

## HPP Performance – June 2021

### Summary

#### Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The change in weather and rigorous patrolling appears to be the driving factor behind the reduction in incidents reported during the month. There was a 25.8% decrease in reported incidents from 330 in May to 246 June.

The cooler weather is also the likely reason for a major reduction in the reports of open doors and windows. We again appeal to residents to ensure that their homes are secured, with alarms activated when away from home.

Throughout the last few months, HPP has been proactively conducting Special Operations which include visible foot patrols and implementing listening posts at night and conducting “sweeps” of wooded and overgrown areas. During the “sweeps” “vagrant nests” are identified and reported to the Overstrand Law Enforcement offices. We are pleased with the involvement of Law Enforcement in these vital operations.

These activities have proven effective in reducing vagrant activities in the Western and Eastern sides of the cliff path with a vast improvement in cleanliness at Piet se Bos, Kammabaai and Hardloopers.

Public disorder and vagrancy continue to be an ongoing issue in the CBD. Of the 72 public disorder reported matters, there were 42 loitering incidents, 18 unruly behaviour incidents and 8 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting.

Several reported incidents resulted in the arrest of eight suspects and the recovery of stolen property during the month: five as a result of CCTV intervention and three due to the team in the field working with various security companies and neighbourhood watches.

Arrests were made for the following:

- 2 x Housebreaking and theft;
- 2 x Being in possession of dangerous weapons;
- 1 x Attempted robbery;
- 1 x Theft;
- 1 x Shoplifting; and
- 1 x Malicious damage to property.



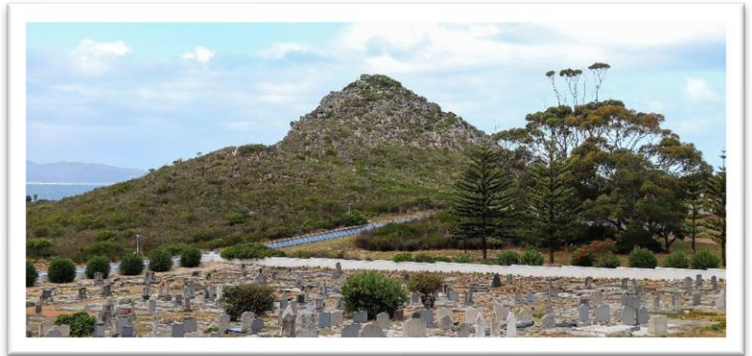
*Figure 1 – items discarded at Post Office in the CBD*

The areas with the highest incident rates for June were the CBD (84 reports, of which 47 were crime related), Voelklip (31 reports, of which 5 were crime related), Northcliff (31 reports, of which 10 were crime related) and Westcliff (25 reports, of which 10 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.

HPP wish to advise residents that during the winter months, the patrol officers sporadically patrol the cliff paths dependent on the weather. When the weather is particularly inclement, patrollers are reallocated to the CBD and surrounding shops in the area to assist with vagrancy issues. We caution residents to take care when walking the cliff paths and advise that you have the HPP emergency number saved to your phone – 087 550 5295.

## Cleansing

During June, a meeting was held with various stakeholders to address the increase in litter, cutting of fynbos vegetation and vagrants sheltering on Hoy's Koppie. Hoy's Koppie forms part of the Fernkloof Nature Reserve, with fascinating historical associations and exceptional views, it is widely known as the "jewel of Hermanus". It has been



agreed that the HPP, Overstrand Municipality Environmental Management Services and Law Enforcement will regularly monitor the area to ensure that this iconic site be protected from potential wildfire and the destruction of fynbos vegetation.

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 June, a total of 170 black bags, down from 190 in May, 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.

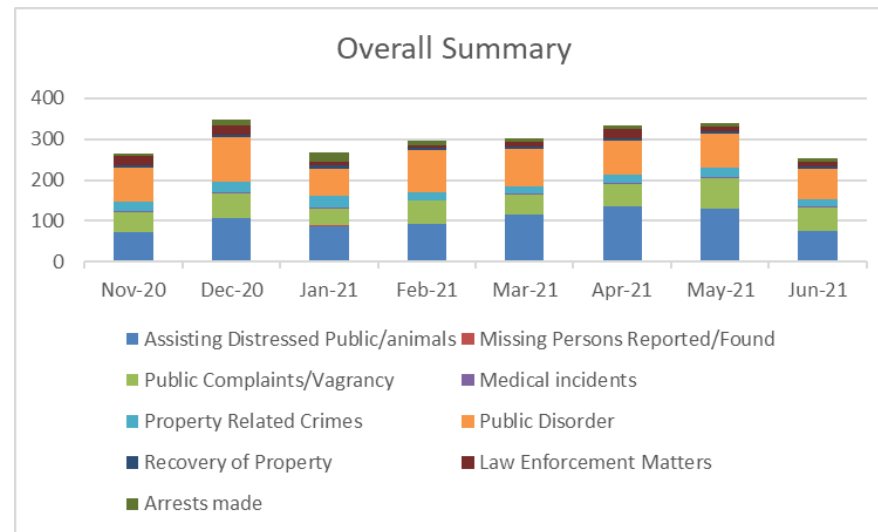
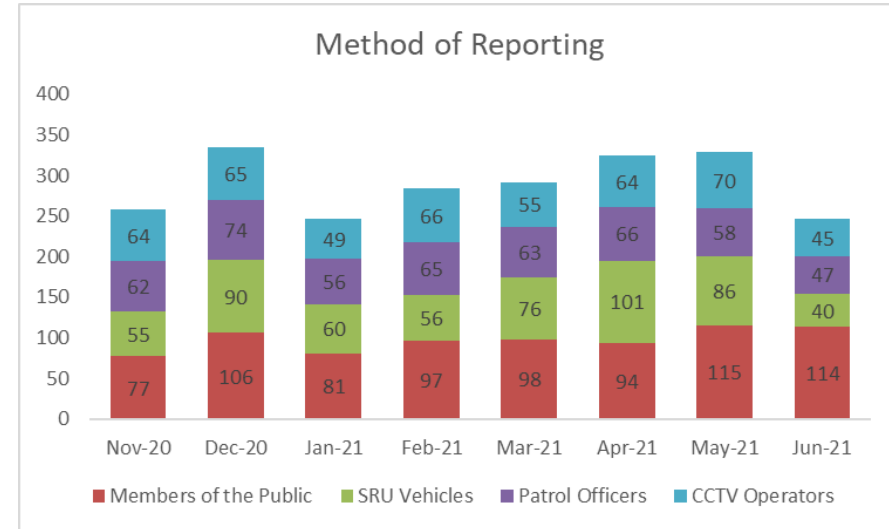
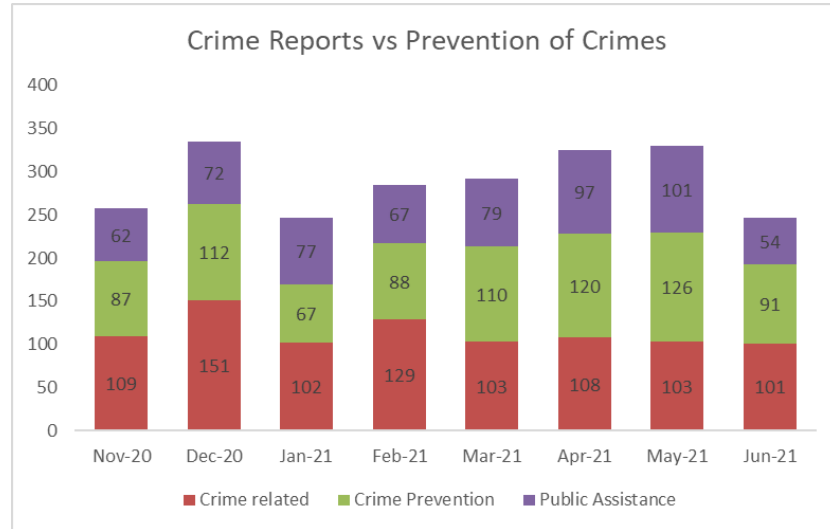
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

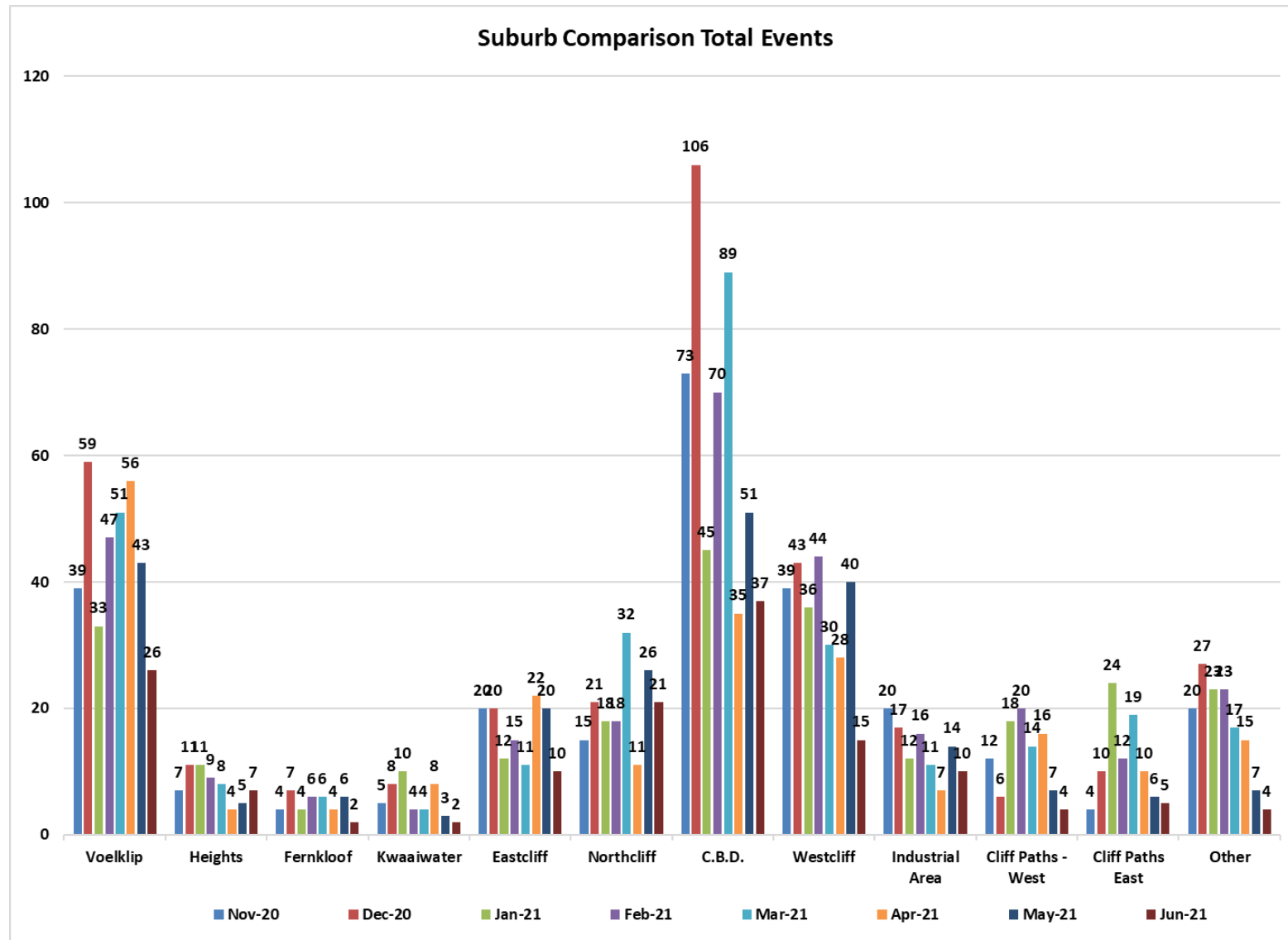
## Satisfaction Survey

A satisfaction survey was run throughout the month of June. The intention of the survey was to determine the general opinion of Hermanus SRA ratepayers about the service provided by HPP. The outcome of this survey will greatly assist the Board in determining what improvements can be made and the issues residents would like to see addressed in the coming year.

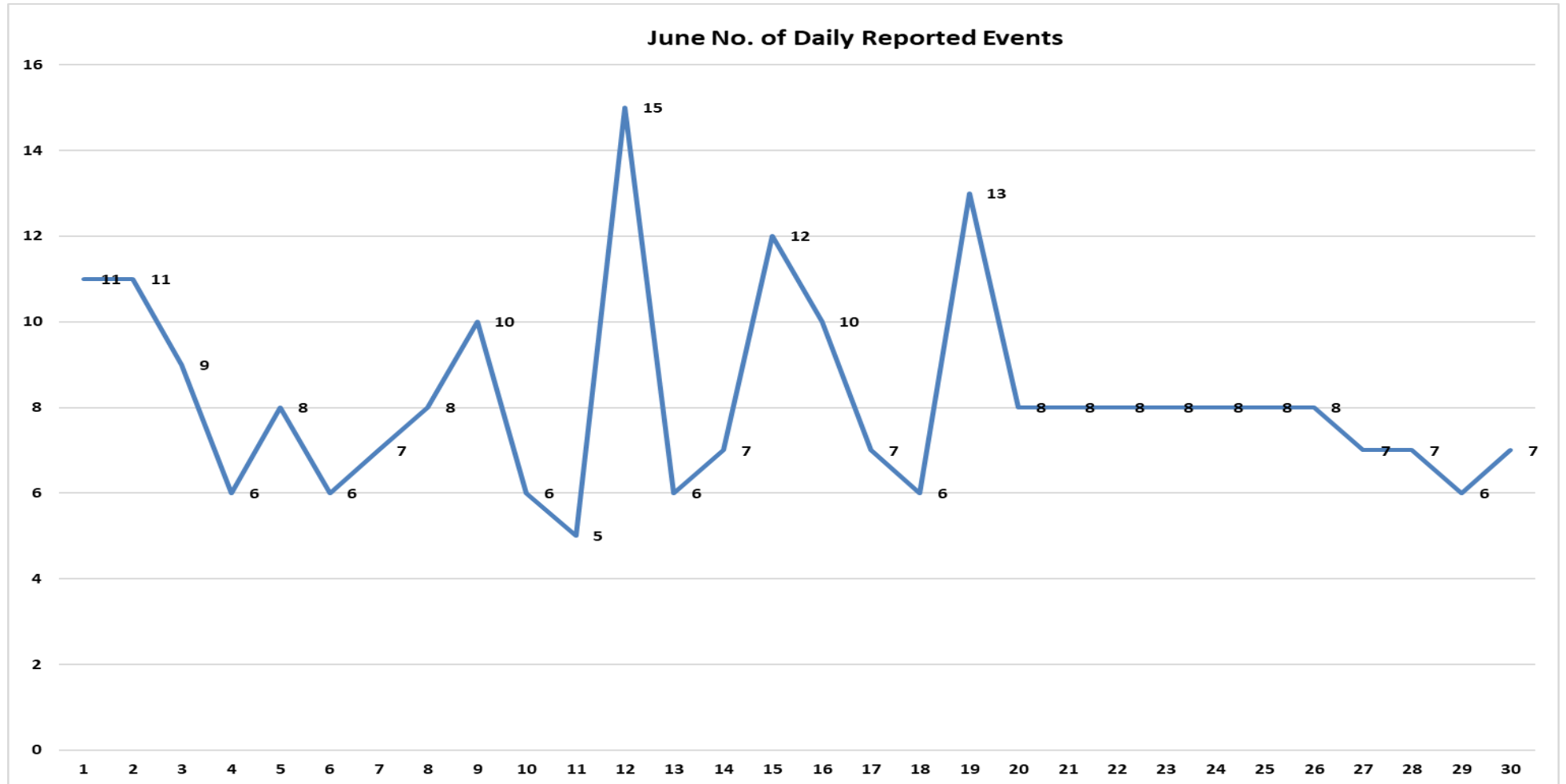
Just over 5% of ratepayers responded with the majority answering very positively across the board. Some of the highlights of the survey revealed that 91% of respondents perceive the HPP to play an important role in preventing crime. Just over 75% of ratepayers view the service as excellent value for money. Some interesting issues were raised that will be discussed further at the upcoming strategic planning workshop. View all the responses [here](#).

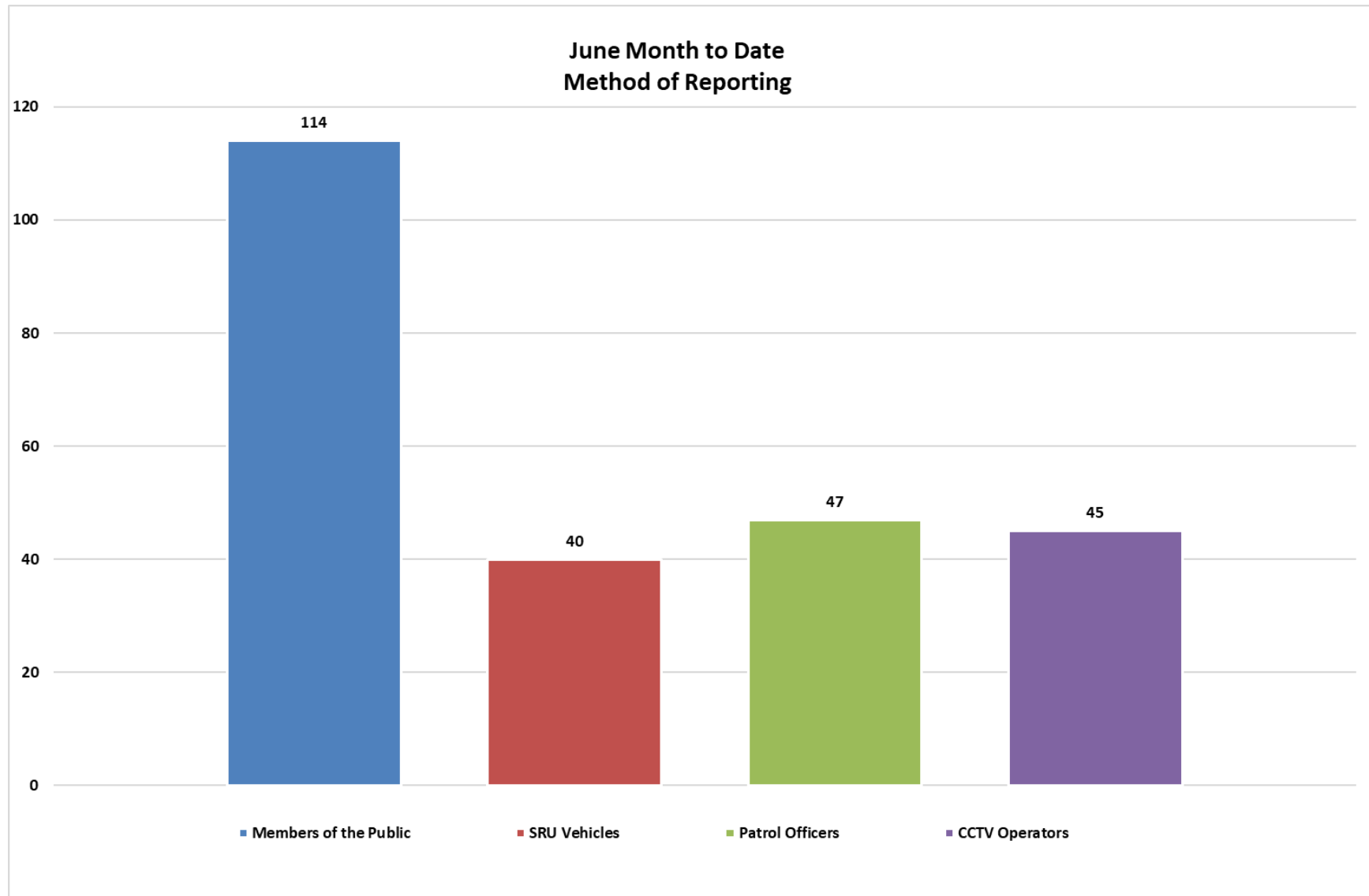
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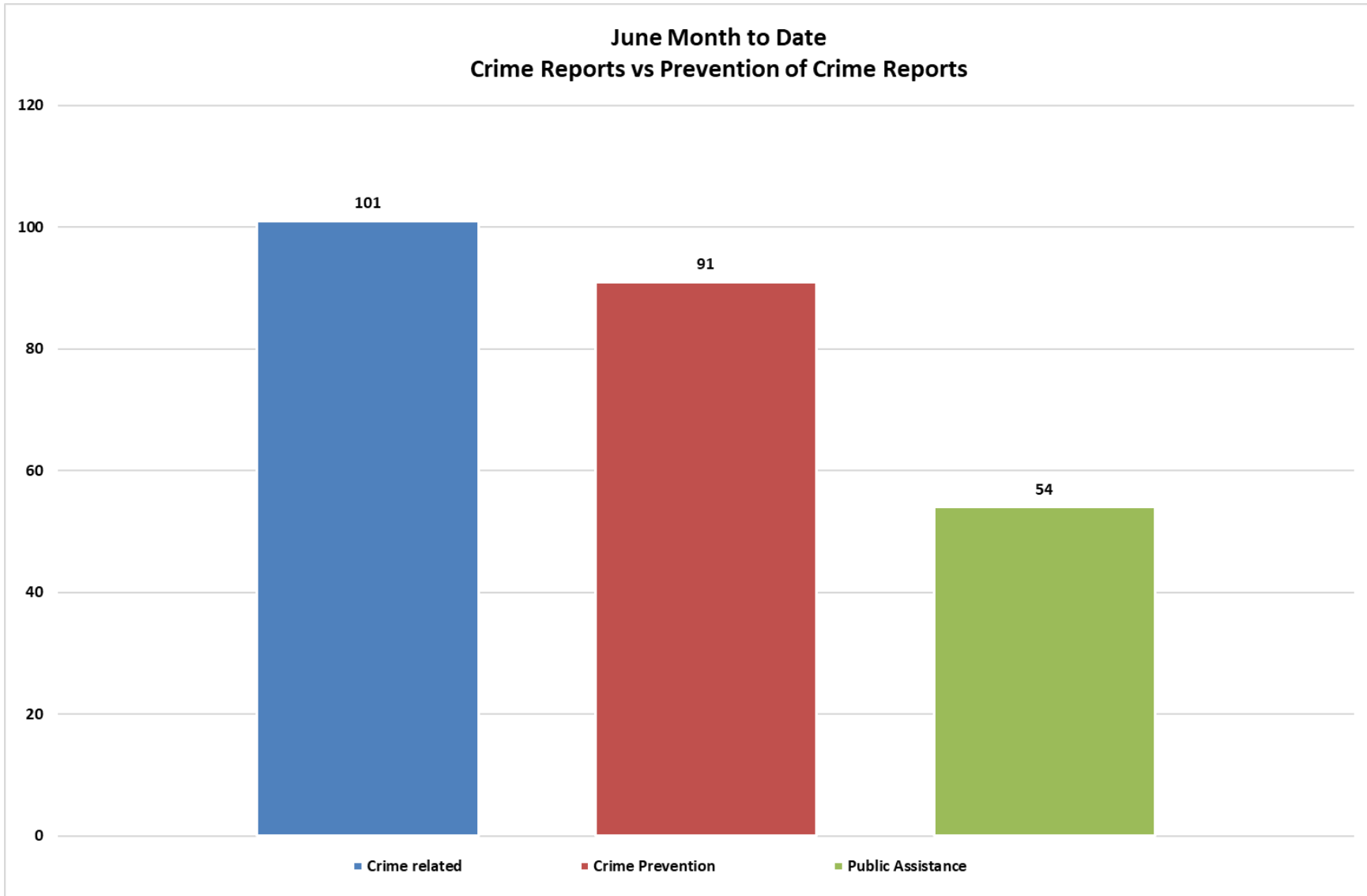




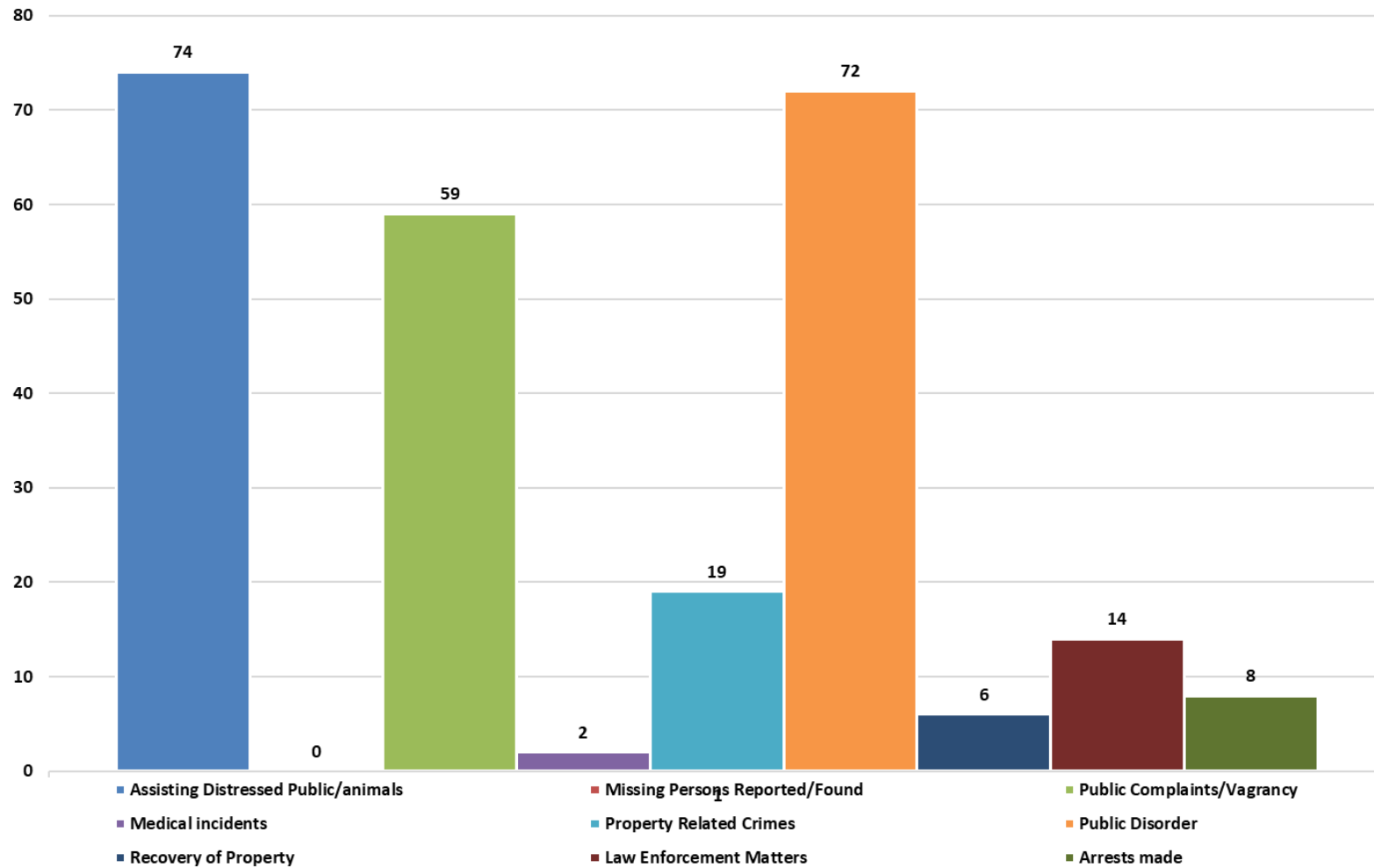
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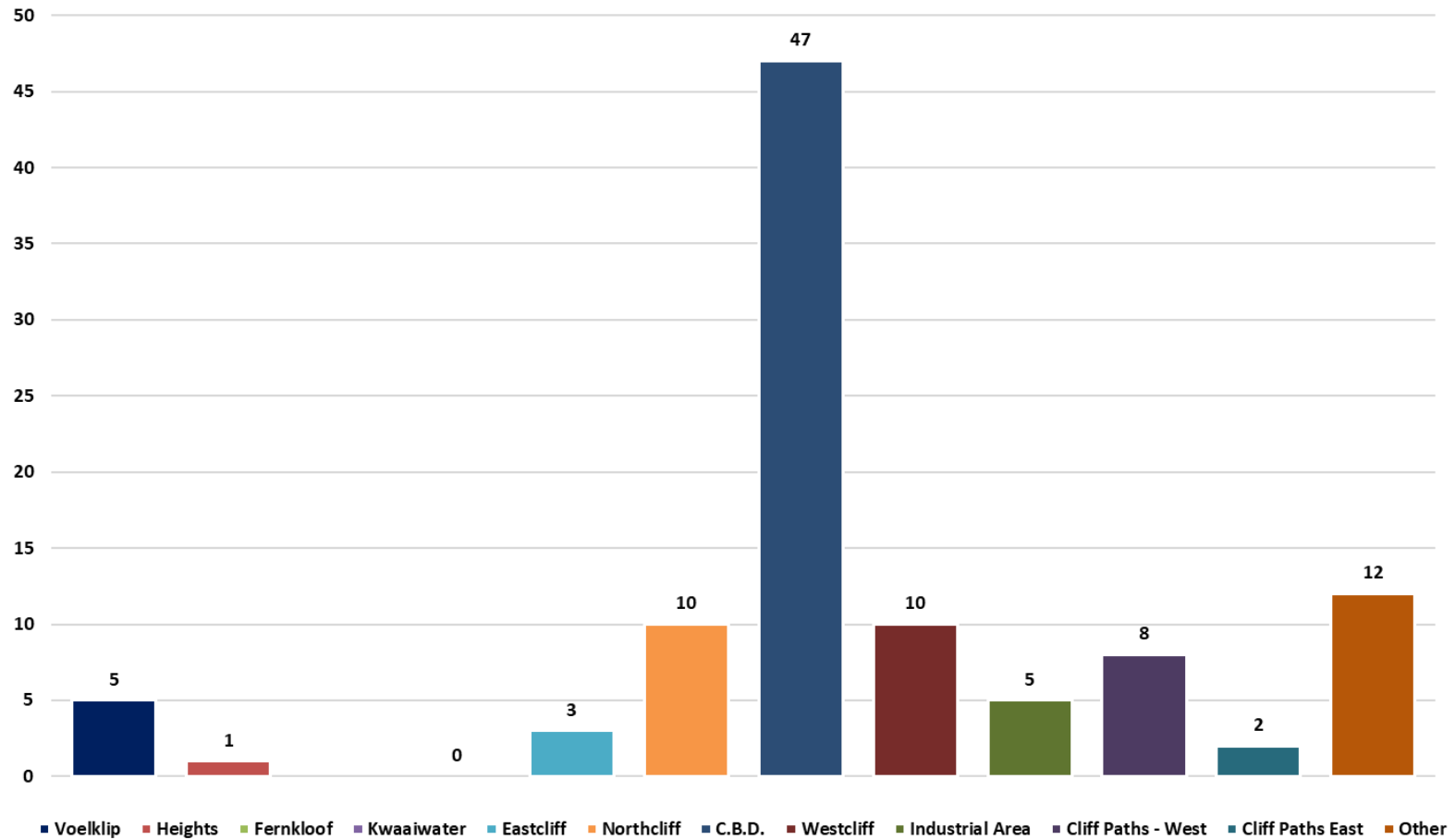


### June Month to Date Overall Summary





**June Month to Date  
Crime Only Reports per Suburbs**



**June Month to Date  
Non Crime Reports per Suburbs**

