

CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME

NEWSLETTER

Richmond Block Watch

Richmond Block Watch is a grass roots program: hundreds of volunteers in our City giving their time to be an extra set of neighbourhood “eyes and ears”; observing and reporting suspicious activity/crime and people to the Police, helping to keep our neighbourhoods safe. We need your help to promote Block Watch to your family, friends and neighbours. Block Watch is available to renters and owners, in single and multi-family homes. The benefits of belonging to a Block Watch group include:

- Contributing to the safety of our community
- Tips on increasing the security of your home, vehicle and personal safety
- An email alert should a residential break and enter occur in your neighbourhood
- Block Watch window stickers and street signs to inform would-be thieves that residents report suspicious/criminal activity and people to the Police
- The possibility of a 5–15% discount on your home insurance.

Join Block Watch today! The more people involved, the stronger our communities are! For more information, please visit www.richmond.ca/blockwatch or call Sheila at 604-207-4829 or email blockwatch@richmond.ca.

Block Watch Parties

An important benefit of the Block Watch program is to create a sense of community. Knowing who your neighbours are creates a more invested interest in the security of your neighbours and their property. Richmond Block Watch encourages Block Watch groups to hold an annual party to bring your neighbours together, a great opportunity to meet new neighbours and re-connect with long-time residents. So plan a party!

Richmond RCMP Project 529



Bike Theft is big business. In North America a bike is stolen every 3 seconds. It is a low-risk, high reward business worth a half-billion dollars. Most bikes stolen are never recovered and those that are found are seldom reunited with their owner.

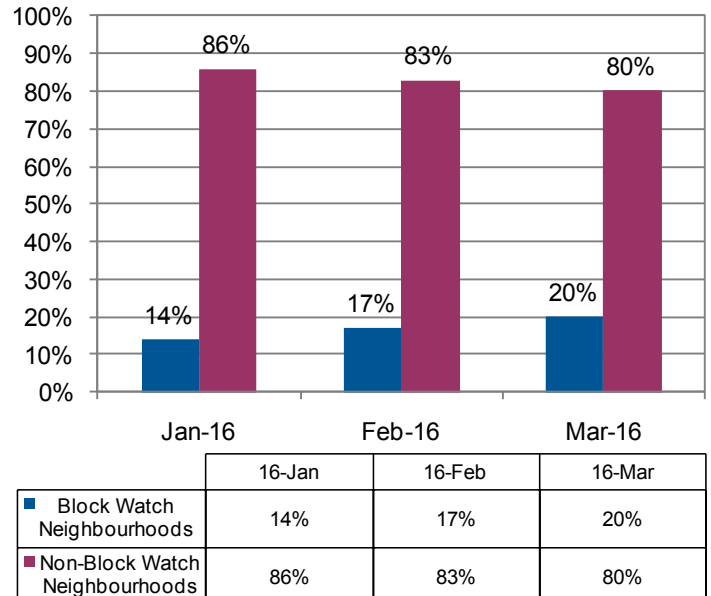
In order to combat the growing number of bike thefts in our city, the Richmond RCMP will be rolling out a new campaign in partnership with Project 529. The 529 Garage is a modern

comprehensive bike registration, recovery and reporting system utilized through a smartphone-based application. It allows cyclists to easily capture all the identifying details of their bicycle and if stolen enables the victim to alert the Richmond RCMP and other cyclists immediately. Stayed tuned for upcoming Bike Registration Events. In the meantime, take a look at the links: <https://project529.com/> or [#endbiket theft](https://twitter.com/endbiket theft)

Garage Door Remote Openers – A Key into our Homes

People are becoming victims of residential break and enters due to garage door remote openers being left in vehicles parked in the driveway. By simply removing the garage door remote and/or converting it into a key chain fob, you can help prevent your home and/or garage from being broken into. ***Don't leave the garage door remote opener in your vehicle—if a thief breaks into your vehicle and steals the remote opener, they now have a way into your home!*** Get a key chain fob that you leave attached to your keys (and stop using the remote that you clip to your vehicle's visor). And keep your door from the garage into your home locked, install a deadbolt on the door and lock it when leaving your home and keep it locked while you are home. Never leave your garage door left open—opportunistic thieves will take the opportunity to walk right into your garage.

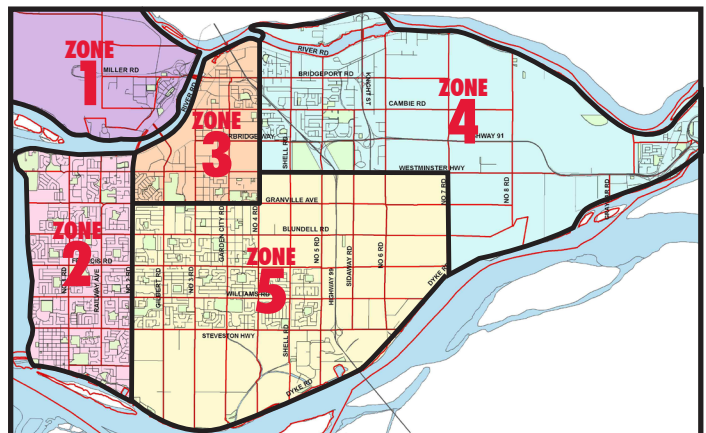
Residential Break and Enters 2016



Richmond Residential Break and Enters

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Jan 2016	0	13	8	5	25
Jan 2015	0	40	10	7	31
Feb 2016	1	23	13	3	26
Feb 2015	0	16	13	9	31
Mar 2016	0	16	11	4	19
Mar 2015	0	7	17	14	25
Apr 2016					
Apr 2015	0	15	13	1	22
May 2016					
May 2015	1	10	16	8	32
Jun 2016					
Jun 2015	0	19	10	6	28
Jul 2016					
Jul 2015	0	7	5	2	26
Aug 2016					
Aug 2015	0	6	19	4	20
Sep 2016					
Sep 2015	0	9	17	4	13
Oct 2016					
Oct 2015	1	6	14	6	23
Nov 2016					
Nov 2015	0	10	9	3	26
Dec 2016					
Dec 2015	1	6	16	5	27

Zone Map



The above map outlines the five zones in Richmond. The chart to the left provides details on the number of Residential B&Es that have occurred in each zone.

Visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information and www.richmond.ca/homesafety for home security tips.

If your home has been broken into, do not touch anything. If a suspect is present, call **9-1-1**. If no suspect is present, call the Police non-emergency number at **604-278-1212**.

Report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Point of Entry Breakdown (March 2016)

Zone 1	0 break and enters	
Zone 2	16 break and enters	5 thru doors; 1 unlocked door; 6 windows; 2 sliding doors; 2 other points of entry
Zone 3	11 break and enters	2 thru doors; 1 unlocked door; 3 windows; 1 unlocked window; 1 sliding door; 1 unlocked sliding door; 2 other points of entry
Zone 4	4 break and enters	1 thru a door; 1 window; 2 sliding doors
Zone 5	19 break and enters	11 thru doors; 3 window; 1 sliding door; 4 other points of entry

Email Break & Enter Alerts



Email your name and street address to: blockwatch@richmond.ca to receive an email alert should a residential break and enter occur in your neighbourhood.

