

HPP Performance – July 2021

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

In July, HPP saw a rise in reported matters, a 5.7% increase in reported incidents (260) compared to June (246).

Public disorder and vagrancy continue to be an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 118 compared to June's 72. Of the 118 matters reported, 52 were vagrancy incidents, 49 were loitering incidents, 10 unruly behaviour incidents and 7 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting.

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

Arrests were made up of the following:

- 6 x Being in possession of dangerous weapons,
- 2 x Being in possession of possible stolen items,
- 1 x Assault with a deadly weapon,
- 1 x Housebreaking and theft,
- 1 x Shoplifting, and
- 1 x public intoxication.

ALERT: NEW CRIME TREND

HPP's service partner, Fidelity ADT is urging homeowners in and around Hermanus to test their residential securities, following reports of a new crime trend appearing in the area. A number of incidents have been reported where suspects gained access to homes via the roof, read more here: [Hermanus residents warned of new crime trend](#)

In June, there was a welcome decrease in the number of open doors and windows at night. July has seen a slight increase again. For the month of July, we had 23 such reports. This is an increase of 21% compared to June's number of 19.

The areas with the highest incident rates for July were the CBD (84 reports, of which 45 were crime related), Westcliff (34 reports, of which 10 were crime related), Voelklip (27 reports, of which 7 were crime related), Eastcliff (25 report, of which 7 were crime related), and Northcliff (22 reports, of which 2 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.

During the past months, HPP has been proactively involved in conducting Special Operations which include visible foot patrols at night, implementing listening posts at night and conducting "sweeps" of the bushes. During the "sweeps" "vagrant nests" are identified and reported through to the Overstrand Law Enforcement offices. We are pleased with the involvement of Law Enforcement in these vital operations.

We are concerned about the number of incidents where suspects have been arrested but the complainants choose not to open criminal cases as they have recovered the stolen items. We urge residents to open cases with SAPS when a criminal incident has taken place. We request that you insist on receiving a CAS/MAS number as then the incident will reflect on national police statistics. ***SAPS resources are allocated according to the crime statistics.***

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

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.

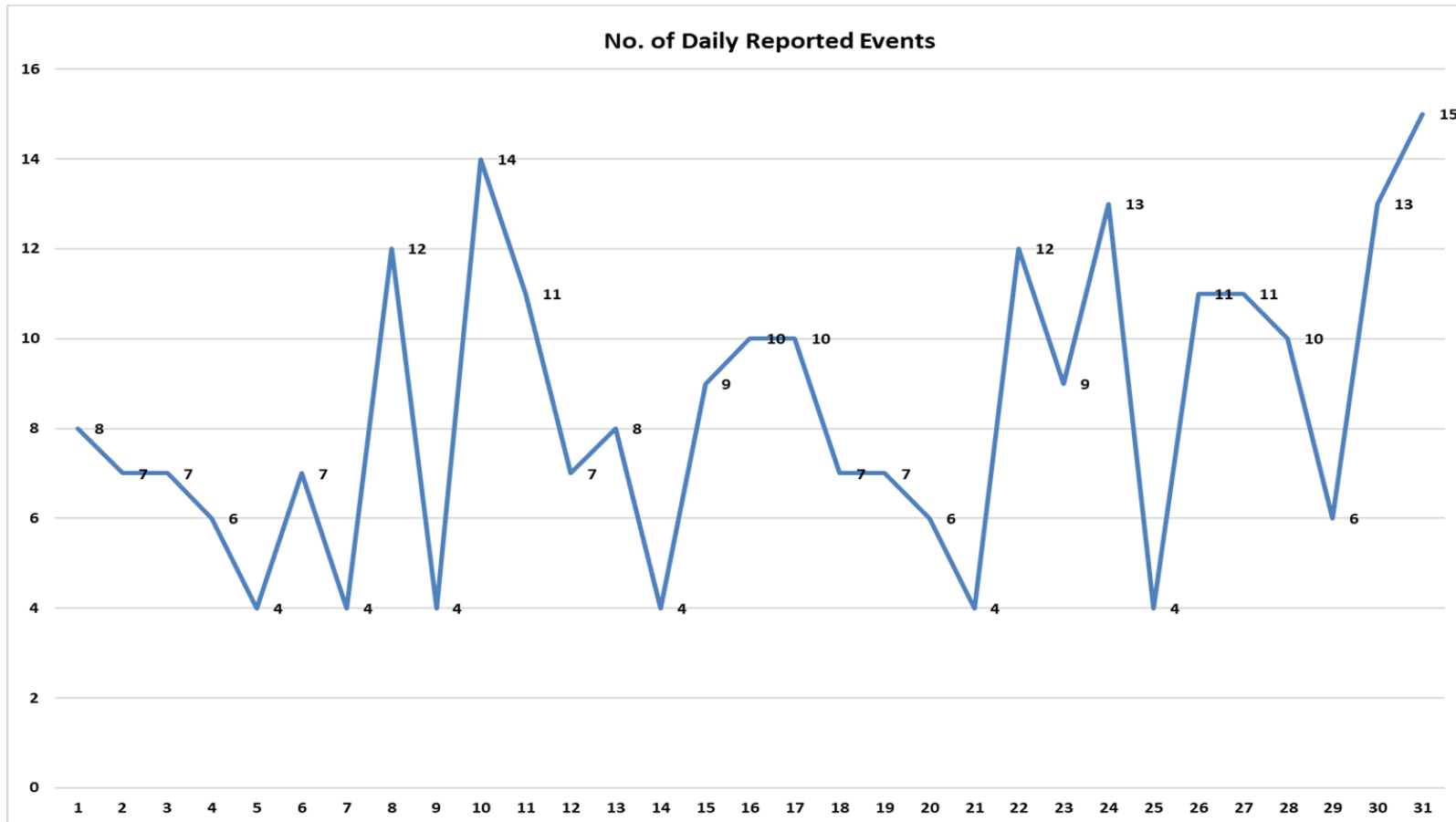
In July, a total of 180 black bags, up from 170 in June, were picked up along the path including the cleaning of all the beach and path rubbish bins, as well as parking areas along the Cliff Path.

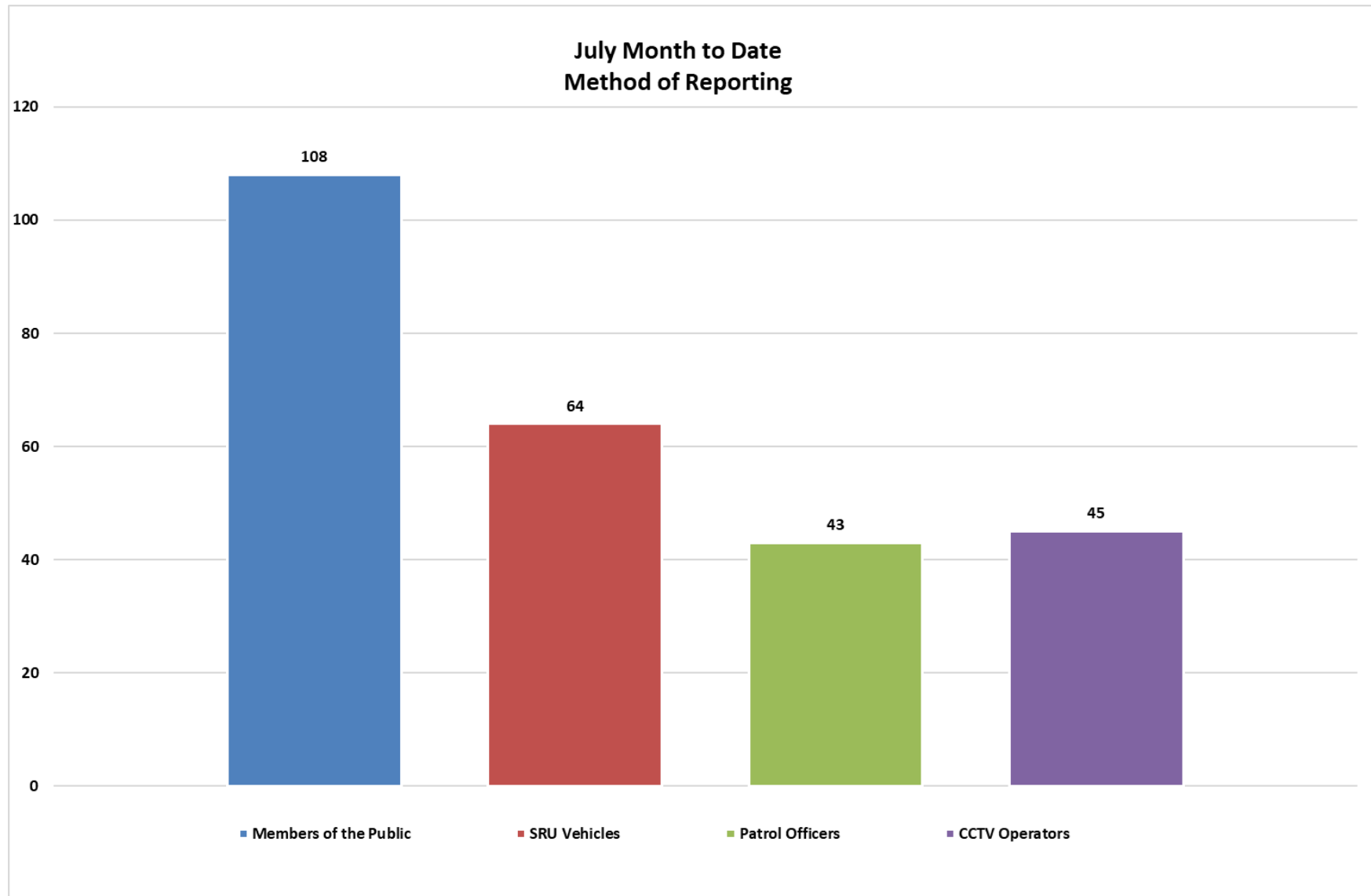
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

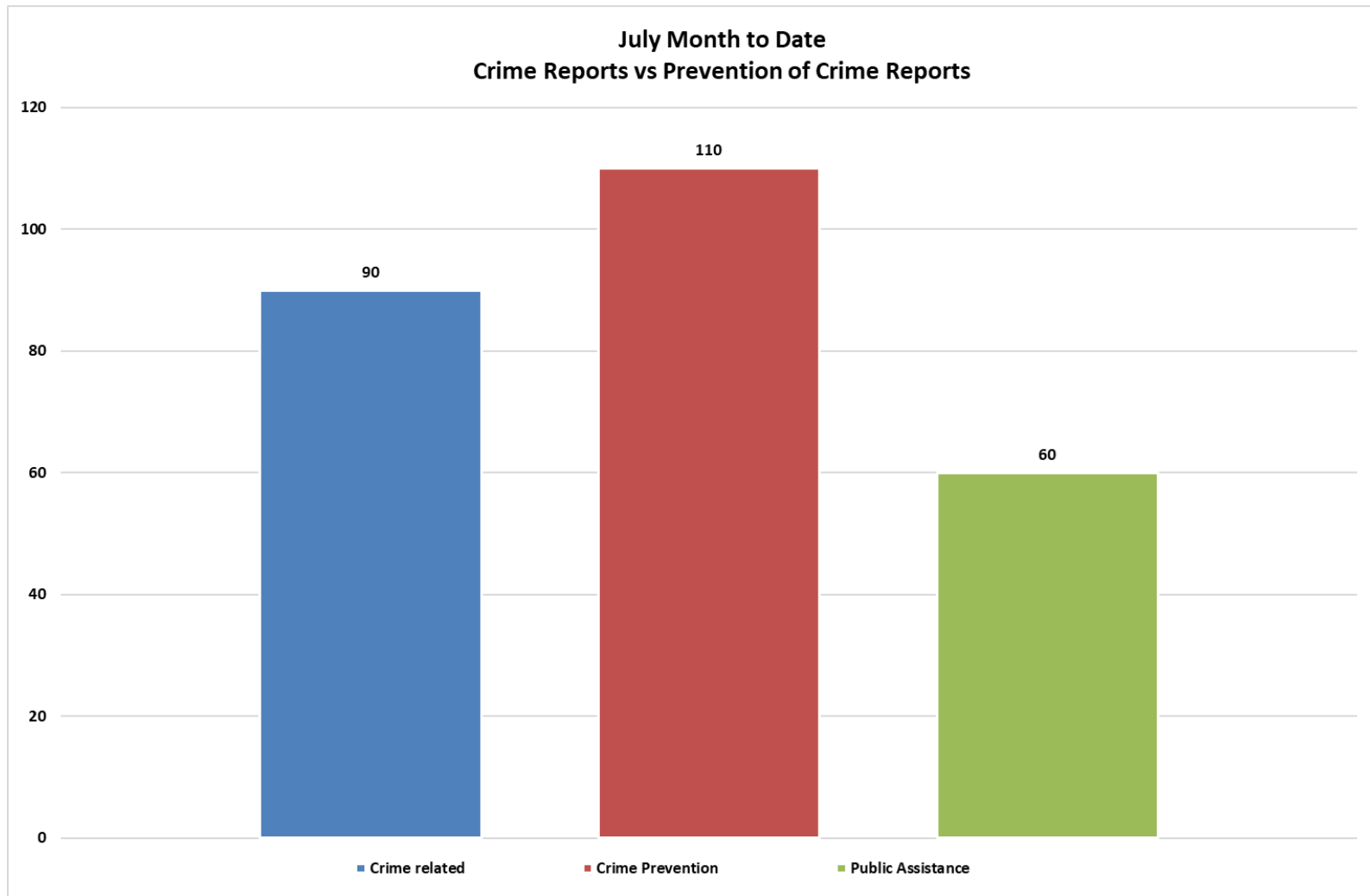
Annual General Meeting

You are reminded that the AGM will be held via Zoom on Monday, 13 September 2021. The timing will be from 3pm – 5pm. Please confirm your attendance / non-attendance via e-mail to info@hpp.org.za. The link to the virtual AGM and instructions to join will be emailed to you.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention for the period 01/07/2021 – 31/07/2021







July Month to Date Overall Summary

