impacts on Richmond resulting from the FIFA World Cup 26 period, from June 11 to July 19, 2026 as well as preparatory measures being undertaken.

Chief Supt. Chauhan highlighted security measures for the event coordinated with the BC RCMP Security Coordination and Operation Response (SCOR 26 unit). He advised that (i) a local operational security plan is in place, including a detachment-based operations centre running daily June 8 to July 15 from 6 a.m. to midnight to support the scheduled events and ensure public safety, (ii) the plan is developed in coordination with partners including Richmond Fire-Rescue, City planners, and the Community Engagement team, with sufficient resources allocated and a focus on visible, efficient policing, and (iii) Vancouver International Airport as a FIFA Venue, operates under a separate but similarly robust security plan.

Acting Fire Chief Grant Wyenberg, spoke to the Richmond Fire Rescue (RFR) FIFA operational plan, developed in coordination with Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver International Airport, and Vancouver Fire Rescue Services highlighting that (i) RFR's primary role is to ensure the safety of Richmond residents, while also supporting operations at YVR if required, (ii) a review of the hazmat program has been completed with 75% of staff currently trained and 90% expected by the end of May 2026, and (iii) trucks will have mass triage capabilities, site visits identified access points, and a scalable contingency and operations plans will be in place.

6B. SEEDLINGS CHILD CARE CENTRE DOOR SECURITY CONCERN

Discussion ensued with respect to the change from a FOB scanner to push-button security at the Seedlings Child Care Centre. Families expressed concerns about reduced access control and unapproved individuals entering the daycare, and requested reinstatement of the FOB system.

As a result of the discussion the following **motion** was introduced:

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It was moved and seconded

Re-install the security job to reinstate the same security level as was originally provided to the Seedlings Childcare.

CARRIED

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:30 p.m.).

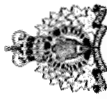
CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
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meeting of Richmond City
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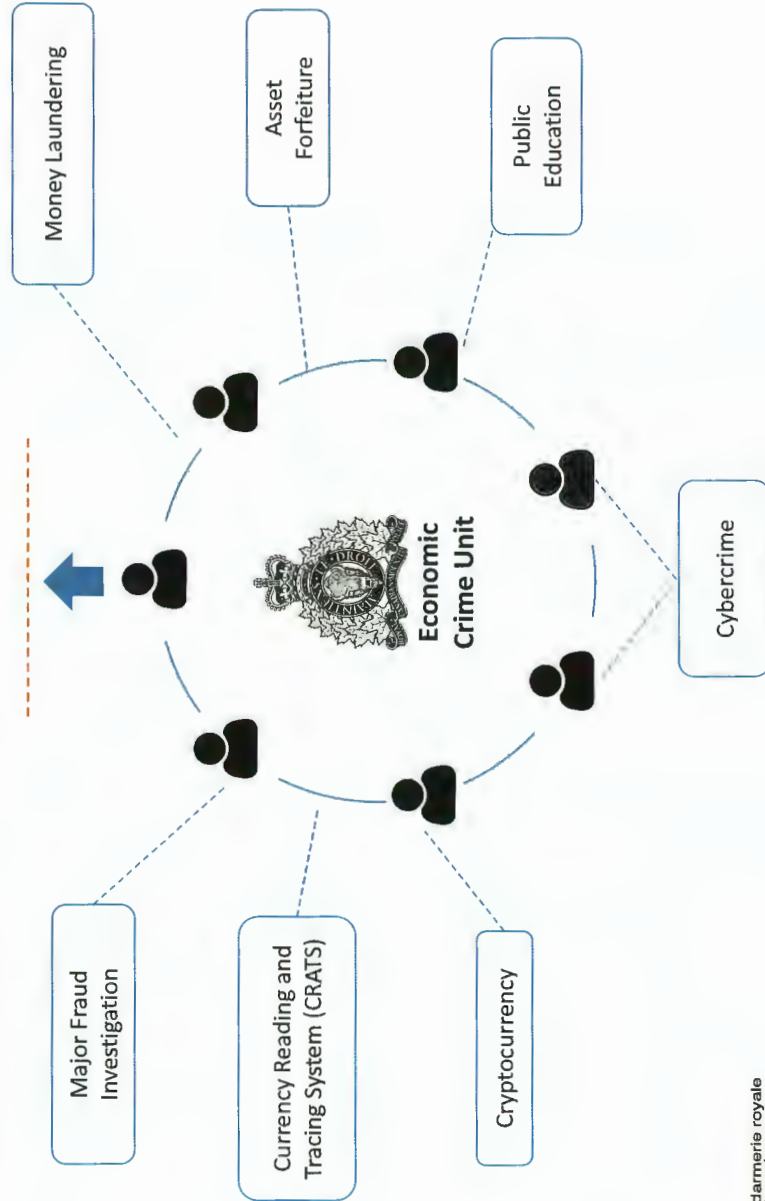
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Richmond RCMP Economic Crime Unit

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Who We Are

Organized Crime Unit



Economic Crime Unit Mandate

- Investigate financial crimes of complex and or multi-jurisdictional/sensitive in nature that are perpetrated by crime groups and organized crime.
- Money Laundering Investigations
- Asset Forfeiture – CFO Referral
- Assist General Duty in their fraud investigations
- Crime Prevention including outreach initiatives and public education
- Cryptocurrency Investigations (Cybercrime Unit)



Economic Crime Investigations

- Internal fraud – accountants/employees
- Mortgage fraud
- Investment fraud
- Payment card offences
- Cheque fraud
- Identity theft / fraud
- Scams, Telemarketing
- Account take overs
- Cryptocurrency Investigations (Cybercrime Unit)
- Ransomware (Cybercrime Unit)



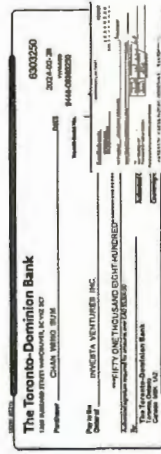
Success Stories RCMP File 2024-36807

- Richmond victim lost \$72,000.00 CAD worth of cryptocurrency in an investment scam.
- ECU conducted a cryptocurrency trace of where funds were sent to which revealed 4 million USDT believed to be proceeds of crime.
- Through cryptocurrency tracing, ECU further identified five additional wallets belonging to suspects and restrained \$20.5M CAD in crypto assets.
- ECU is working collaboratively with the US Secret Service and have identified over 2100 victims globally. 39 of these victims are Canadian.
- Goal is to seize the restrained \$20.5M and return funds back to victims.



Success Stories RCMP File 2024-5728

- Fraudulent purchase of 16 vehicles using fake bank drafts and false identities reported.
- Multiple Search Warrants executed and four suspects arrested.
- Fraudulent identification cards, thousands of stolen identity documents, electronic devices, computers and printer used to manufacture forgeries seized.
- Crown Counsel charged three main suspects with 30 counts surrounding Fraud Over \$5000, Identity Documents, and Instructing Commission of Offence for Criminal Organization.
- Investigators recovered 10 of the vehicles which were returned to rightful owners.



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Success Stories RCMP File 2024-5728

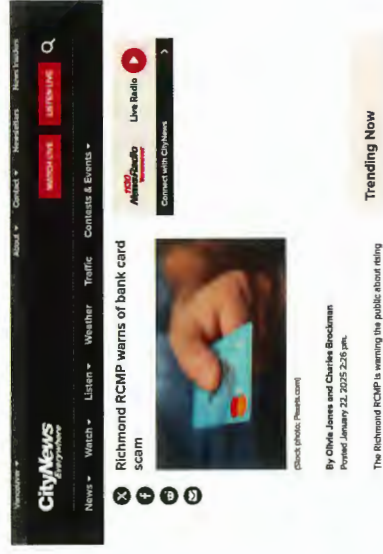


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Current Trends: In-Person Credit Card Pick Ups - RCMP File 2025-12541

- Victim receives phone call from scammer posing as bank employee advising your debit/credit cards have been compromised.
- Scammers send a courier to pick up the credit cards from you and use it to purchase expensive computer equipment and conduct cash withdrawals.
- Two individuals arrested and multiple search warrants executed.
- Disrupted the criminal network which revealed they are operating from Eastern Canada.
- ECU working collaboratively with Calgary Police Service as the organized crime group conducted offences in Calgary after they left BC.



Outreach Initiatives

- March 29, 2026 - T&T Lansdowne
- Collaboration with the BC Financial Services Authority



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Outreach Initiatives

- T&T Lansdowne
- Collaboration with Richmond RCMP's Crime Prevention Unit & Volunteers



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Outreach Initiatives

- Lansdowne Centre Atrium
- Huge Community Event



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- Kwantlen Seniors Forum



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Outreach Initiatives

- Yaohan Centre




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Outreach Initiatives

- Richmond Night Market



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Outreach Initiatives

• City of Richmond Tax Inserts

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Invest through legitimate means:
 Investez par des moyens légitimes: Investir dans le cryptomonnaie ne peut être considéré comme un investissement légitime si vous n'avez pas fait vos recherches.

Private sales can be risky:
 Les ventes privées peuvent être risquées: confirmer l'authenticité des biens avant de les acheter est crucial.

Phone scams:
 Les appels téléphoniques frauduleux: ne divulguer aucune information personnelle à des personnes inconnues.

Foreign police investigations:
 Les enquêtes policières étrangères: ne pas donner de renseignements personnels à des personnes qui ne sont pas des agents de la police canadiens.

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BEWARE OF ONLINE ROMANCE AND INVESTMENT SCAMS
Protégez votre cœur et votre portefeuille

HOW IT HAPPENS

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

ATTENTION AUX ESCROQUERIES SENTIMENTALES ET AUX FRAUDES LIÉES À L'INVESTISSEMENT EN
Protégez votre cœur et votre portefeuille

COMMENT ÇA SE PASSE

QUE FAIRE SI VOUS ÊTES VICTIME

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ON TABLE ITEM

Date: May 12, 2026
Meeting: Comm-Safety
Item: PA.

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Memorandum

Law and Community Safety Division
Richmond Fire-Rescue, Emergency Programs

To: Tony Capuccinello Iraci
GM, Law and Community Safety
Date: May 12, 2026
From: Brennan MacLachlan
Program Manager, Emergency Programs
File: 09-5125-01/2025-Vol 01
Re: **FIFA Planning Update For Community Safety Committee**

The purpose of this memo is to inform the General Manager, Community Safety about the regional planning work and the potential impacts on Richmond resulting from the FIFA World Cup '26 (FIFA) period, from June 11 to July 19, 2026, as well as the preparatory measures being undertaken by staff.

Emergency Response and Support

To date, Emergency Programs (EP) has participated in several training exercises with both the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and the Vancouver Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) to ensure proper lines of communication, response protocols, and preparation for likely potential incidents. In addition, EP staff have been facilitating a comprehensive training program for the City's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) staff. This program has involved self-paced online learning and in-person workshops to develop skills and familiarity with the EOC roles and responsibilities, and the City's Emergency Response procedures and plans. There will be a final confirmation exercise on May 12, with the scenario centred on a public health issue coupled with extreme heat/smoke advisories, developed in cooperation with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC). For the tournament period, between 11 June 2026 and July 19, 2026, the EOC at City Hall, in room M.2004, will be staffed on the day before and on match days, for select community events, and otherwise on standby. Dates, staffing, and event details can be found in Attachment 1.

To ensure clear communication and eliminate redundancies between the City and external agencies for messages specifically related to FIFA26, Table 1 depicts the information flow, with solid lines representing primary pathways and dotted lines indicating backup pathways. To support timely and accurate information flow, an Emergency Programs Coordinator is assigned as the liaison officer to VEMA and will be physically present in the VEMA EOC on match days and the day before. Critical information updates will be compiled and submitted daily as a minimum on operational days, and as circumstances or by request, by the EP Duty Officer on non-operational days. Essentially, the EOC will serve as the central hub for coordinating, analyzing, and disseminating information about FIFA26-related incidents from June 11 to July 19. The EP Duty Officer can be contacted 24/7 at: (604) 204-8616 or epdutyofficer@richmond.ca.

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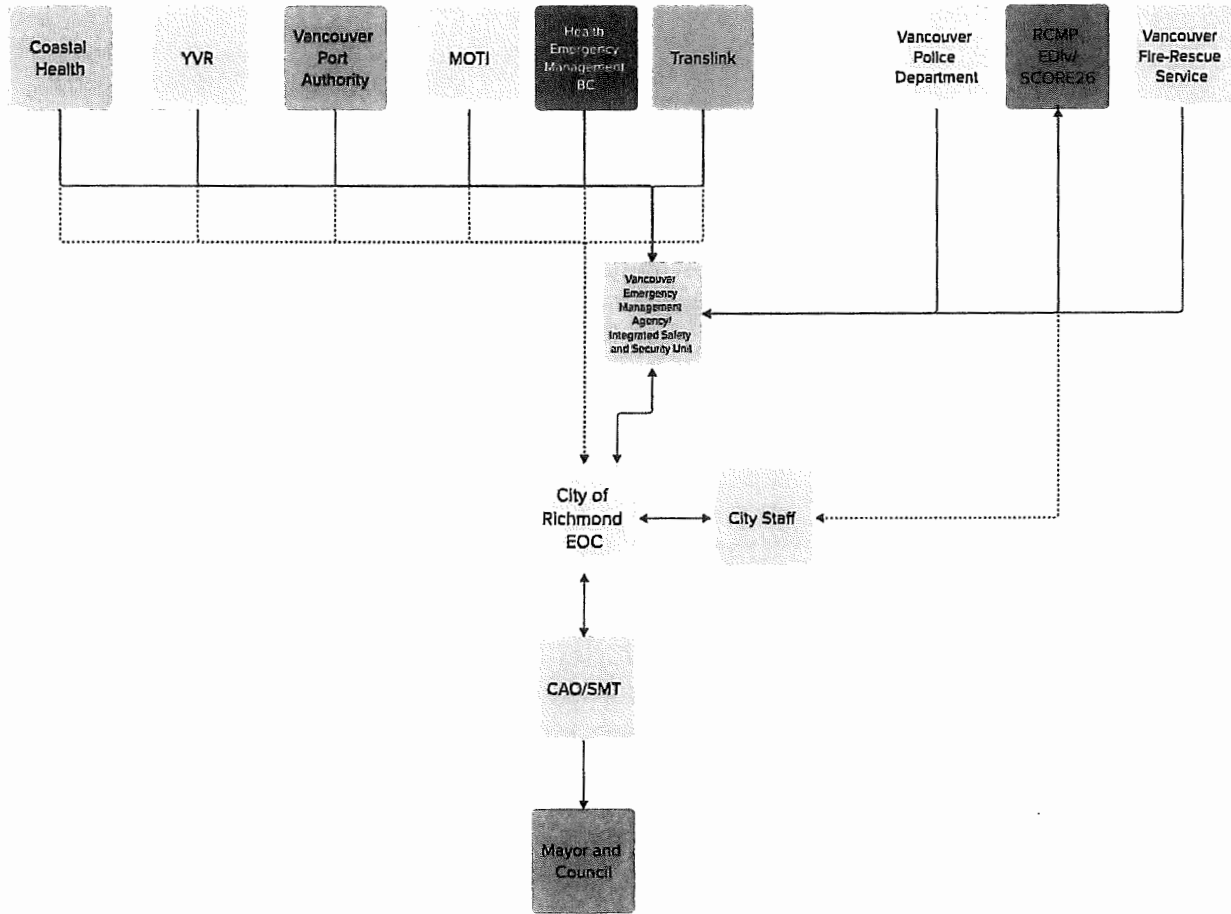
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Table 1:

FIFA Communications Flow



Transportation

Staff are currently collecting baseline traffic data in advance of the event and will monitor changes in traffic volume during and after each game date. Traffic operations at gateway intersections will also be monitored during the event, and signal timing will be adjusted as needed to improve traffic flow into and out of Richmond.

Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

Staff met with YVR’s FIFA Operations Manager on April 14, 2026, to establish lines of communication and discuss the airport’s FIFA-related planning. YVR anticipates passenger volumes will increase by approximately 10% above typical June and July levels during the two to five days before and after each game. However, these volumes are expected to remain below the peak levels normally experienced in August. YVR noted that the anticipated operational impacts are expected to be comparable to those experienced during the Taylor Swift concert in December 2024.

YVR also advised that RCMP-escorted motorcades will transport dignitaries and competing teams travelling from the airport to downtown Vancouver. While no full road closures are planned, temporary rolling lane and intersection closures will be required to allow motorcades to pass, after which normal traffic operations will resume. Based on current planning, YVR does not anticipate impacts to roads within Richmond.

Tourism Industry and Business Community Impacts

There is a lot of optimism in the regional tourism market about the event and the exposure it will bring to the region during FIFA, as well as potentially increased activity in the years following the games. It is expected that 350,000 ticketed fans will come to Vancouver for matches, with an additional 700,000 expected to visit the region during the FIFA period.

Hotel demand in the Metro Vancouver region is proving uneven to date. Hotel costs in the region are high, currently the highest among World Cup host cities. FIFA has cancelled an estimated 70%-80% of its group room blocks across all host cities, and hotels are starting to release many of these rooms. This will open inventory bookings and will accommodate more of the leisure market, including World Cup fans. Prices are expected to remain high.

Global and national visitors to the region will likely include prospective investors, and the Government of BC and Invest Vancouver are in the early stages of planning how best to showcase the region to these business visitors. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Tourism Richmond is offering a FIFA World Cup-specific grant program, the Summer Soccer Tournament – Tourism Support Grant, which provides Tourism Richmond Partners with up to \$1,000 to help offset the costs of business decorations, soccer-themed installations, and promotion of soccer-themed activities. As of April 20, 11 Partners had applied, including hotels, attractions, restaurants, and game rooms, and this number is expected to grow.

It is anticipated that local businesses will benefit from increased customer traffic during this period, especially those connected to or adjacent to the tourism industry, including restaurants, retail, and attractions. Continued easy road and transit access to local businesses will be important during this period.

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If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.



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Program Manager, Emergency Programs
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Att: 1 EOC Staffing and Activation Schedule

pc: Lloyd Bie, Director, Transportation
Katie Ferland, Director, Business Services
Ed Warzel, Director, Police Services
Jim Wishlove, Fire Chief, Fire Rescue
Mark Corrado, Director, Comm Bylaws & Licensing
Jason Kita, Director, IGR & Corporate & Strategic Planning

Attachment 1: EOC Staffing and Activation Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Staffing	Staffing Functions
June 11	09:00 – 16:00	EOC Kickoff/set up day)	18 people	Command and General Staff
June 12	10:00 – 17:30	Richmond Kicks @ Richmond Olympic Oval	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 13	18:00 – 03:00	1st FIFA match @ BC Place	8 people	Command and Section Chiefs only
June 14	10:00-18:00	Hamilton Soccer Slam @ Hamilton Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 17	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 18	12:00 – 20:00	Golden Boot Gathering @ Minoru Centre For Active Living Plaza	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 20	09:00 – 13:00	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 21	16:00 – 23:00	City Centre Celebrates Soccer @ Garden City Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 23	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 24	10:00 – 17:00	Community Soccer Fest Soccer @ Thompson Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 25	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 26	18:00 – 01:00	NZ vs. Belgium @ BC Place	8 people	Command and Section Chiefs only
June 30	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Canada Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 1	08:00 – 20:00	Canada Day/Steveston Salmon Festival	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 2	18:00 – 01:00	FIFA round of 32 @ BC Place	8 people	Command and Section Chiefs only
July 6	08:15 – 12:15	South Arm – United by Soccer @ South Arm Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 7	11:00 – 17:00	Cambie Kick Off @ King George/Cambie Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 11	12:00-21:30	Burkeville Soccer Celebration @ Burkeville Neighbourhood Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 14	09:00-17:00	West Semifinals Viewing Party @ Hugh Boyd Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 18	09:00 – 13:00	Steveston Watch Party @ Steveston Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 19	11:00 – 18:00	Richmond Celebrates Soccer @ Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park	11 people	Command and General Staff



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: May 15, 2026

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

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

Re: **Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report - April 2026**

Staff Recommendation

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

Executive Summary

This Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report - April 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:

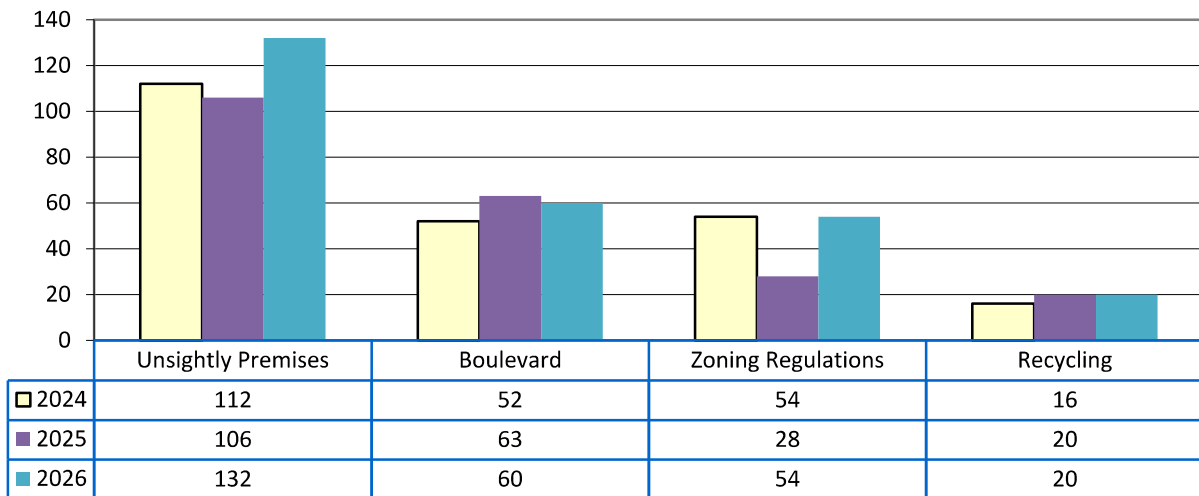
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Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In April 2026, a total of 120 calls for service were opened for investigation, which represented a 26.3 percent increase (95) from the same period last year. Complaints related to boulevard maintenance and unsightly premises accounted for the largest number of calls at 42.5 percent; however, 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.

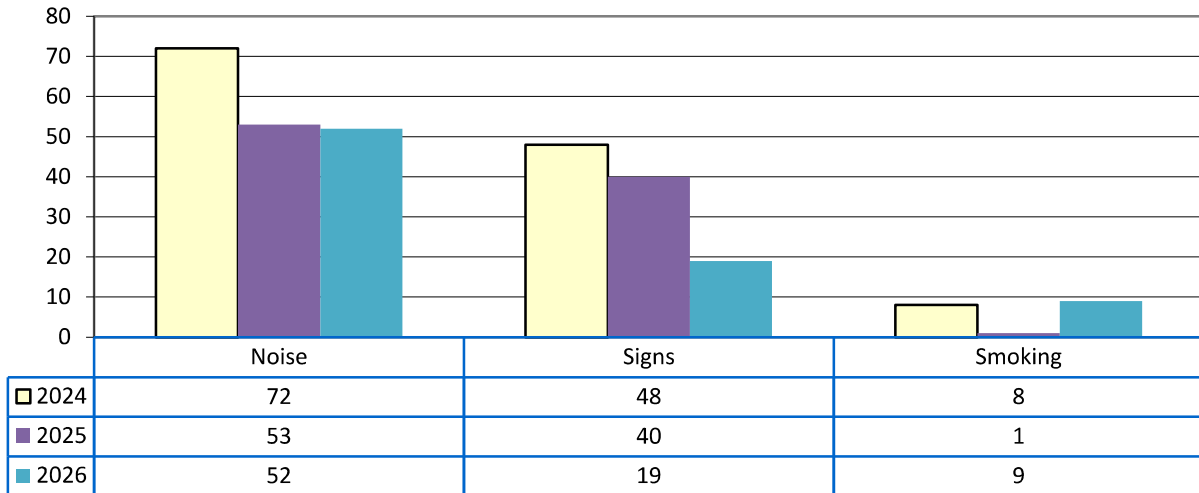
Figure 1: Property Use Calls for Service - April Year-To-Date Comparison



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 - April 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 104 site inspections in the month of April.

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

- 4280 River Rd
- 8191 No. 6 Rd
- 8600 Steveston Hwy
- 11400 No 2 Rd

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 5988 Blanshard Dr
- 9651 No. 6 Rd
- 11811 Blundell Rd
- 9655 No. 6 Rd
- 17400 Fedoruk
- 9391 Lasko St

There are approximately 28 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process and staff continue to monitor 17 approved sites. Staff are currently addressing approximately 61 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

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

Parking Enforcement

In April, staff responded to 459 calls for service, representing a 9 percent increase compared to the same period last year (421 calls). Complaints related to 72-hour parking violations saw the largest increase, rising by 41 percent, with 102 calls compared to 72 during the same period last year. Most of these service calls were from residents reporting unfamiliar vehicles parked for extended periods in their neighbourhoods. Officers followed up to ensure there were no immediate safety concerns and to verify compliance with the bylaw.

Parking enforcement revenue increased by 10.3 percent, primarily driven by increased proactive parking patrols. The number of parking violations also increased by 37.4 percent, reflecting proactive patrols in targeted areas. 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)

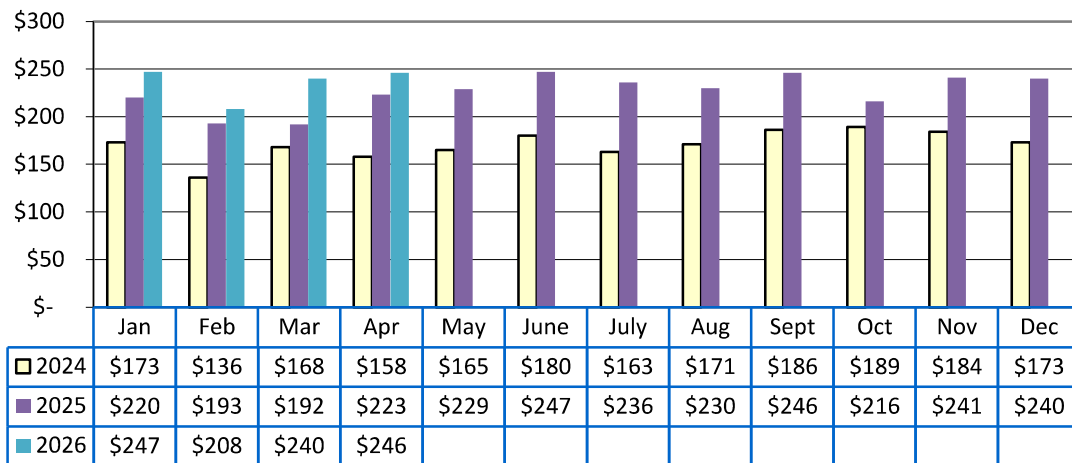
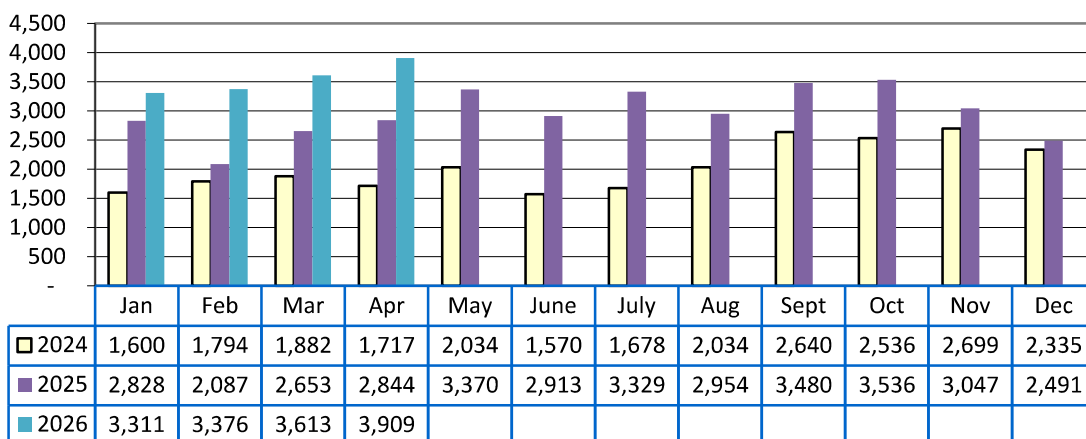


Figure 4: Parking Violation Issuance Comparison



Animal Protection and Dog Licencing

For the month of April, 437 valid dog licences were issued, including both new applications and renewals. This represents 6.5 percent of the 6,648 licences on record from the previous year. Year to date, a total of 4,692 dogs has been licensed under the 2026 dog licensing program, accounting for 70.5 percent of last year’s total. Given that early discount renewal rate is effective until May 31. Staff continue to follow up on outstanding accounts that have not yet renewed or provided a status update.

In April, BC SPCA Officers responded to 128 calls for service related to animal control and dog licensing violations. Officers also proactively conducted 105 park patrols across various parks, dikes, and school grounds. The most frequently patrolled locations included Gilbert Beach, Garry Point Park, South Arm Park, West Dyke Trail, J.N. Burnett Secondary and Kingswood Elementary. In addition to enforcement activities, these patrols serve an important educational role by increasing public awareness and promoting compliance with animal control regulations.

Ticketing

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

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance (BVN’s & MTI’s)	April	YTD
Animal/Dog Licencing Offences	9	46
Zoning Offences	4	113
Building Regulation Offences	3	59
Noise Offences	2	8
Parks Offences	2	11
Sign Offences	2	11
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	1	34
Unsightly Premises Offences	1	14
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	0
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Demolition Waste and Recyclable Materials Offences	0	0
Regulation of Material on Highways Offences	0	6
Watering Offences	0	0
Total	24	302

Bylaw Adjudication

No adjudication hearings were scheduled for the month of April. 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 during Q2 and Q3, contributing to higher revenue during the summer construction season. In addition, Parking Enforcement revenue remains driven by the City’s pay parking program, supported by steady ticketing activity and monthly permits. Animal Services revenue is supported by the dog licensing program, with increased compliance resulting from prior years’ proactive account audits and canvassing initiatives.

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

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

		YTD Budget April 2026	YTD Actual April 2026
Property Use	Revenue ¹	\$162,994	\$95,733
	Expenses	\$650,308	\$498,497
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$487,314)	(\$402,764)
Parking	Revenue ²	\$772,618	\$946,000
	Expenses	\$750,378	\$809,882
	Net Revenue (Expense)	\$22,240	\$136,118
Animal Protection	Revenue ³	\$228,440	\$170,331
	Expenses	\$495,634	\$484,444
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(\$267,194)	(\$314,113)

Budgetary Implications

None.

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

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

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

Conclusion

Staff and contracted service providers administer and enforce 41 unique bylaws, covering a diverse range of various regulated community activities and 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 April.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Corrado, Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing

Report Contributors

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Endorsed by Serena Lusk, CAO



To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** May 11, 2026
From: Anthony Capuccinello Iraci **File:** 09-5140-01/2025-Vol
General Manager, Law and Community Safety 01
Re: **Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2026**

Staff Recommendation

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

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 April 2026.

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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 April 2026 incidents¹:

Structure Fire on No. 3 Road.

On April 11, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on No. 3 Road. The first-in apparatus responded to the report of a fire in the awning of a commercial store located on No. 3 Road. Upon arrival crews observed flames and heavy smoke above the main entrance. On-Scene crews attacked and quickly extinguished the fire. The crews checked for fire extension and found that the fire had not extended into the building. A Fire Investigator attended to identify the cause and origin of the fire. RCMP attended the scene.

Vehicle Incident on River Road

On April 14, RFR emergency crews responded to a car in a ditch on River Road. The first-in apparatus found a vehicle partly submerged in a ditch on the south side of River Road. The crews were able to remove the passenger from the vehicle. BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) staff responded and assisted with patient care. One lane of River Road was temporarily closed while the vehicle was removed.

Hazardous Materials Incident on Brunswick Drive

On April 16, RFR emergency crews responded to a report of a gas leak at an elementary school. The first-in apparatus located a main gas line that had been damaged and confirmed a natural gas leak. The gas line to the school was shut off and the school was ventilated. A Fortis BC representative attended the scene to investigate. Fortis BC later declared that the building was clear of any dangerous levels of gas. School staff called for the students to be picked up early due to a slight smell of gas in the building.

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

Structure Fire on Bennett Road

On April 23, RFR emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Bennett Road. The first-in apparatus observed a ground fire outside the building in addition to the fire located on a 3rd floor balcony. RFR crews quickly extinguished the exterior fire and then proceeded inside the building to the 3rd floor. When crews reached the unit with the balcony fire, it was discovered the door was locked and the occupant inside was refusing entry to RFR crews. RCMP attended the scene. Prior to RCMP arrival a second occupant of the unit provided a key to gain access. Once crews gained access, the fire was quickly extinguished. Richmond Emergency Support Services was notified to provide support for the displaced residents.

Emergency Response

Table 1 provides incident data and comparisons for April 2025 and April 2026. In April 2026, there were 1,030 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall decrease of 2 per cent compared to the previous year.

Table 1: Total Incidents - April 2026					
	Incident Totals April (2026)	Incident Totals April (2025)	Number Change from April 2025 to 2026	Percentage Change from April 2025 to 2026	5 Year Average for April
Active Alarm	143	156	-13	-8	145
Explosion	0	0	-	-	-
Fire	49	45	+4	+9	42
Hazardous Materials	5	10	-5	-50	5
Medical	562	573	-11	-2	522
Motor Vehicle Incident	64	84	-20	-24	76
Public Hazard	9	8	+1	+13	8
Public Service	98	86	+12	+14	84
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	96	85	+11	+13	72
Specialized Transport	4	3	+1	+33	2
Technical Rescue	0	0	-	-	-
Total	1,030	1,050	-20	-2	957

The average time on scene for emergency response crews in April 2026 was 27 minutes per event, the average time on scene in April 2025 was 29 minutes. The time spent on the scene can vary due to the complexity and severity of each incident.

In April 2026, 49 fire incidents were reported to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, up from 45 in April 2025. The average number of fires reported each April over the last five years is 42.

Fire damage and property losses during April 2026 are estimated at \$18,175. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated at \$544,010, and the total value preserved from damage is \$525,835. These numbers translate to 97 per cent of the value protected (Table 2).

Table 2: Fire Incidents By Type and Loss Estimates - April 2026						
Incident Type Breakdown	Incident Volume	Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)	Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)
Single Family Residence	4	261,100	4,500	182,760	-	439,360
Multi-Family Residence	3	17,500	1,000	-	-	16,500
Commercial	3	66,000	3,500	-	-	62,500
Outdoor	35	8,650	1,175	-	-	7,475
Vehicle/Vessel	4	8,000	8,000	-	-	-
Totals²	49	361,250	18,175	182,760	-	525,835

RFR Public Outreach & Education

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

- April 16 - Fire and life safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” was provided to a K/1 class of 23 students from Whiteside Elementary for completion of the online education program.
- April 18 - FireSmart education and awareness initiatives information presentation was given at the Richmond Public Library. The education booth was set up at the Richmond Public Library with information for homeowners and books for children. Over 85 attendees visited the booth.
- April 22 - Fire and life safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” was provided to a K/1 class of 22 students from McKay Elementary for completion of the online education program.
- April 23 - Fire and life safety educational hall visit was provided to three classes of students from Tomsett Elementary for completion of the online education program. Over 66 students visited Cambie Fire Hall No 3.
- April 24 - Fire and life safety educational visit with the “Big Rig” was provided to a K/1 class of 21 students from McKinney Elementary for completion of the online education program.

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

- April 25 - A fire and life safety presentation was given to Imperial Grand Strata group, including discussions and questions about fire safety inside their building, test fire drills and voluntary resident evacuations. Over 100 residents attended.
- April 29 - Fire and life safety educational hall tour of Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1 was provided to 40 Air Cadets providing information on smoke detectors, cooking at home and the medical ID program. Over 66 students visited Cambie Fire Hall No 3.

Emergency Programs

There was one Emergency Support Services (ESS) response for April 2026. One person was supported for a total of 3 nights through the Provincial ESS program.

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

- April 1 – Completed the Connect & Prepare facilitator training for Building Resilient Neighborhoods Connect & Prepare program. Delivery of the first workshop is planned for the Fall in partnership with staff from the Richmond Family Place.
- April 1 – Hosted an Emergency Programs information booth to reach community members who were attending the Burning of the Chametz event held at Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1. Attendees were provided with information on personal preparedness. Approximately 15-20 members of the public attended.
- April 1 & 2 – To strengthen inter-agency operational consistency staff delivered Incident Command Safety (ICS) 200 training, alongside the Delta Police Department. This cross-agency training will enable staff to deliver ICS 200 training courses to City Staff going forward.
- April 10 & 27 – Provided radio equipment support to major events including the Cherry Blossom Festival at Garry Point on April 10 (35 radios), and to the Ships to Shore Program on April 27 (82 radios).
- April 11 – Facilitated an Emergency Support Services training exercise with Canadian Red Cross at Sea Island Community Centre. Volunteers simulated setting up a reception center with the associated actions and support services in scenario to emulate the response to an apartment fire. There were more than 25 attendees.
- April 16 – Participated in a “Final Whistle” tabletop emergency exercise at Vancouver International Airport. The exercise transitioned to a debrief and evaluation session, supporting inter-agency coordination and airport-related emergency preparedness.

- April 16 - Provided support to a Canadian Red Cross emergency preparedness presentation for a senior's group of 30 attendees with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Staff assisted with answering questions from attendees related to emergency preparedness and provided printed materials from Prepared BC in both English and Chinese languages.
- April 17 & 19 – Participated in training and knowledge-sharing sessions focused on Emergency Support Services coordination, evacuation support, and volunteer management. Team members attended the 2026 Network of Emergency Support Services Teams conference in Kamloops, to strengthening connections with emergency management partners across British Columbia.
- April 20 – Participated in a Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Operations tour to gain insight into port operations, emergency preparedness, and incident management structures. This opportunity highlighted inter-agency coordination, risk considerations, and response protocols relevant to municipal emergency management and large-scale incidents impacting port lands and surrounding communities.
- April 22, 29 – Designed a curriculum delivered over two full day workshops to develop the City's All-Hazards Incident Management Team and prepare to support the City for any emergency events during the Richmond Celebrates Soccer period (June 11 to July 19). These workshops emphasized applied incident management principles, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) roles and responsibilities, the EOC planning process, and walk-through scenario training.
- April 24 – Attended a Justice Institute of BC course for Emergency Operations Centre Planning, hosted by TransLink. Staff were able to complete this training in preparation of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer activities. The training provided the opportunity to work collaboratively and gain familiarity with partners at TransLink to work through an emergency scenario, strengthening the relationship with this external partner.

Budgetary Implications

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

Conclusion

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wishlove, Richmond Fire-Rescue

Report Contributors

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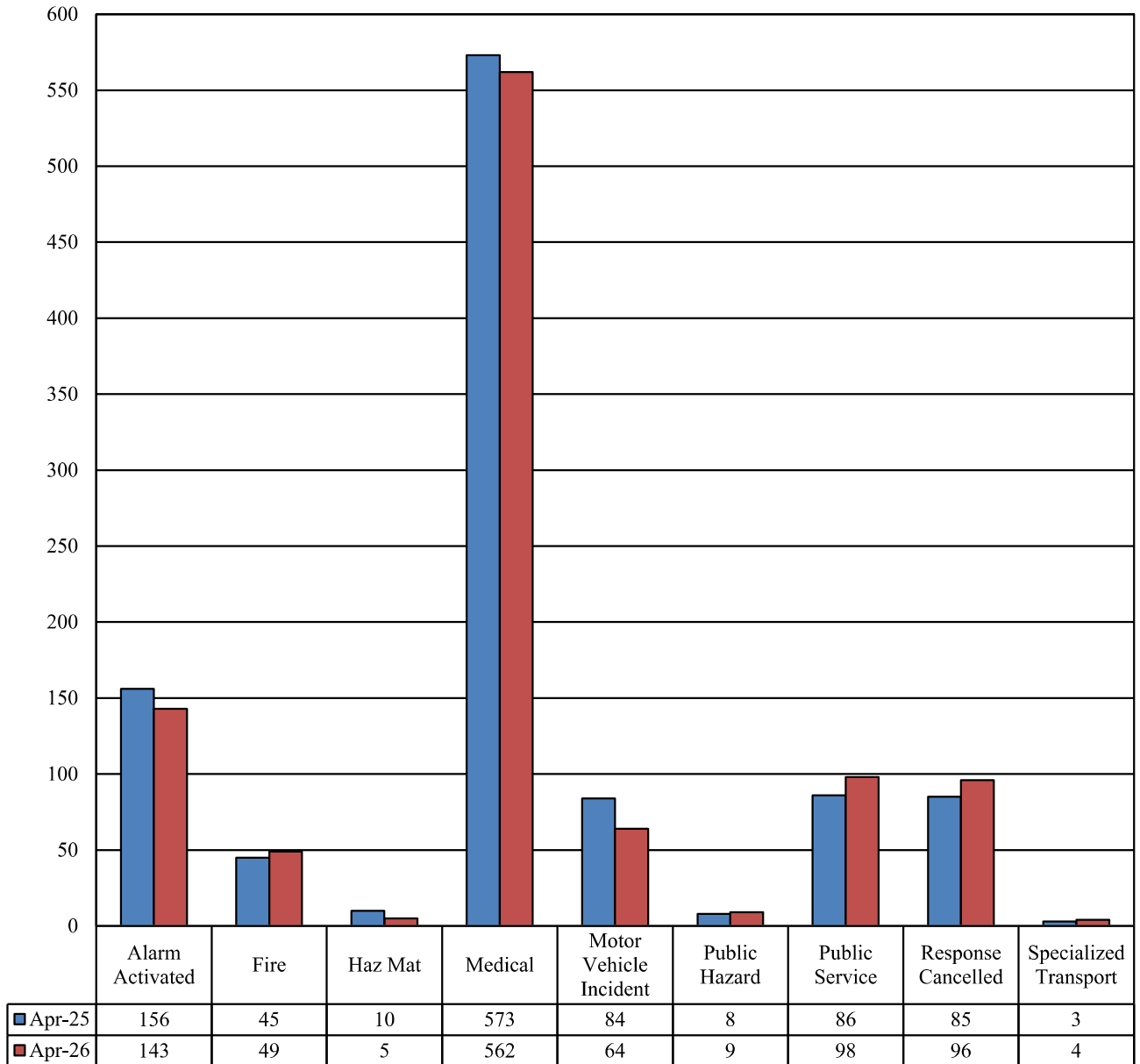
Att. 1 – Emergency Response Activity for April 2026

Emergency Response Activity for April 2026

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison of incidents occurring in April 2025 and 2026. In April 2026, there were 1,030 total incidents, compared to 1,050 in April 2025. This represents a decrease of 2 per cent between last year and 2026.

Table 3: April 2025 & April 2026 Incident Volumes



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

First Responder Totals

Medical first-responder incidents accounted for 55 per cent of the total emergency responses from RFR during April 2026. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for April 2025 and 2026, by sub-type, is set out in the following table. There were 562 medical incidents in April 2026 compared to 573 in April 2025, a decrease of 2 per cent.

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

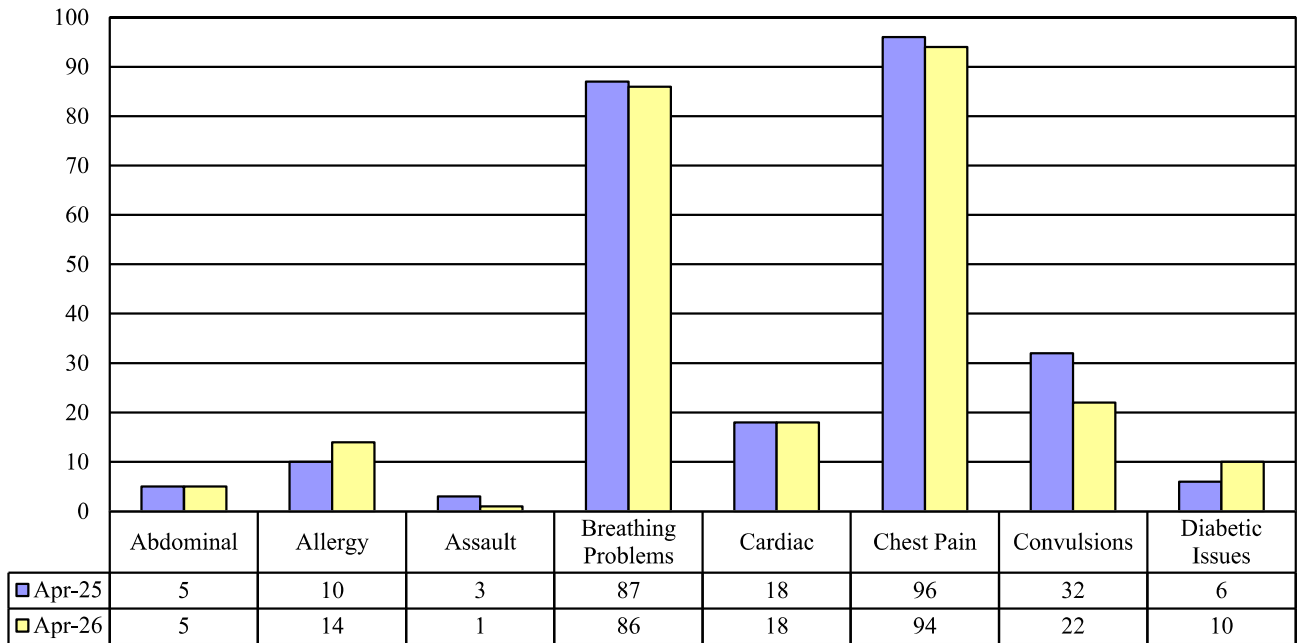
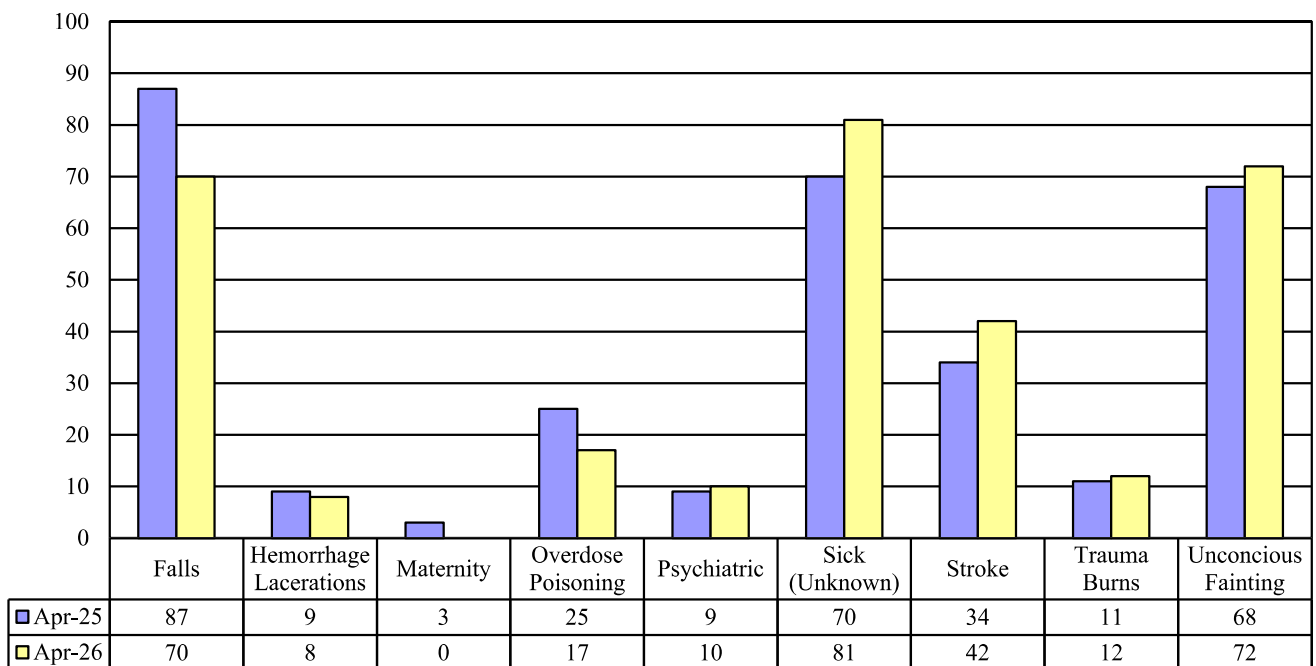


Table 4b: April 2025 & April 2026 Medical Calls by Type



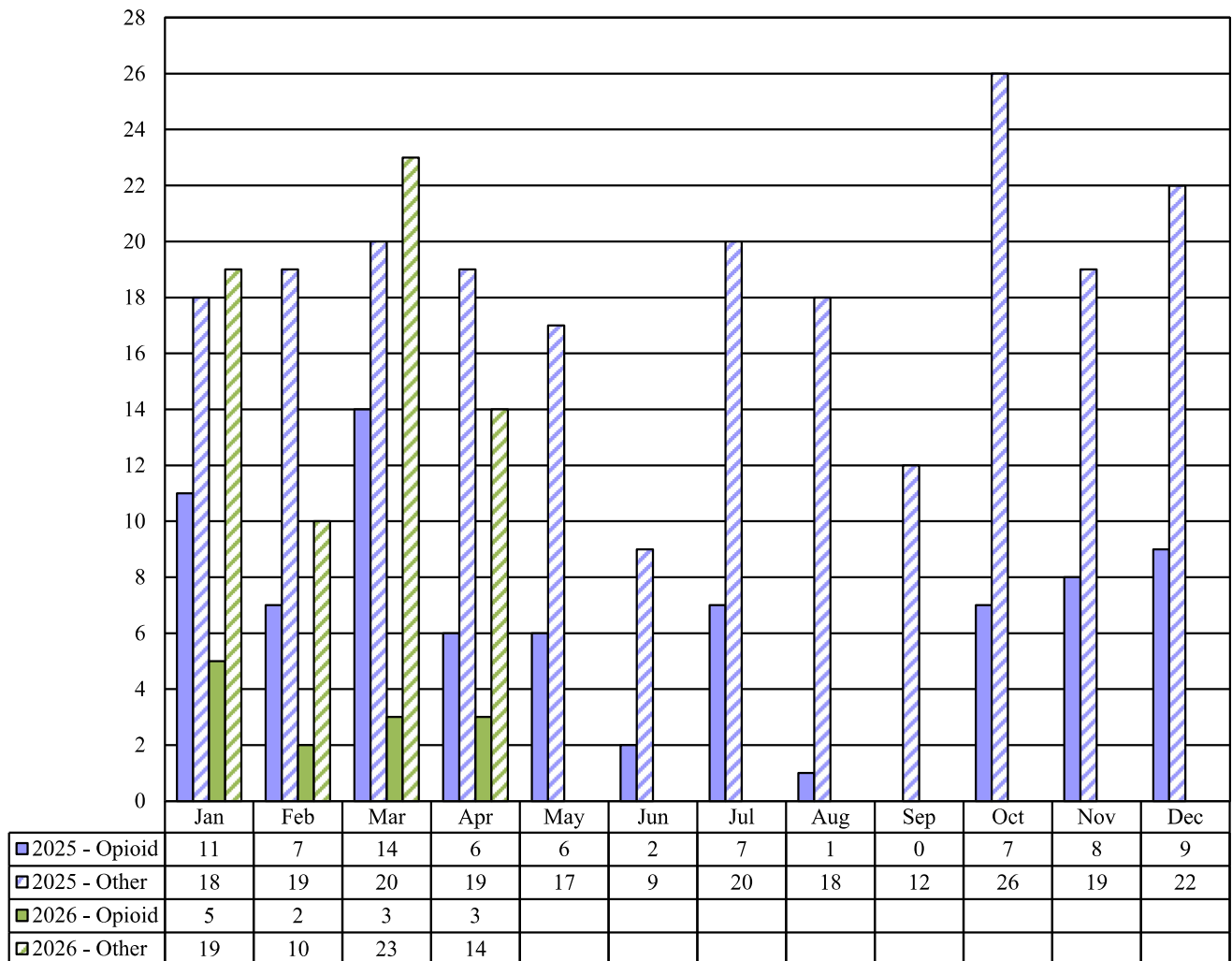
Overdose / Poisoning

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 April 2026, RFR staff administered one dose of Naloxone.

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

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



Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for April 2026 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – April 2026			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	-	4	-
Residential - Multi-family	1	2	-
Commercial/Industrial	1	2	-
Outdoor	13	18	4
Vehicle	-	3	1
Totals	15	29	5

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 – April 2026	
	Details
Gases (Natural / Propane)	5
Totals	5

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

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

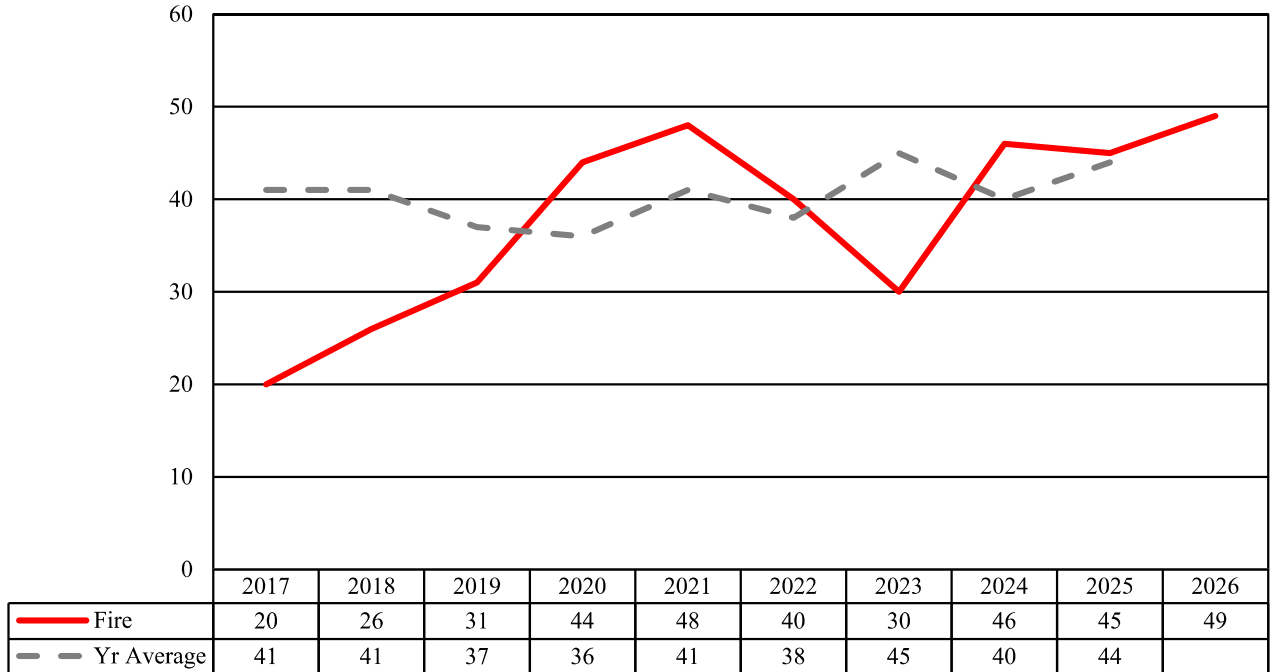
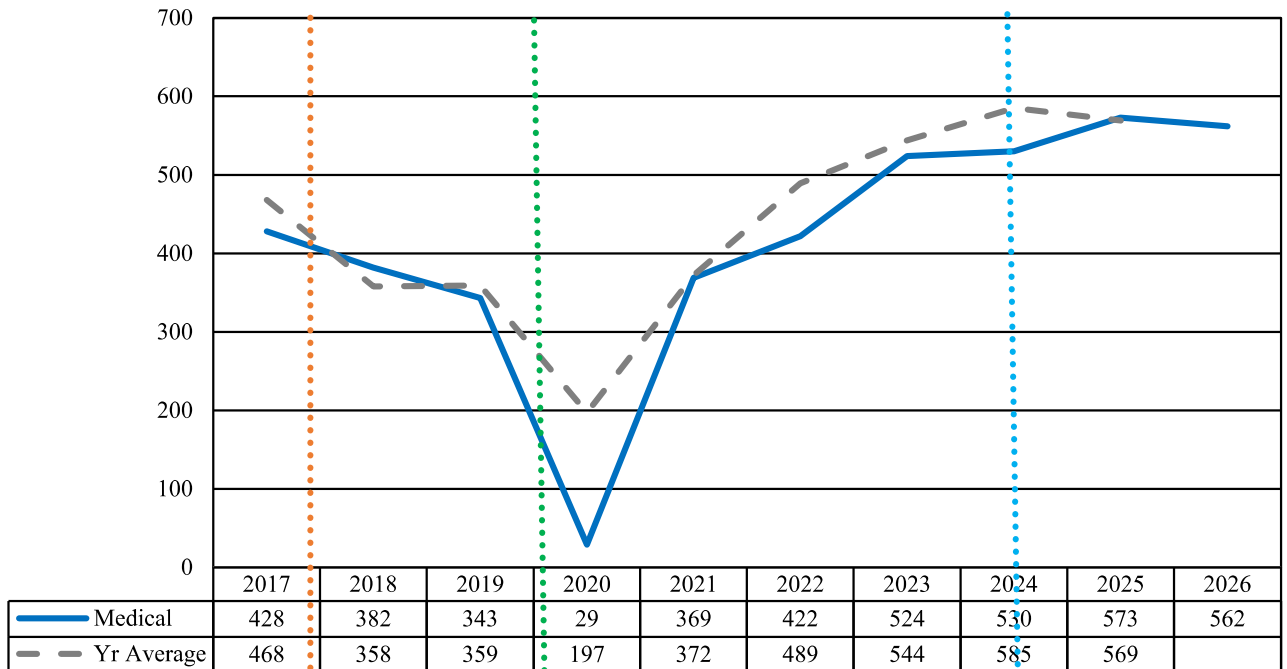


Table 7b: Total Medical Calls for Service in April and year averages from 2017 to 2026



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 April and year averages from 2017 to 2026

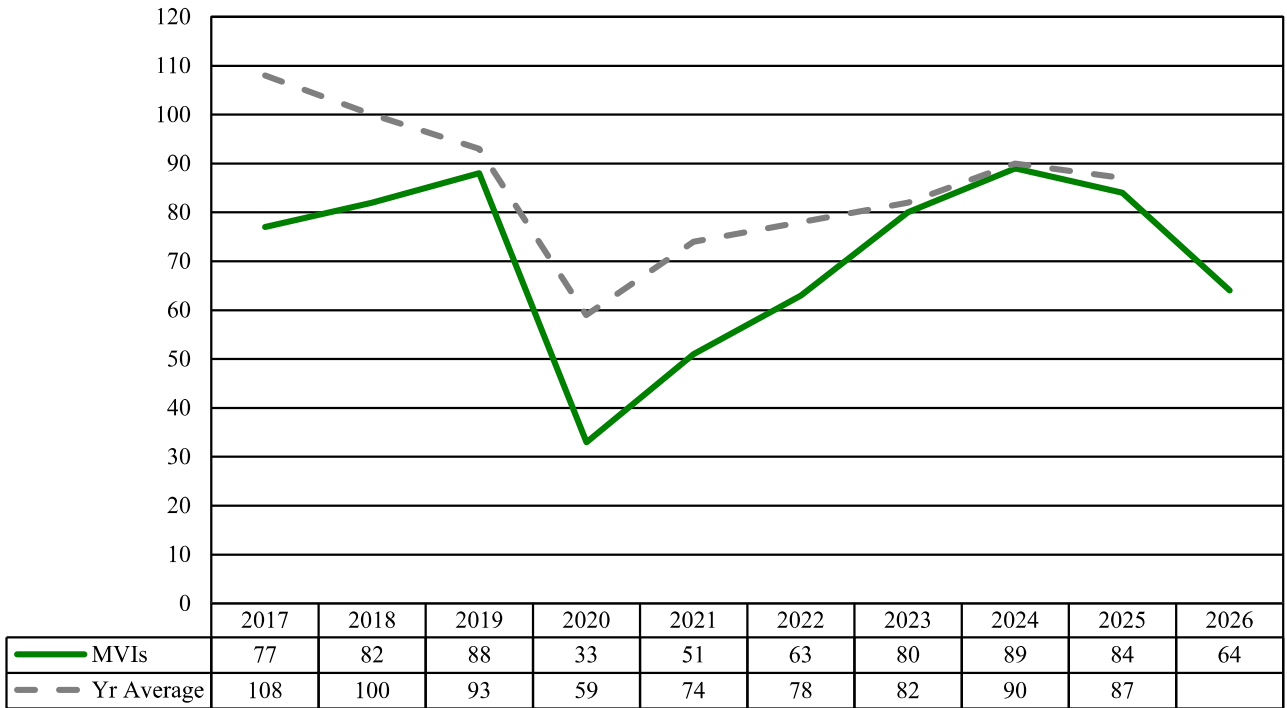


Table 7d: Total Overdose/Poisoning(ODP) Calls for Service in April and year averages from 2017 to 2026

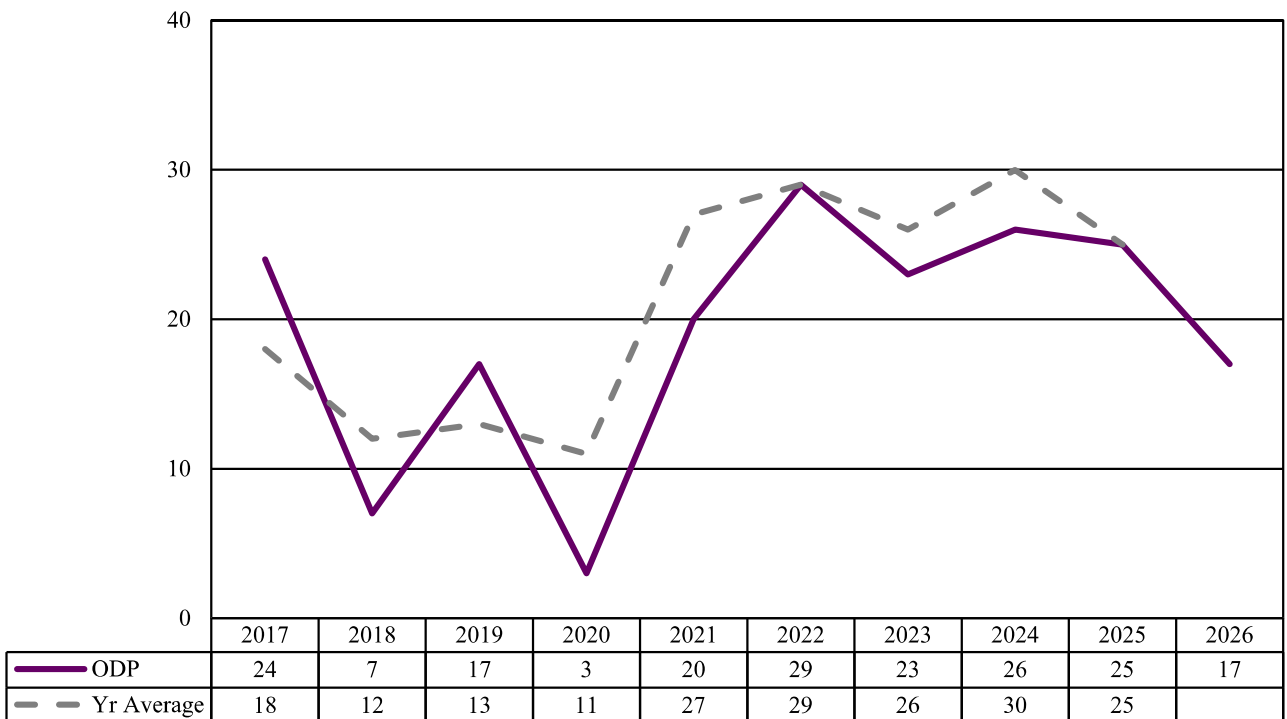


Figure 1b: Density of reportable fire incidents attended in April 2026 (total 49)

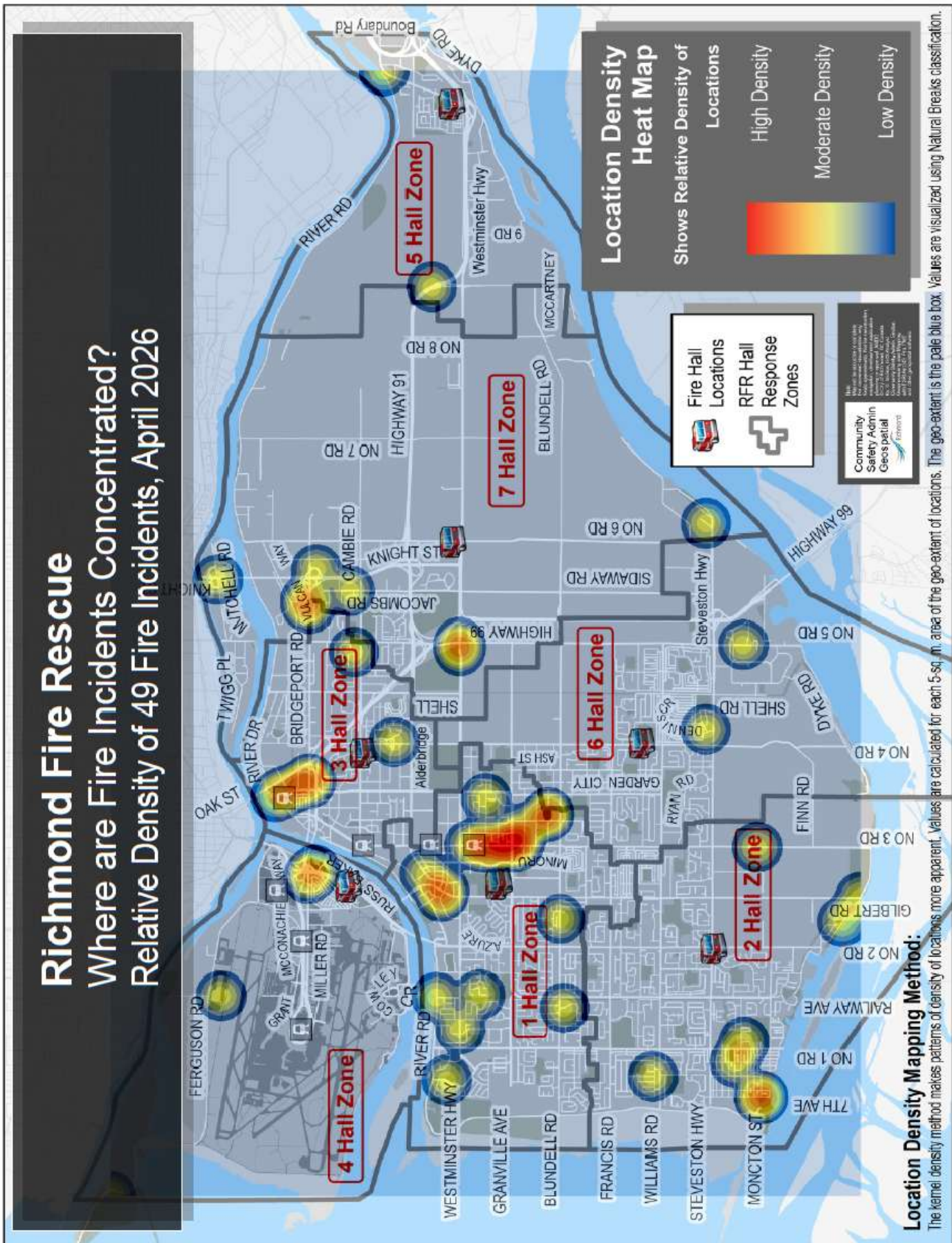


Figure 2a: Location of reportable medical incidents attended in April 2026 (total 562)

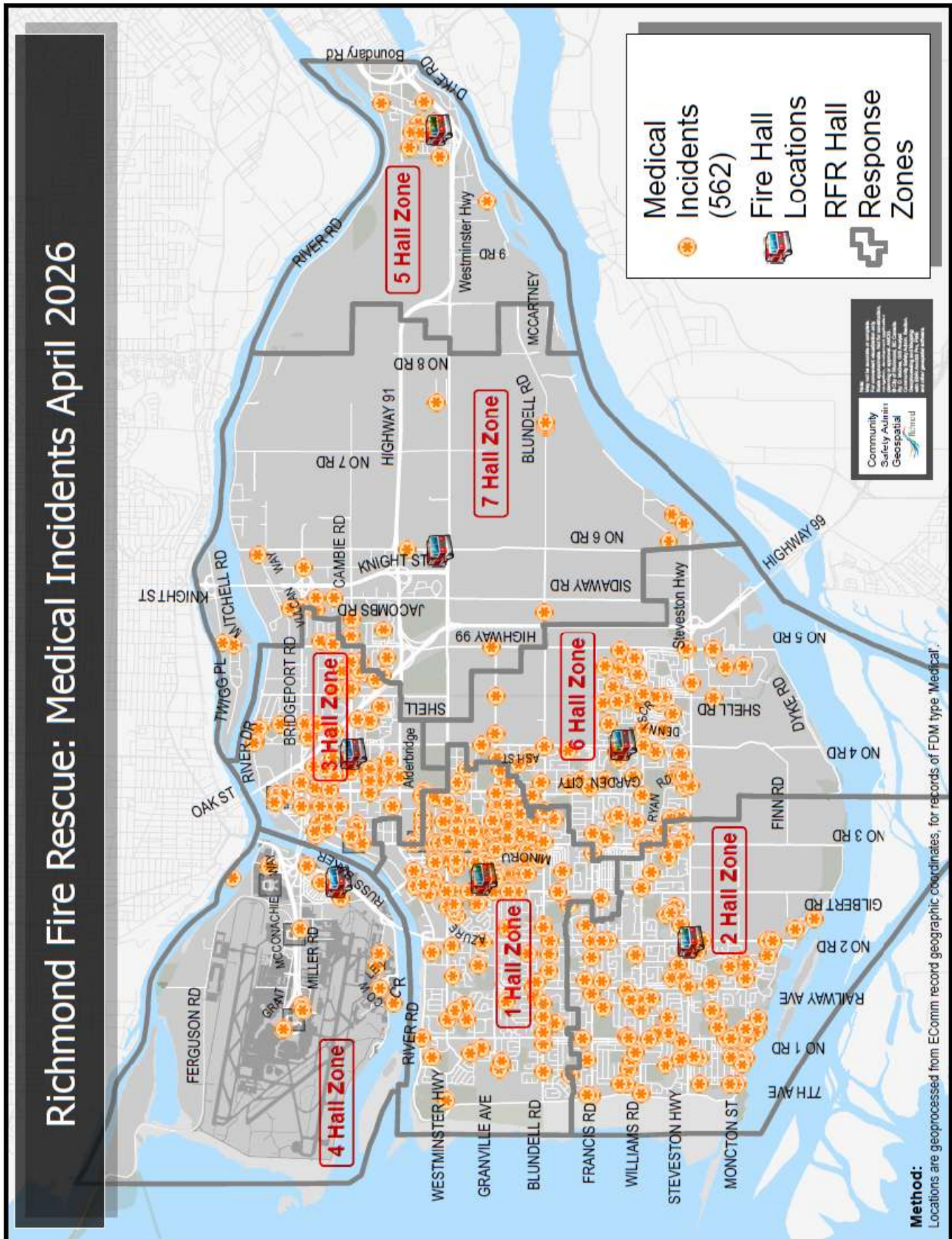


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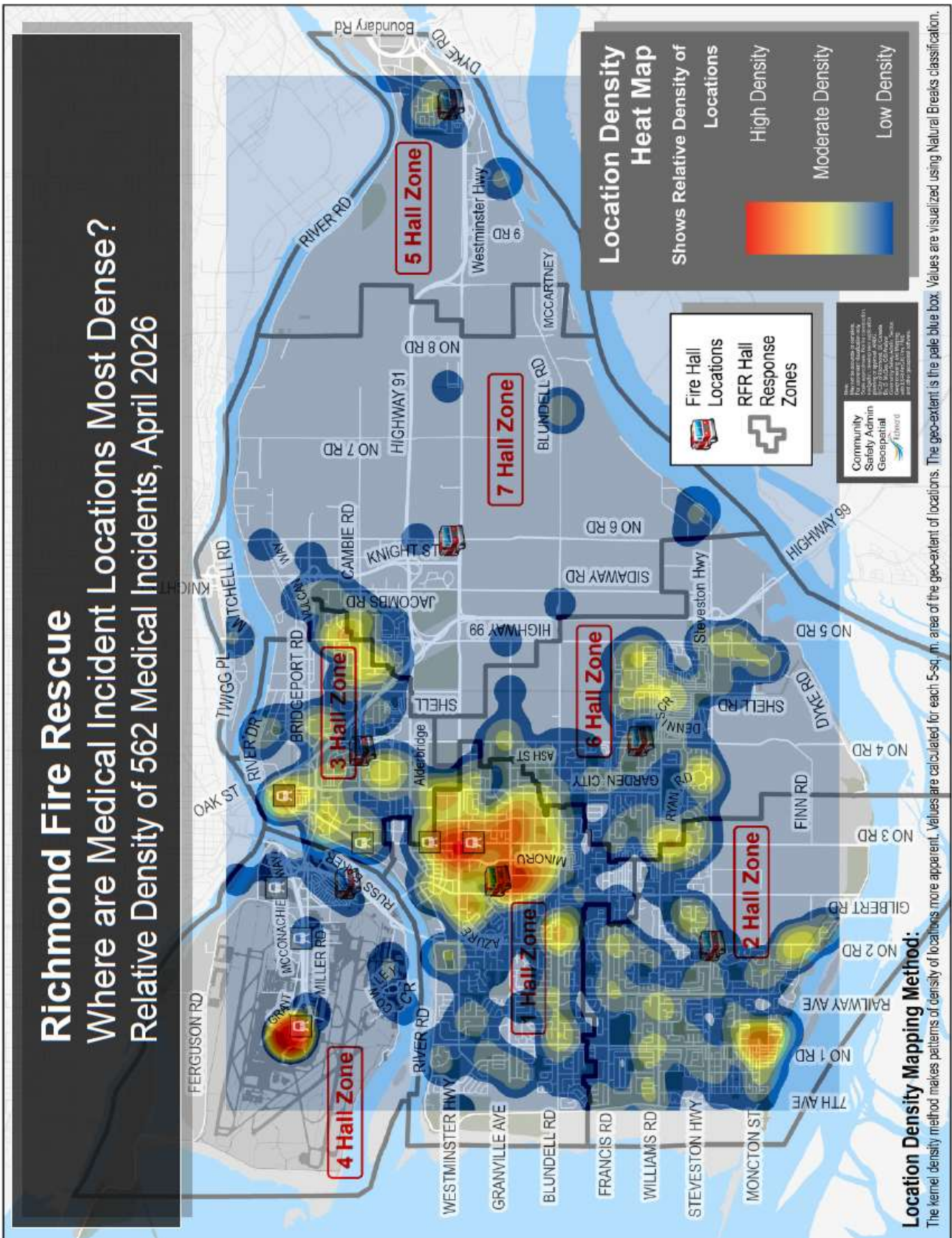


Figure 3b: Density of reportable motor vehicle incidents (MVIs) attended in April 2026 (total 64)

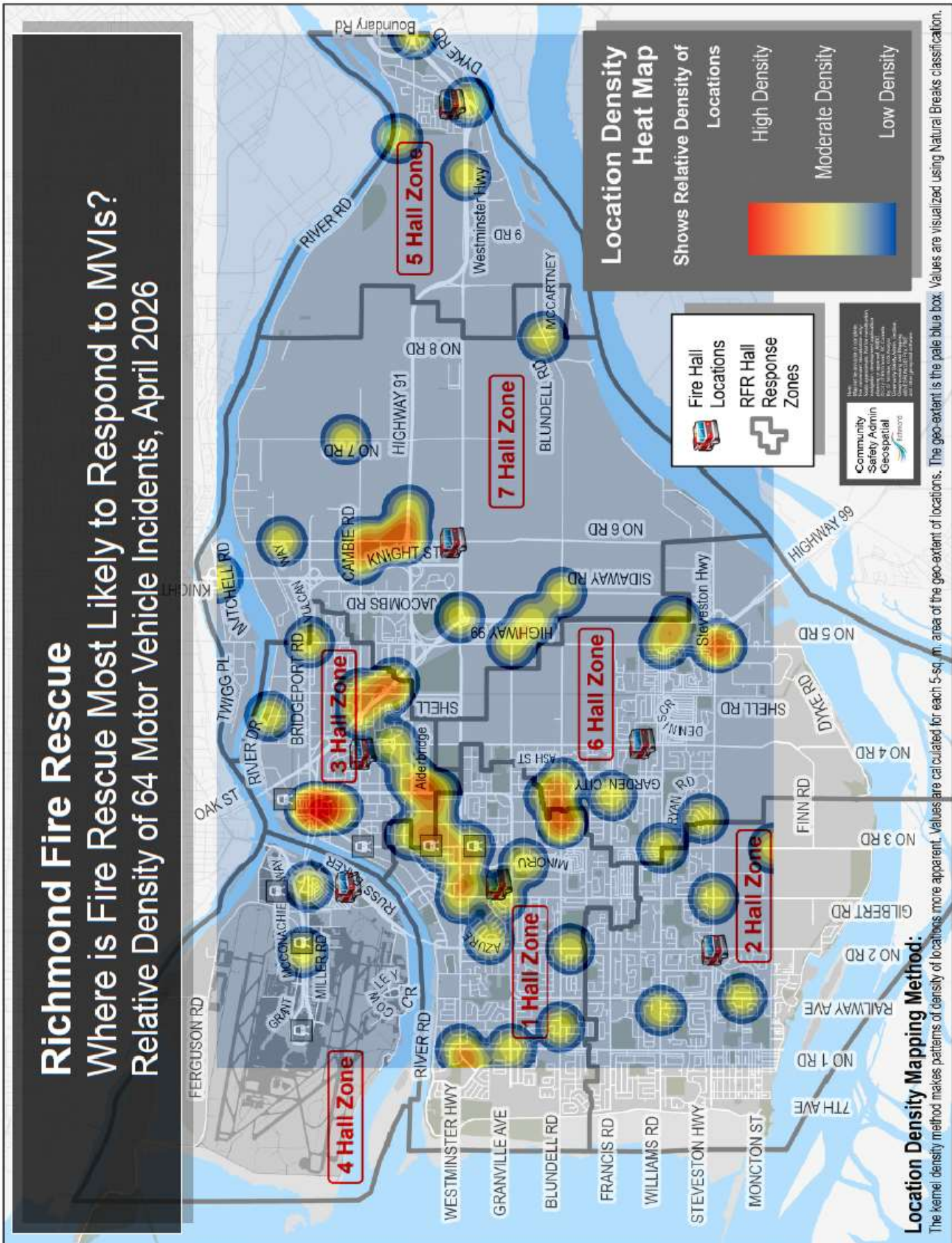
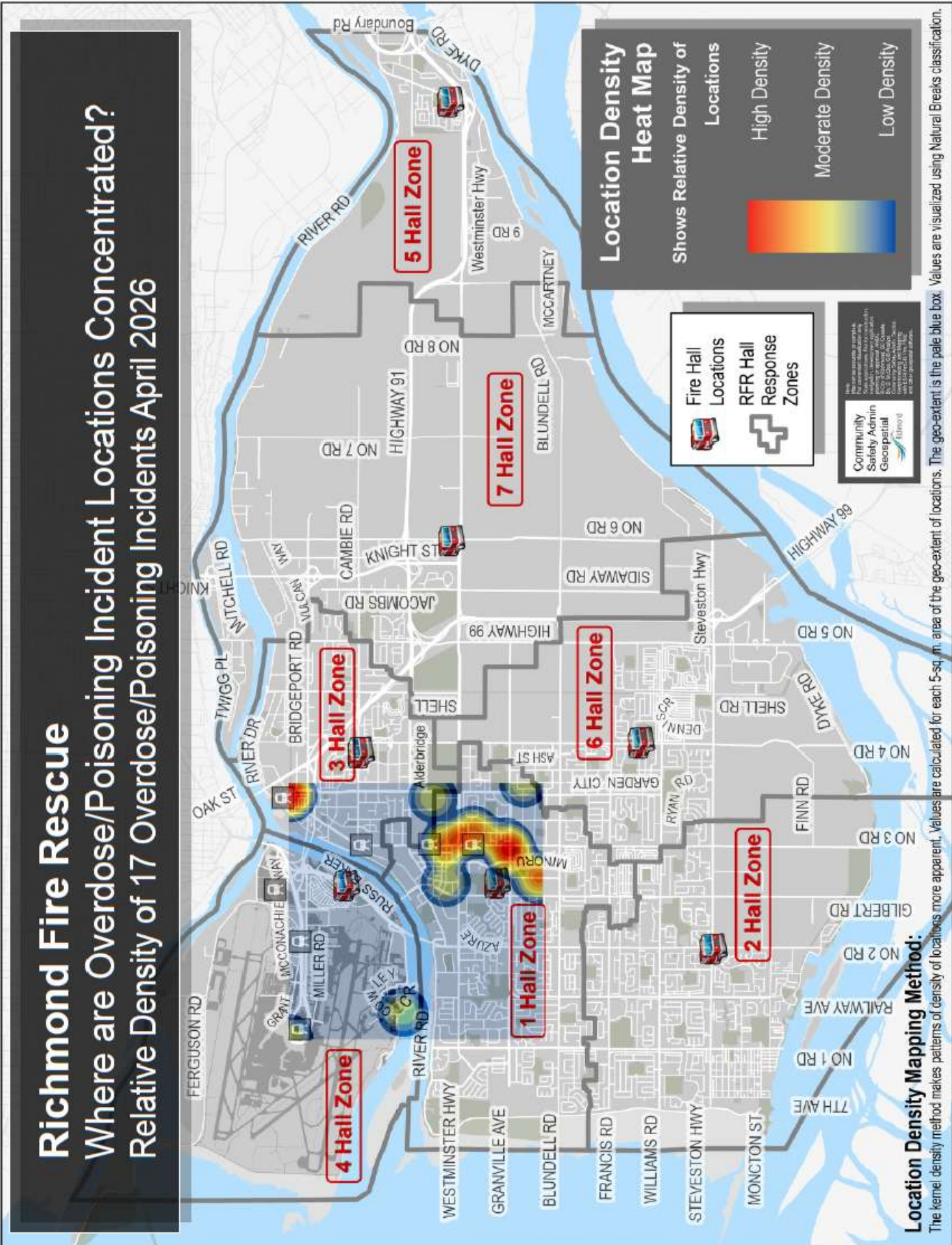


Figure 4b: Density of reportable overdose/poisoning incidents attended in April 2026 (total 17)





To:	Community Safety Committee	Date:	May 13, 2026
From:	Dave Chauhan Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge	File:	09-5030-01/2025-Vol 01
Re:	RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2026		

Staff Recommendation

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

Executive Summary

In April 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable investigations, including the arrests of 10 unruly passengers at the Vancouver International Airport, a kidnapping in central Richmond, and the conclusion of a multi-year child sexual abuse and exploitation material investigation resulting in a custodial sentence. The Richmond RCMP also issued public advisories on a fraud trend affecting online marketplace sales and reminded drivers to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles and roadside workers. Notable crime prevention initiatives included an auto crime awareness campaign featuring a catalytic converter etching event.

The property and violent crime rates in Richmond remained below the Lower Mainland District average. While most police statistics remained within average ranges, serious assaults and auto thefts were below average, and sexual offences were elevated. Community safety efforts remained strong through Block Watch, volunteer-led traffic and crime-prevention deployments, fraud-awareness outreach, road-safety enforcement, victim services, and sustained school engagement by the Youth Section.

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

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Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Arrests at Vancouver International Airport

On April 10, 2026, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a report of unruly passengers aboard an aircraft at the Vancouver International Airport. Police worked with airline staff to safely de-escalate the situation, directing passengers to deplane. Police arrested 10 individuals and recommended charges of failing to comply with flight crew instructions under the *Aeronautics Act* and mischief under the *Criminal Code*.

Fraud Trend

On April 16, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release warning about a recent sleight-of-hand trend targeting online marketplace sellers. During a recent incident, the intended buyer produced an envelope containing the cash payment. Shortly after the exchange was completed, the complainant discovered that the envelope had been switched and did not contain the agreed-upon sum of money.

Kidnapping

On April 24, 2026, the Richmond RCMP received a report of a kidnapping in the 6000 block of No. 3 Road. A witness reported seeing a man being forced into a pickup truck by two males shortly after leaving a restaurant. Police released a video and photos of the suspect vehicle to assist in identifying the suspects. The incident is under investigation.

Child Exploitation Investigation

On April 27, 2026, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that its Special Victims Unit had concluded a multi-year investigation into a man convicted of possessing child sexual abuse and exploitation material. The offender was sentenced to approximately 17 ½ months in prison and will be required to adhere to multiple conditions upon his release.¹

Analysis of Police Statistics²

Arson

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

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 11 serious assaults in April 2026, representing a 22 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, serious assaults are down 28 per cent compared with the same period in 2025. The number of serious assaults this month is below the average range.

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

Auto Theft

There were 11 auto thefts in April 2026, representing a 10 per cent increase over the previous month. Year to date, auto thefts are down 39 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of auto thefts this month is below the average range.

Mental Health

There were 222 mental health-related incidents in April 2026, representing a five per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, the number of mental health-related incidents is down 26 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the average range.

¹ The sentence time includes credit for time served and a consecutive sentence.

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.

There were 56 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 104 minutes; both statistics were within the expected ranges. Fourteen individuals were responsible for two or more calls in April, with one caller generating 10 incidents.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 24 break and enters to residences in April 2026, representing a 14 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, residential break and enters are up five 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 April 2026, there were 26 break and enters to businesses, representing an 18 per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, commercial break and enters are up 12 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 three robberies reported in April 2026, representing an increase of three incidents from the previous month. Year to date, robberies are down by eight incidents compared to the same period in 2025. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Sexual Offences

There were 22 sexual offence files in April 2026, representing a five per cent increase from the previous month. Year to date, sexual offences are up 36 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of sexual offences this month is above the average range.

Fifty per cent of the offences reported in April 2026 were indecent acts/exposing, and 27 per cent were sexual assaults.

Shoplifting

There were 182 reported shoplifting thefts in April 2026, representing a five per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, shoplifting thefts are up 46 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 77 thefts from automobiles in April 2026, representing a three per cent increase over the previous month. Year to date, thefts from automobiles are down five per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the average range.

Drugs

In April 2026, there were 25 drug offences, a 24 per cent decrease from the previous month. Year to date, drug offences are up 11 per cent compared to the same period in 2025. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

Drug-Related “Social Disorder” Calls

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

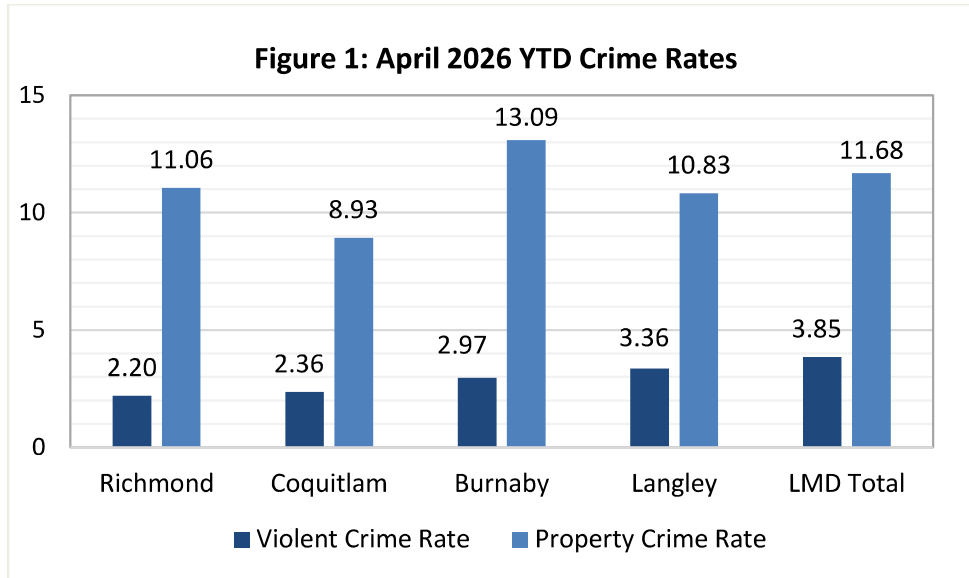
Table 1: Drug-Related Calls for Service

Month	Total 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			
June	70			
July	40			
August	59			
September	57			
October	39			
November	52			
December	42			
Total	632	144	83	61

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

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Figure 1 presents the April 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 April 2026, the Block Watch program had 298 groups, totalling 6,636 participants. Currently, the program includes 415 captains and co-captains.

Communications Unit

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

- 11 media releases were issued, including one for Auto Crime Enforcement Month. Throughout April, the Richmond RCMP showcased its prevention-focused strategy, including high-visibility patrols and collaborations with volunteers and partner agencies. This year’s campaign also featured a new video demonstrating the Bait Car program, one of B.C.’s most effective and well-established auto-crime enforcement tools. The campaign also featured a free catalytic converter etching event on April 18, 2026.
- 17 social media posts were made on X, including property crime awareness and road safety-related messaging.

³ Based on PRIME query by Richmond Crime Analysis Unit on May 1, 2026

Community Police Office Programs

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

During April, volunteer highlights included:

- A total of 13 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 740 information letters issued.
- There were two Speed Watch deployments, during which 152 information letters were issued.
- There were seven Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 134 information letters were issued.
- April 9 – Volunteers participated in an auto crime awareness event at the MacArthur Glen Designer Outlet, featuring the “Spot the Target” van, which challenged members of the public to find items in the vehicle that might attract a thief.
- April 13 – Volunteers received hands-on training on child car seat safety, in collaboration with ICBC.
- April 16 – Volunteers assisted the Vancouver Police Department with their FIFA full-scale mass casualty exercise. The live-training scenario involved various police agencies, Fire Departments, BC Emergency Health Services and E-Comm.
- April 18 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a catalytic converter etching event. The “You Etch It. We Catch It” campaign also featured crime-prevention resources and promoted Richmond RCMP programs, including Block Watch.
- April 22 – Volunteers were recognized for their valuable contributions to community safety with a Volunteer Appreciation event held at Whiteside Elementary School.



Figure 2: Catalytic Converter Etching

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- A total of 73 Place of Worship patrols were conducted.
- On April 8, 2026, RCMP officers conducted fraud outreach at the Ageless Seniors Expo.
- On April 12, 2026, RCMP officers attended the Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival at Garry Point Park, conducting high-visibility patrols and engaging with community members.



Figure 3: Ageless Seniors Expo

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 704 violation tickets were issued in April. Figure 4 provides statistics for the top five infractions for which violation tickets were issued in April:

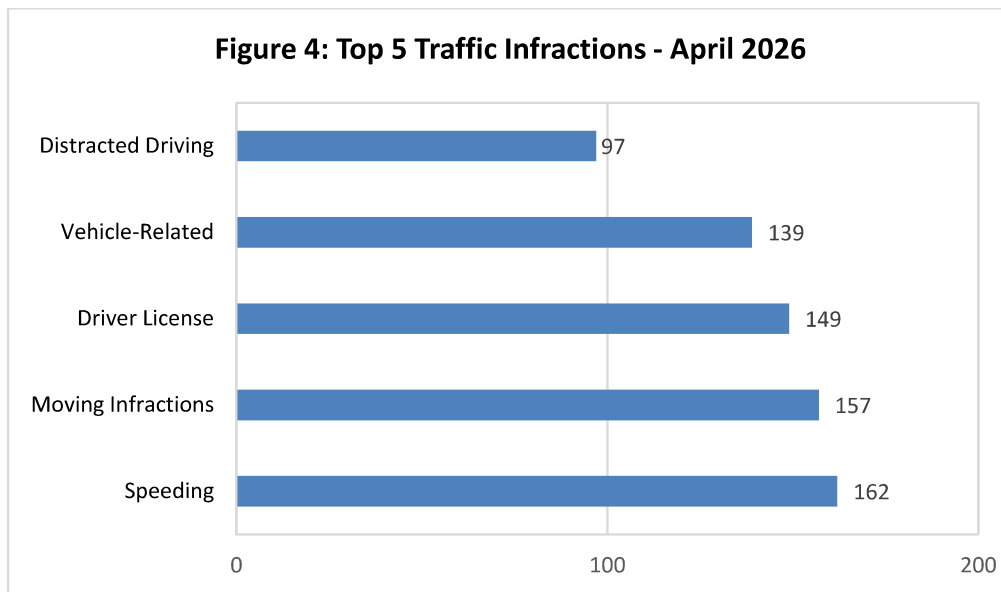


Table 2 presents the number of motor vehicle collisions involving injuries and fatalities reported between January 1, 2022, and April 30, 2026.

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	170	2

Victim Services

In April 2026, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 57 new clients and attended six crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 54 files. In April, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, cases of fraud, and suicides.

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 April, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 81 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 67 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes launched for the third term of the 2025-2026 school year. A total of 413 students in 15 classes participated in the program.

Budgetary Implications

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

Conclusion

In April 2026, the Richmond RCMP conducted several notable investigations, including a kidnapping and arrests of unruly passengers at the Vancouver International Airport. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for serious assaults and auto thefts, which were below average, and sexual offences, which were elevated.

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

May 13, 2026

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

Respectively submitted,

Edward Warzel, RCMP

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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
 2: Crime Statistics
 3: Crime Maps
 4: 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.

APRIL 2026 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

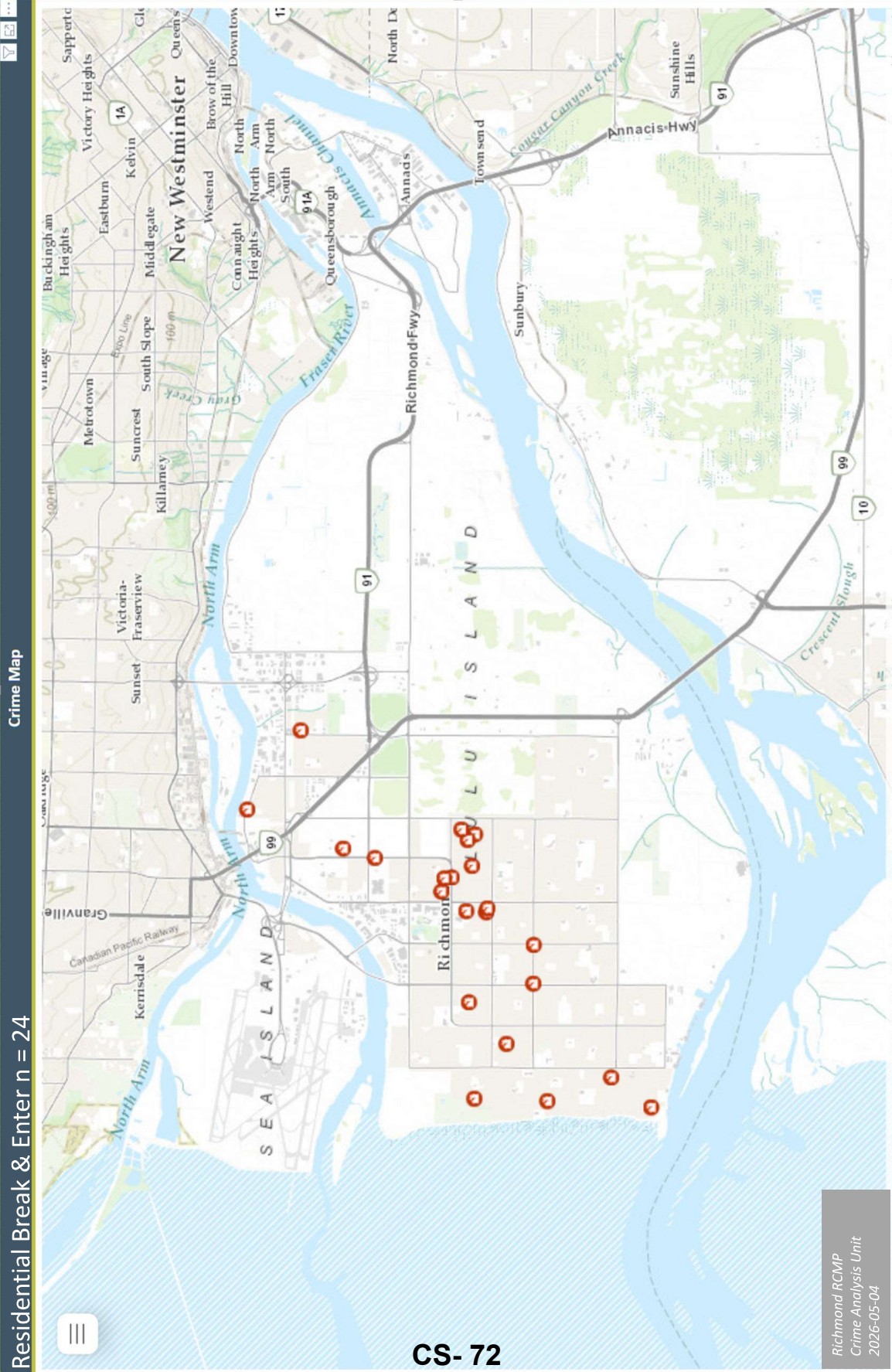
The following information is a limited list of select crime-type samples, which does not comprise the entirety or assortment of all crimes captured by the RCMP. The statistics in this chart should be considered independently of the analysis provided as the data is unrelated to the research provided earlier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

April 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	673	629.4	635	711	2463	2689	9%	226
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	127	154.0	140	182	702	517	-26%	-185
OTHER CC OFFENCES	354	302.5	255	322	1237	1279	3%	42
Total	1127	1,051.4	1018	1118	4254	4382	3%	128
Violent Crime Groups								
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	46	53.6	42	63	266	167	-37%	-99
ASSAULT SERIOUS	11	20.0	18	24	65	47	-28%	-18
ROBBERY	3	4.9	2	8	20	12	-40%	-8
SEX OFFENCES	22	18.2	10	21	58	79	36%	21
Property Crime Groups								
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	11	20.6	18	24	69	42	-39%	-27
BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE	24	21.9	10	29	74	78	5%	4
BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS	26	25.9	17	34	82	92	12%	10
THEFT FROM AUTO	77	101.1	65	159	280	266	-5%	-14
FRAUD	100	86.6	84	120	407	381	-6%	-26
THEFT-OTHER	125	109.3	95	129	489	542	11%	53
SHOPLIFTING	182	115.1	94	188	508	743	46%	235
Other Criminal Code								
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	9	6.5	5	10	15	23	53%	8
CAUSE DISTURBANCE	227	208.0	163	228	879	840	-4%	-39
COLLISION	132	164.3	129	158	654	625	-4%	-29
All Series 4000 Offences								
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	25	37.7	22	68	107	119	11%	12
MHA								
MHA	Current Period	5 Year Avg	5 Year Min	5 Year Max	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	25/26 % Chg	25/26 Count Diff
MHA	222	215.5	200	238	999	831	-26%	-168

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Month ▼ April

Year 2026

Crime Type

BREAK & ENTER BUSINESS

BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE

THEFT FROM AUTO



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- n BREAK & ENTER RESIDENCE
- n AUTO THEFT

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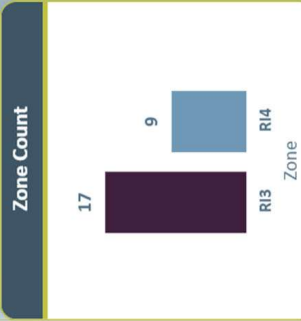
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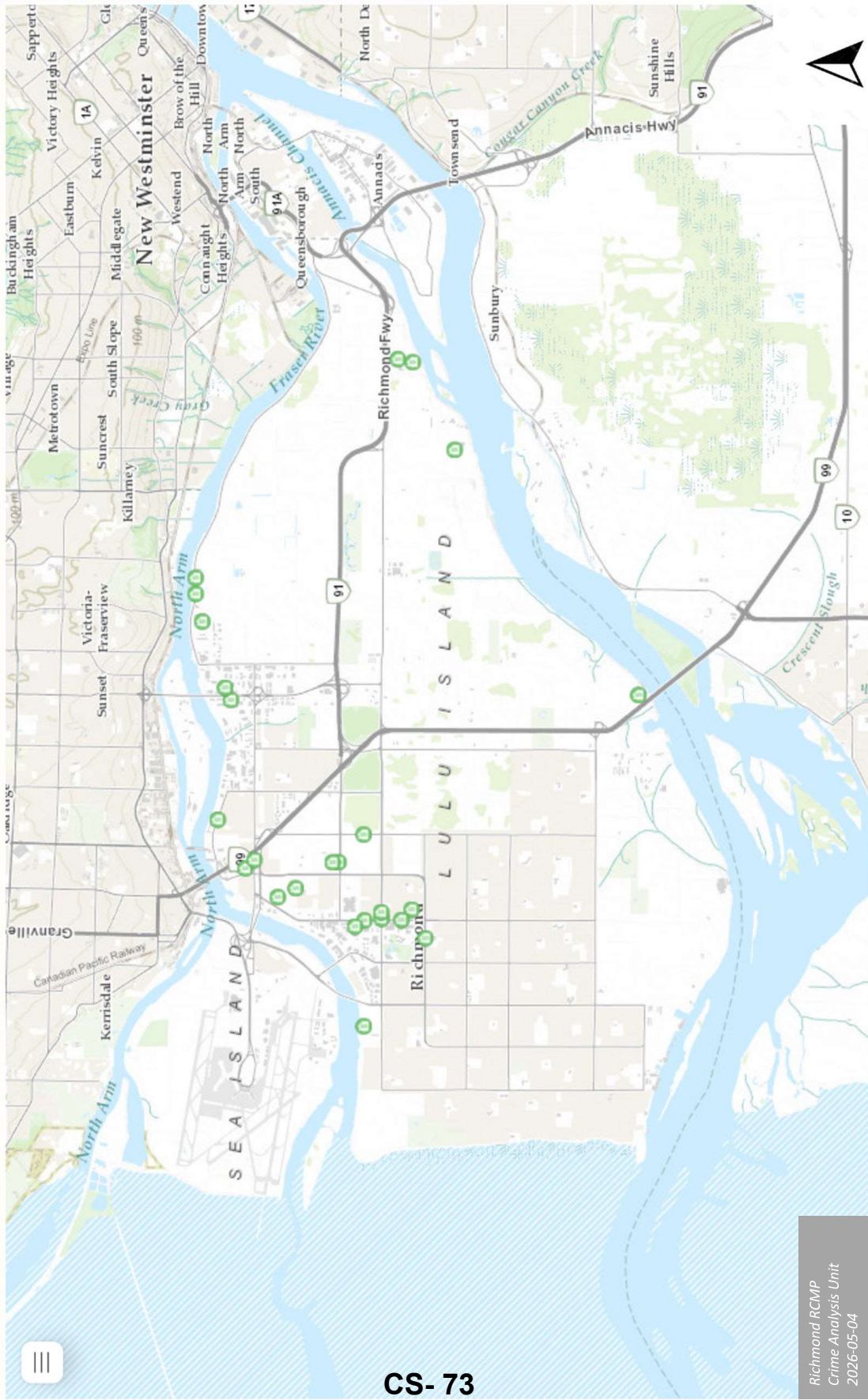
Crime Type

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



Legend

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



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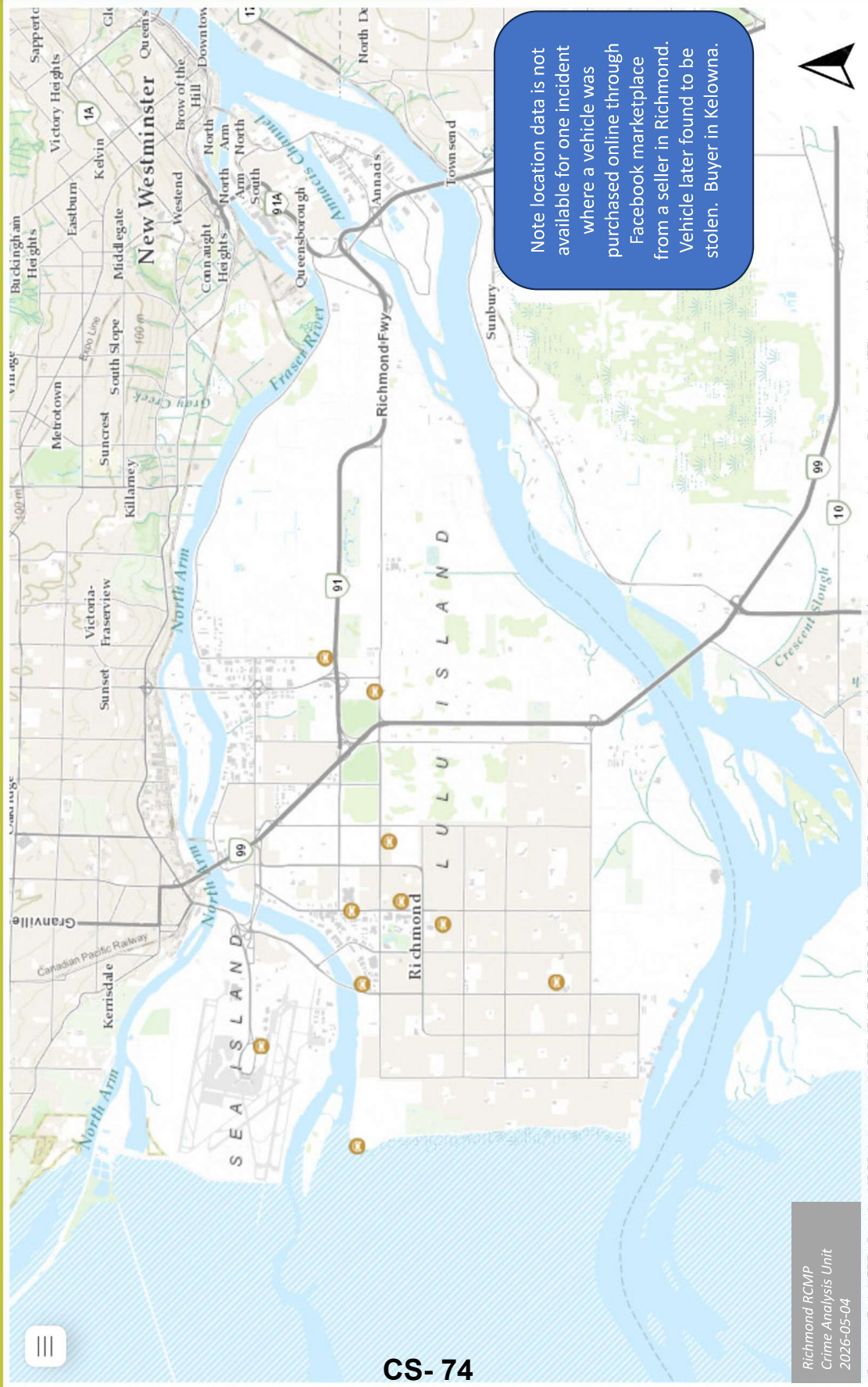
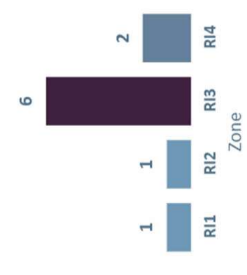
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Crime Type

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Zone Count



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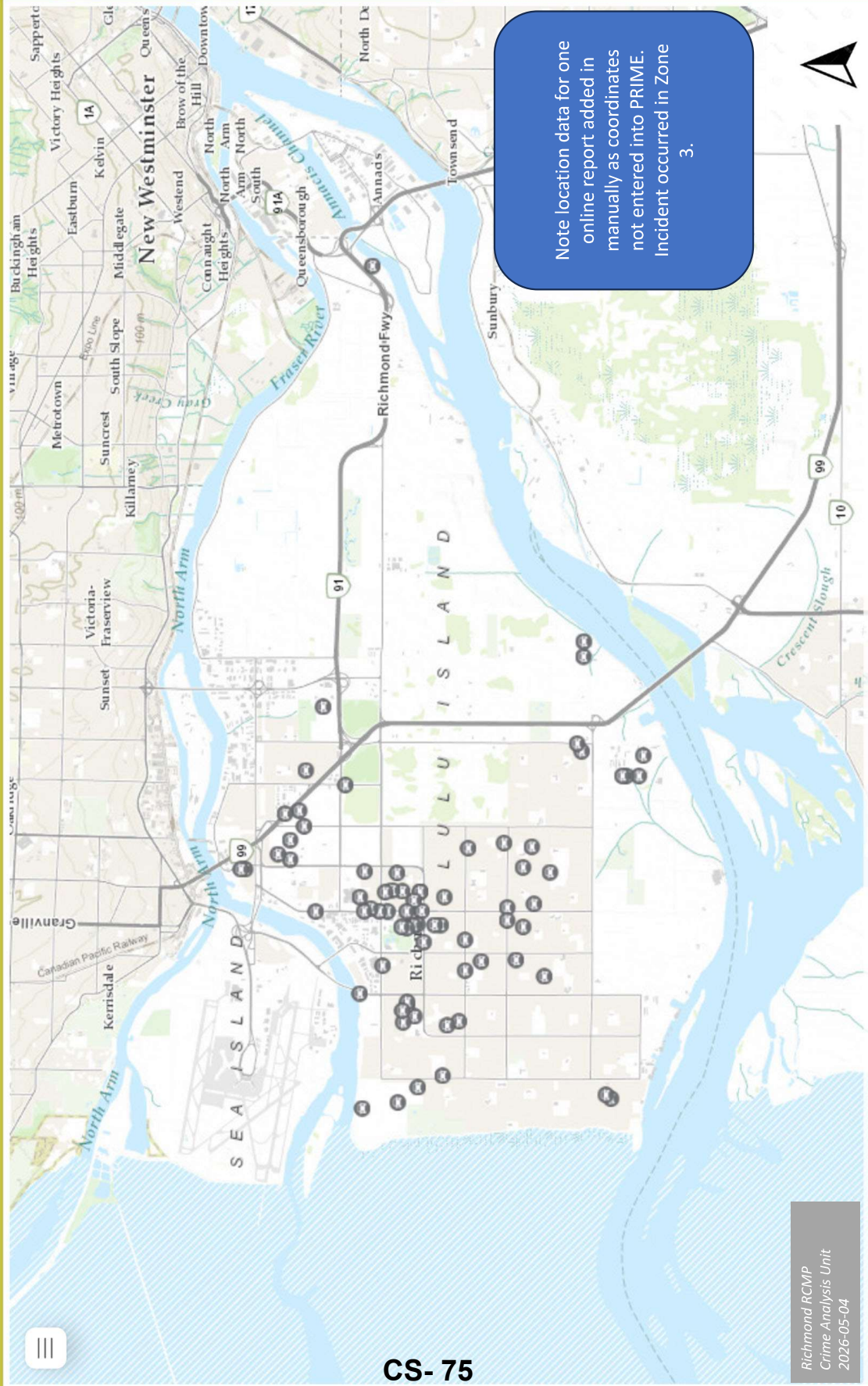
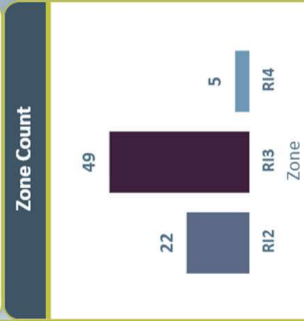
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Month ▼ April

Year 2026

Crime Type

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



Note location data for one online report added in manually as coordinates not entered into PRIME. Incident occurred in Zone 3.

Legend

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

CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Disrupting Fraudsters and Cybercriminals – What We Can Learn

RCMP and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) partnered to bring together a diverse group of cyber and counter-fraud experts from many organizations to disrupt fraudsters. They called the operation Maple Disruption and were able to disrupt over 3,000 fraud related actions. These included shutting down malicious email accounts and websites, flagging suspicious transactions, and blocking cryptocurrency addresses linked to fraud. Unfortunately, the reality is that even with these shutdowns there are thousands of other scam networks because fraud is a global phenomenon. This past March for fraud prevention month, CAFC highlighted that in 2025 they received over 112,000 fraud reports involving over \$704 million in reported losses. Although fraud is ever changing, you can play a part to disrupt fraud by staying educated and reporting scams.



Be wary of unsolicited emails, text messages, and phone calls asking you for personal or financial information. Fraudsters can spoof their caller ID and email addresses. Spoofing is a tactic where attackers disguise themselves as a trusted source. They change their ID, number, and email addresses to look like a known contact. This past March, Richmond RCMP highlighted a high number of impersonation-based scams where fraudsters posed as official government agencies, financial institutions, or loved ones. Fraudsters used fear and urgency to pressure victims into transferring money or handing over cash. If you are unsure who you are talking to, verify the information with a trustworthy source such as contacting the originating source through a known, legitimate phone number or talking to a credible employee at a bank, government agency, or law enforcement agency.

Fraudster will ask you to pay with unconventional methods such as e-transfers, cryptocurrencies, and gift cards. These methods are hard to track and difficult to recover. According to CAFC, one of the top frauds in 2025, based on the frequency of reporting, was identity theft. It can occur through phishing attempts, data breaches, mail theft, dumpster diving, or posted information on social media. Thieves develop credible stories by going through stolen information or social media. In some instances, they offer a “courier” to pick up cash directly from your address. Legitimate financial and government institutions will never send someone to your home to pick up money. Make it harder for fraudsters by shredding physical documents that contain personal or financial information and picking up mail frequently. Check your online accounts, credit reports, bank and credit card statements regularly and report any irregularities. Limit the information you are posting online so fraudsters and compromised accounts cannot find sensitive information about you. If you are a victim of a scam report it to your local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. Reporting helps law enforcement track how fraudsters are operating and learn the patterns of the crime. Ultimately, these reports lead to the creation of fraud-prevention bulletins to prevent you, your friends, and your family from becoming victims of fraud.

CITY OF RICHMOND CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

Spring Checklist

A new season is about to arrive. The warm weather encourages people to go out and enjoy themselves. Whether you are spring cleaning, working on the exterior of your home, or enjoying a day at the park, it is also time to switch gears into spring/summer crime prevention. Below are some tips for working on your home and protecting your items outdoors.

Check your doors and windows – Make sure all points of entry are closed and locked before you leave home. An open door or window give thieves the easiest opportunity to enter your home. Thieves do not always just look for ground floor entry, they may also look to enter from an open window or door on higher floors. They use existing tools left in the backyard or open shed to gain entry to higher floors. Therefore, put away your tools and ladders. If you have these items in a shed, lock it up after use.

Increase visibility of your home – The visibility of your home can make it less of a target. Increase the visibility of your home by trimming the bushes and trees and installing bright lights. Clearing the sightlines unblocks the view of your home from the street and neighbouring houses. Lights make your home brighter at night and reveal hiding spots. If you have motion sensor lighting, it draws attention to movement around the home.

Check electronic crime prevention tools – Make sure your camera is in good working condition and you are able to download the footage. If you do not have security cameras, it is recommended to purchase one that can record in high definition. Put it near major points of entry that are able to capture the person's face and overall description. In addition, schedule timers to turn on lights. Timers work best for those who are thinking of going on vacation because it makes your home look lived in.

Check in with your neighbour – Whether you are staying in town or traveling for the summer, you can connect with a neighbour to help make your neighbourhood safer. If you are preparing for a vacation, ask a neighbour to help take care of your home. Your neighbour can help keep an eye on your home and help to make your home look lived in while you are away.

Personal Belongings and Outdoor Activities

The local parks and outdoor sporting areas will be busy as many are looking to enjoy the sunshine with their friends and family. Carry only essential items and keep them with you at all times. If you need to put something aside, such as a bag or sporting equipment, ask a trusted individual to watch over them while you are busy. If no one is available, bring the items with you and keep it in your sightlines. For smaller personal belongings, consider using a fanny pack or a small cross body bag so you can still effectively move while keeping your items safe. In some cases, you may need to leave items in your car. Plan ahead and put them in the trunk of your vehicle.

For cyclists, always secure your bike to a bike rack. If you are expecting to make stops along your ride, take a bike lock with you. Never leave your bike unlocked and unattended even when you are gone for just a couple of minutes. Register your bike with Project 529, a bike registry that can aid in the recovery of a lost or stolen bike. The app stores your bike information and allows police to identify its owner quickly. This program also works for scooters and ebikes.

Trash or Treasure



Auto theft is usually a crime of opportunity, and it is often the small things we overlook or genuinely forgot. Taking just a few seconds to lock up, check your pockets and clear out your valuables can make all the difference in keeping your car safe. Make sure you always have your keys, wallet and cell phone with you. Before walking away, think like a thief for a moment. Take a look at your vehicle and see if there is anything left behind that makes it an easy target. Remember, if you can see it, so can a thief. It only takes a split second for an opportunistic thief to notice a bag on the seat, so make “hide, lock, and take” a non-negotiable part of your routine. Here are some commonly stolen items that people have reported: wallets, sunglasses, license plates, tools, laptops, backpacks/purses, shoes, and jackets.



To Start a Block Watch Group

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

Select a Group Lead

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

Recruit and build your group

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

Complete activation of your team

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

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

BUSINESS LINK

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Crime Prevention—Fencing

Protecting a commercial property starts with strong perimeter security and fencing plays a crucial role in that effort. A well designed fence establishes a clear boundary between private and public property. It also acts as a physical barrier against unauthorized access. Choosing the right fencing system is essential to ensure both safety and long-term durability for your property.

First, not all fencing options provide the same level of protection. For example, chain link fencing provides very little security and no concealment.

Although they are inexpensive, it is very easy to climb and cut making them not ideal for perimeter security. The design of the fence creates handholds and footholds making it easier to climb. Also the weakness of the steel makes it easily cut by bolt cutters. Consider other designs such as welded wire mesh panel fencing or barb wired fencing which are more resistant to tampering and intrusion.

Regular maintenance is another key factor in effective perimeter security. A well-maintained fence signals that the property is actively cared for. Routine inspections also help identify weak points and compromised areas. Additionally, you can make adjustments or add additional security measures to strengthen your fencing system. Increase the height of the fence as it suggests to thieves an access delay and difficulty to climb over the fence. Pick fencing material that have built in climb resistance designs which make it very hard for opportunistic thieves. Lastly, add auxiliary crime prevention tools to monitor the perimeter. Lighting and cameras uncover hiding spots and acts as an extra pair of eyes. If your property has security guards, these secondary tools can help them in monitoring the area and keep your business safe.



Please report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Richmond RCMP Non-Emergency line [604-278-1212](tel: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

