

## Public Safety Monthly Report – December 2020

### Summary

As is to be expected over the festive season, reported incidents in December jumped to 335 from 258 incidents in November. This is a 29.8% increase. It is important to note that not all incidents reported are crime related. Many of them are public assistance or preventative action taken by HPP.

Several incidents resulted in arrests being made. HPP were directly responsible for the arrests of 12 suspects during the month: 5 of them as a result of CCTV intervention and 7 as a result of the team in the field as well as supporting security companies and neighbourhood watches.

Just under a third of overall responses were to assist the public in distress, 106 incidents. The HPP responds to a variety of public incidents including animals in distress, fires and traffic and law enforcement incidents. A third of incidents responded to were for open doors, windows, and gates. The main area this seems to be happening in is Voelklip.

When spotting open windows/doors/gates etc the patrol vehicles will stop and try to get the attention of the occupant and ask them to lock-up. If this fails, where possible, the security service provider is contacted, and they are asked to phone the occupant to secure the premises. If this fails, where possible, our patrollers will close the open gate, window, door and keep watch throughout the night.

We appeal to property owners to take the basic precautions to reduce the possible incident of crime – secure windows and doors, keep valuables out of sight and activate alarm systems, even if you are at home. Keep your outside lights turned on at night, well-lit areas are less tempting. The more time the response vehicles must spend attempting to secure properties, the less time spent conducting patrols in the area.

As in November, the HPP patrollers have been inundated with mainly public disorder and vagrancy issues. 32.2% (108 incidents) reported matters dealt with public disorder mainly loitering (66 incidents), public intoxication (11 incidents) and unruly behaviour (11 incidents), 18.2% (61 incidents) of reported matters were in dealing with vagrants and beggars.

The busiest suburbs for December were CBD (31.6% of reported matters – 106 reports), Voelkip (17.6% of reported matters – 59 reports) and Westcliff (12.8% of reported matters – 43 reports). It is important to note that not all incidents reported are crime related. Many of them are public assistance or preventative action taken by HPP.

You can report an incident to the HPP call centre **24/7** on **087 550 5295**.

## Monthly Report for the period 01/12/2020 – 31/12/2020





