

HPP Performance Report – March 2021

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Since January 2021, HPP have recorded a marked increase in reported events. In March, 292 incidents were recorded in comparison to the 284 in February and 246 in January. Due to increasing incidents, throughout the month of March, HPP has been proactively involved in conducting Special Operations which include visible foot patrols at night, implementing listening posts at night and conducting searches through forest, bush, and cave areas. During the sweeps vagrant hideaways are identified and reported to the Overstrand Law Enforcement offices. We are pleased to report that Law Enforcement has responded to every call made.

March followed the same trends as previous months with patrollers being inundated with mainly public disorder and vagrancy issues. Although the figures are ever so slightly down compared to February, they are still concerning. 31.8% (93 incidents) of reported matters were in dealing with public disorder being mainly loitering (50 incidents) and unruly behaviour (17 incidents), 16.4% (48 incidents) of reported matters were in dealing with vagrants and beggars.

In addition to HPP recovering numerous stolen property during the month, several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 11 suspects during the month: 5 (45.5%) of them as a result of CCTV intervention and 6 (54.5%) as a result of the team in the field and supporting security companies and neighbourhood watches.

It is still concerning that even with the spike in crime HPP saw early this year, many residents are still leaving doors, windows and gates open at night. For the month of March, we had 43 such reports. This is an alarming increase of 65.4% compared to February's number of 26.

The busiest suburbs for March were CBD (89 reports, 49 of which were crime related), Voelklip (51 reports, 8 of which were crime related), Northcliff (32 reports, 10 of which were crime related) and Westcliff (30 reports, 6 of which were crime related). 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.

Cleansing

The HPP cleaning and clearing services team covers the Cliff Path regularly in sections, namely: Roman Rock to the Marine Hotel; Gearings Point to New Harbour; Hoy's Koppie and Grotto East to Kraal Rock.

In March, a total of 260 black bags, down from 280 in February, were picked up along the path including the cleaning of all the beach and path rubbish bins, as well as parking areas along the Cliff Path.

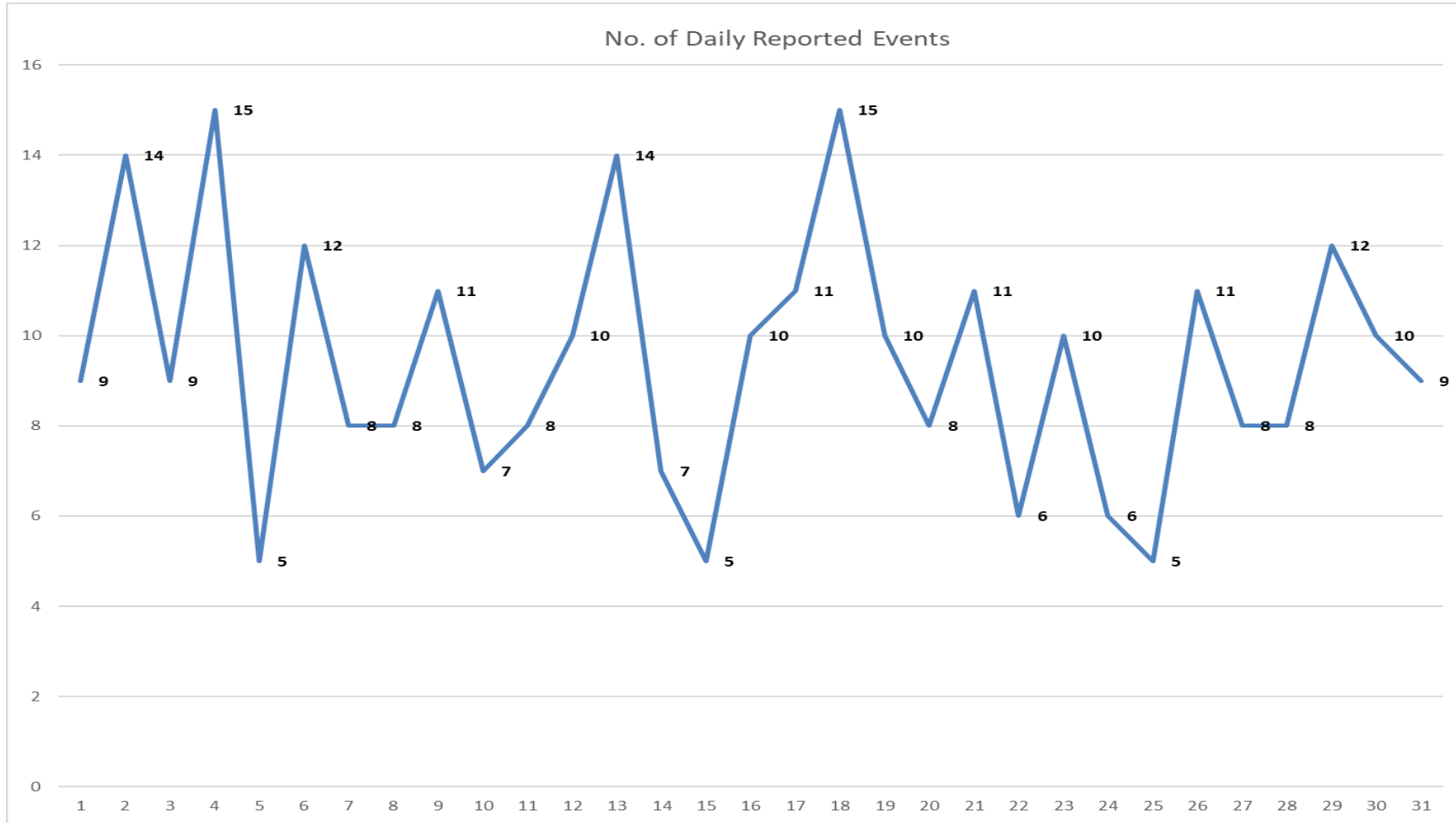
The Cliff Path, a top attraction for visitors and locals in Hermanus, also forms part of Fernkloof Nature Reserve, which subjects the path to the by-laws of the Overstrand Municipality. The main points of the by-laws include:

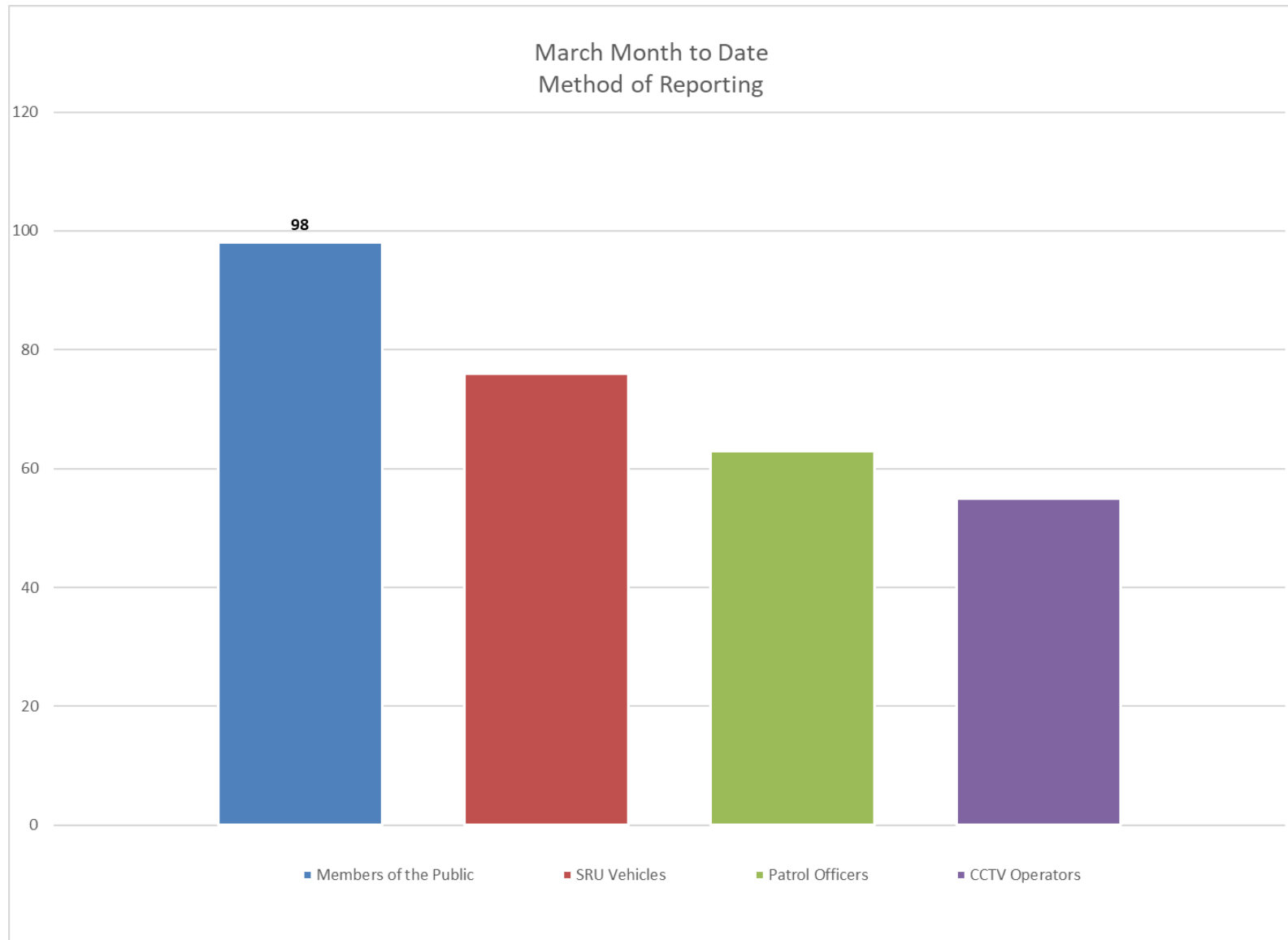
1. Littering is not permitted.
2. All dogs must be kept on a leash.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.

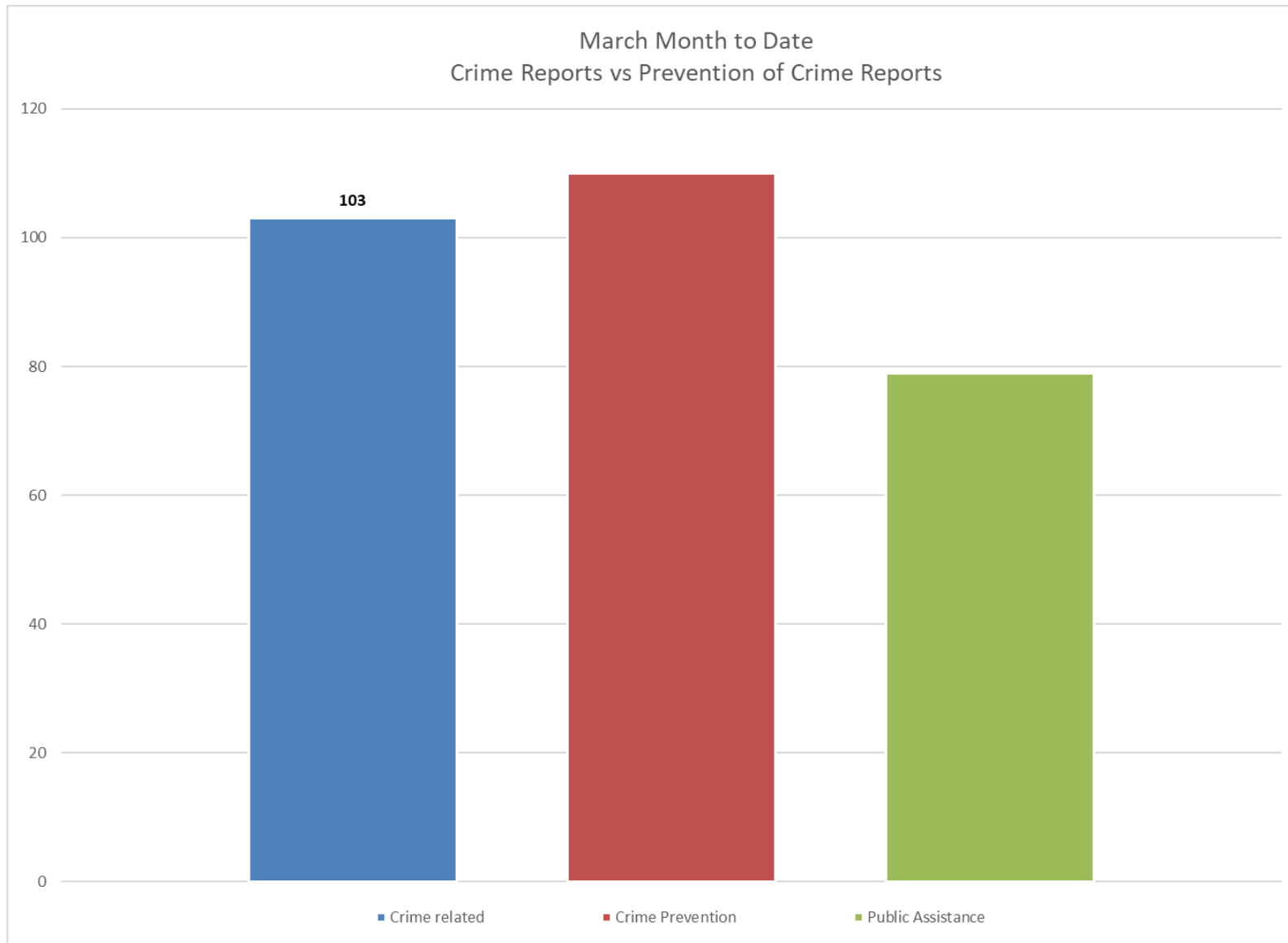
We appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

New signage will be placed along the Cliff Path to remind dog owners of their responsibilities and Law Enforcement officers will be enforcing the by-laws. The HPP patrollers will now carry dog poop bags for owners who may have been caught short!

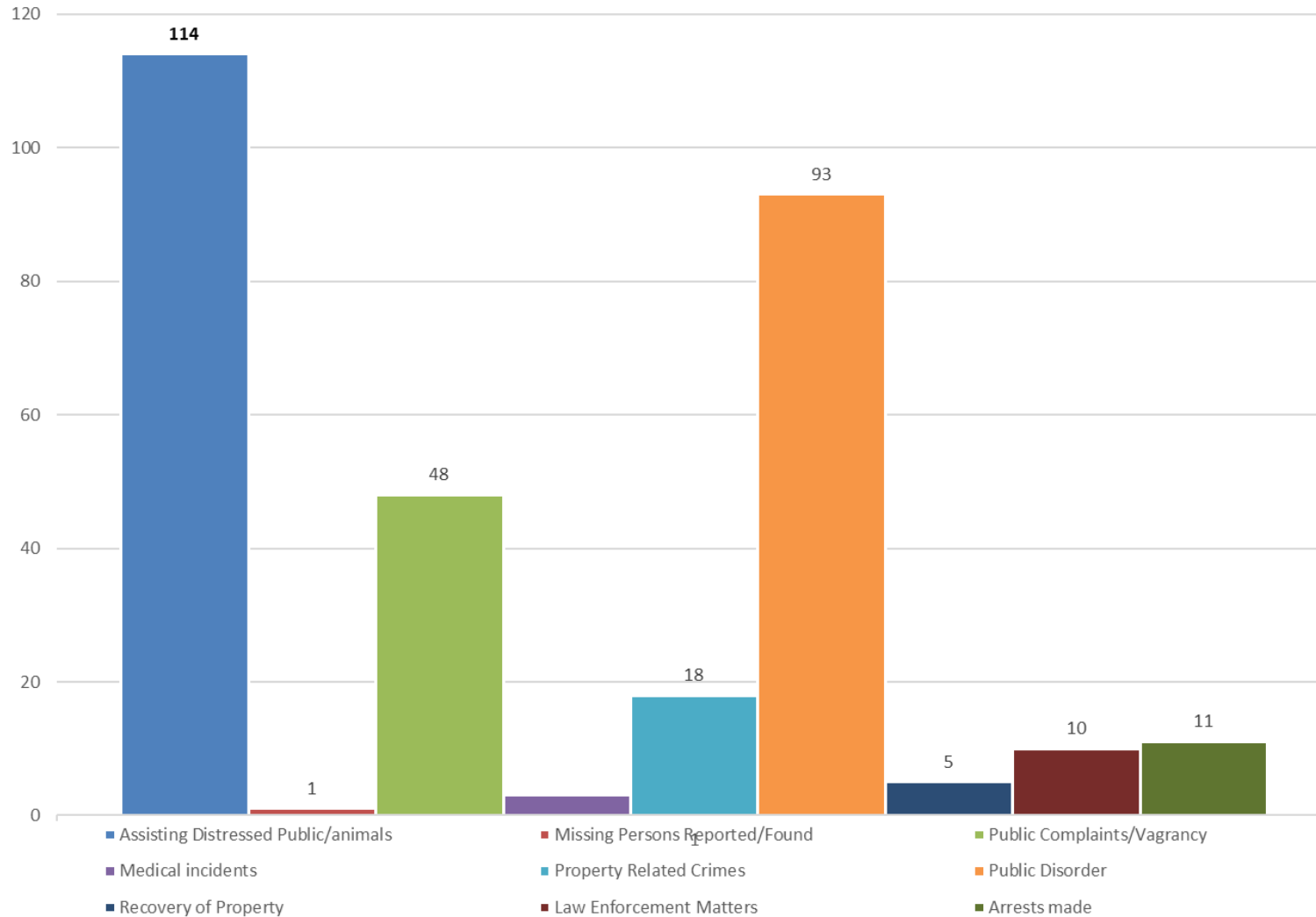
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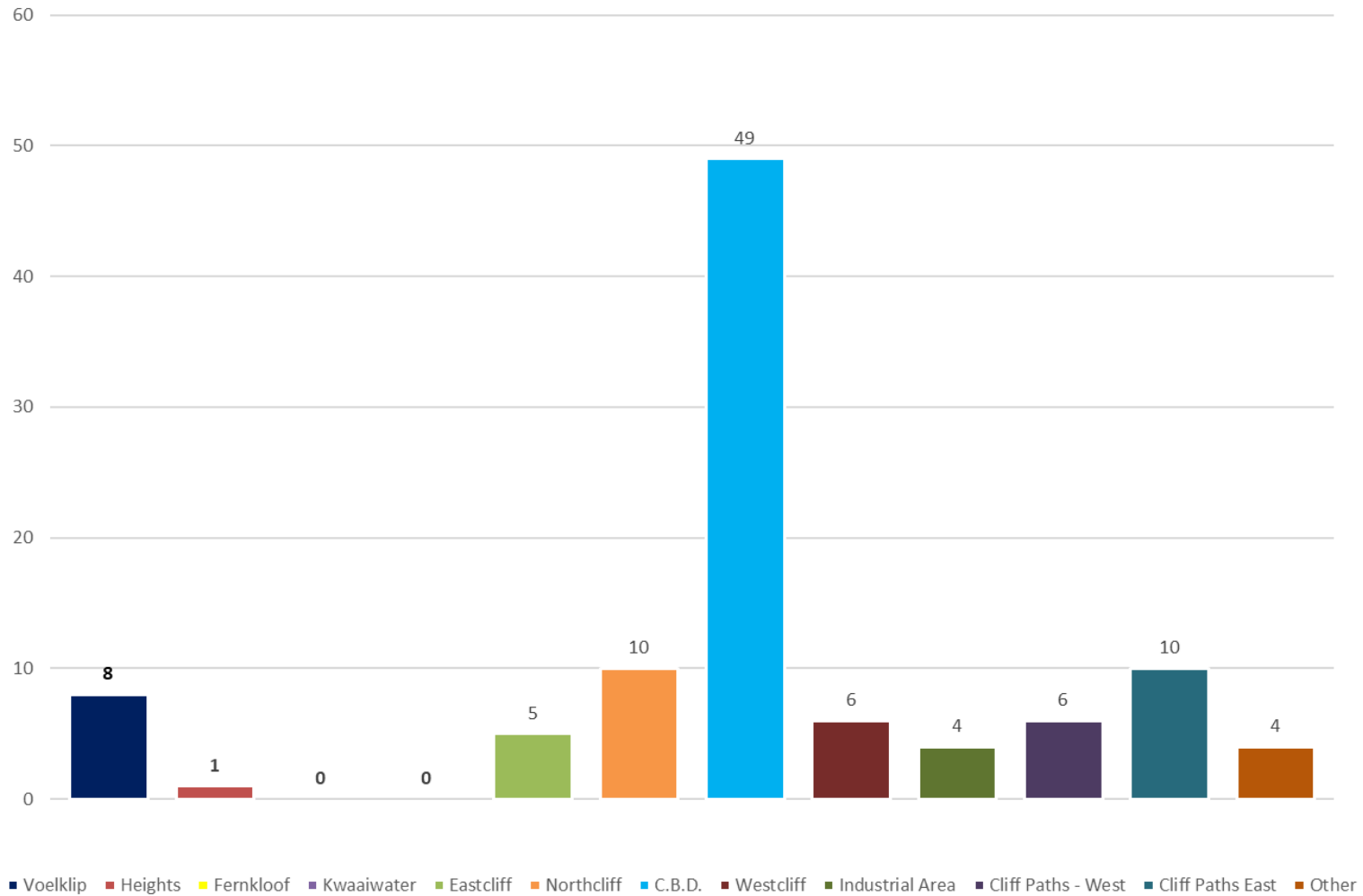




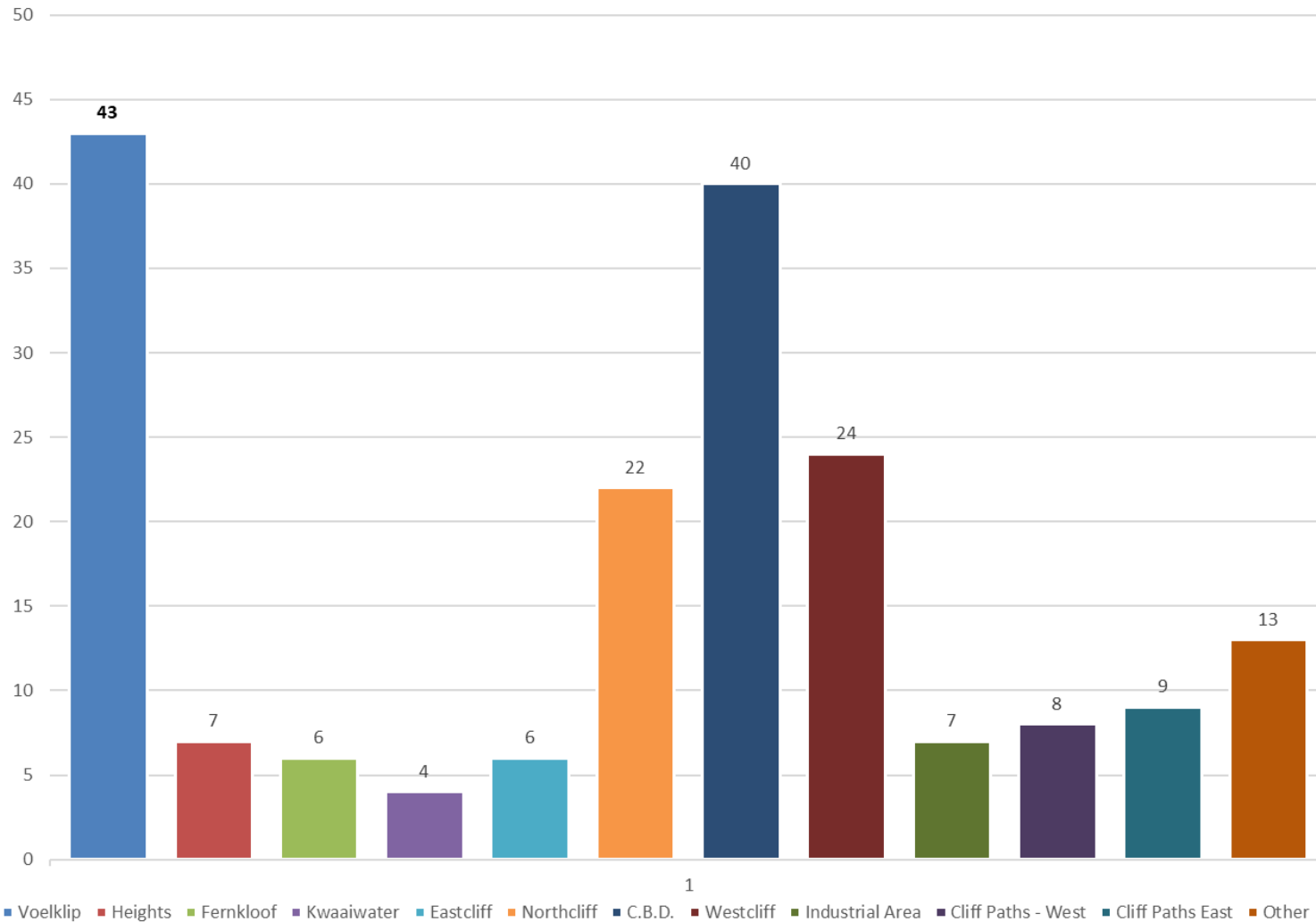
March Month to Date
Overall Summary



March Month to Date
Crime Only Reports per Suburbs



March Month to Date
Non Crime Reports per Suburbs





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FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?



NEED A POOP BAG...

If you're not prepared,
we are!

Just ask a patroller on
the path.

