

HPP Performance – September 2021

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

In September, HPP experienced a 10% increase in reported matters. 313 incidents were reported in September, an increase from August's, 284, and July's 260 reported incidents.

Public disorder and vagrancy continue to be an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased slightly to 125 compared to August's 116. Of the reported 125 matters reported, 63 were vagrancy incidents (down from August's figure of 69), 35 loitering incidents (up from the August's figure of 24), 14 unruly behaviour incidents (up from the August's figure of 11) and 13 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (up from the August figures of 12).

Several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of ten suspects during the month: eight as a result of CCTV intervention and two as a result of the team in the field as well as supporting security companies and neighbourhood watches.

Arrests were made up of the following:

- 1 x arrest for robbery
- 3 x arrests for being in possession of possible stolen items
- 3 x arrests for theft
- 2 x arrests for shoplifting
- 1 x arrest for malicious damage to property

In September we have seen a slight increase in the number of doors and windows left open at night. For the month of September, 18 incidents were reported by patrol officers.

ALERT: CBD Crime

There have been several opportunistic crimes committed in the CBD over the past month.

HPP appeal to owners and employees of retail businesses and restaurants to remain alert and report any suspicious activities.

Keep valuables out of sight!

When reporting suspicious behaviour – please report the time, location, and a detailed description of the suspect/s.

Contact HPP 24/7 on **087 550 5295**

The busiest suburbs for September were CBD (92 reports, of which 54 were crime related), Voelklip (41 reports, of which 11 were crime related), Eastcliff (43 reports, of which 12 were crime related), Westcliff (40 reports, of which 18 were crime related) and Northcliff (14 reports, of which 6 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.

Several criminal incidents have taken place in the CBD area at night. HPP continue to reallocate the night shift foot patrol team to this area. We advise businesses to please test your alarms and make sure that all your beams are working and are not blocked by furniture, plants, posters etc.

HPP continue with 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 caution residents to take care when shopping or working in the CBD and while walking the cliff paths and advise that you have the HPP emergency number saved to your phone – 087 550 5295.

Cleansing

HPP invited the children from the [Enlighten Trust](#)'s art classes to participate in an anti-litter campaign using the three components of environmentally-responsible behaviour – **Reduce Reuse Recycle** to create unique art pieces. The event was a great success.

HPP would like to thank the following people for making this project possible while maintaining strict COVID protocols: Magriet Peter, Ashleigh Temple Camp, Karin von Maltzahn from [Enlighten Trust](#) and Celeste Loriston and her team from [StoryTeam](#). [Read more about the initiative here.](#)

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 September, a total of 210 black bags, up from 190 in August, 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.

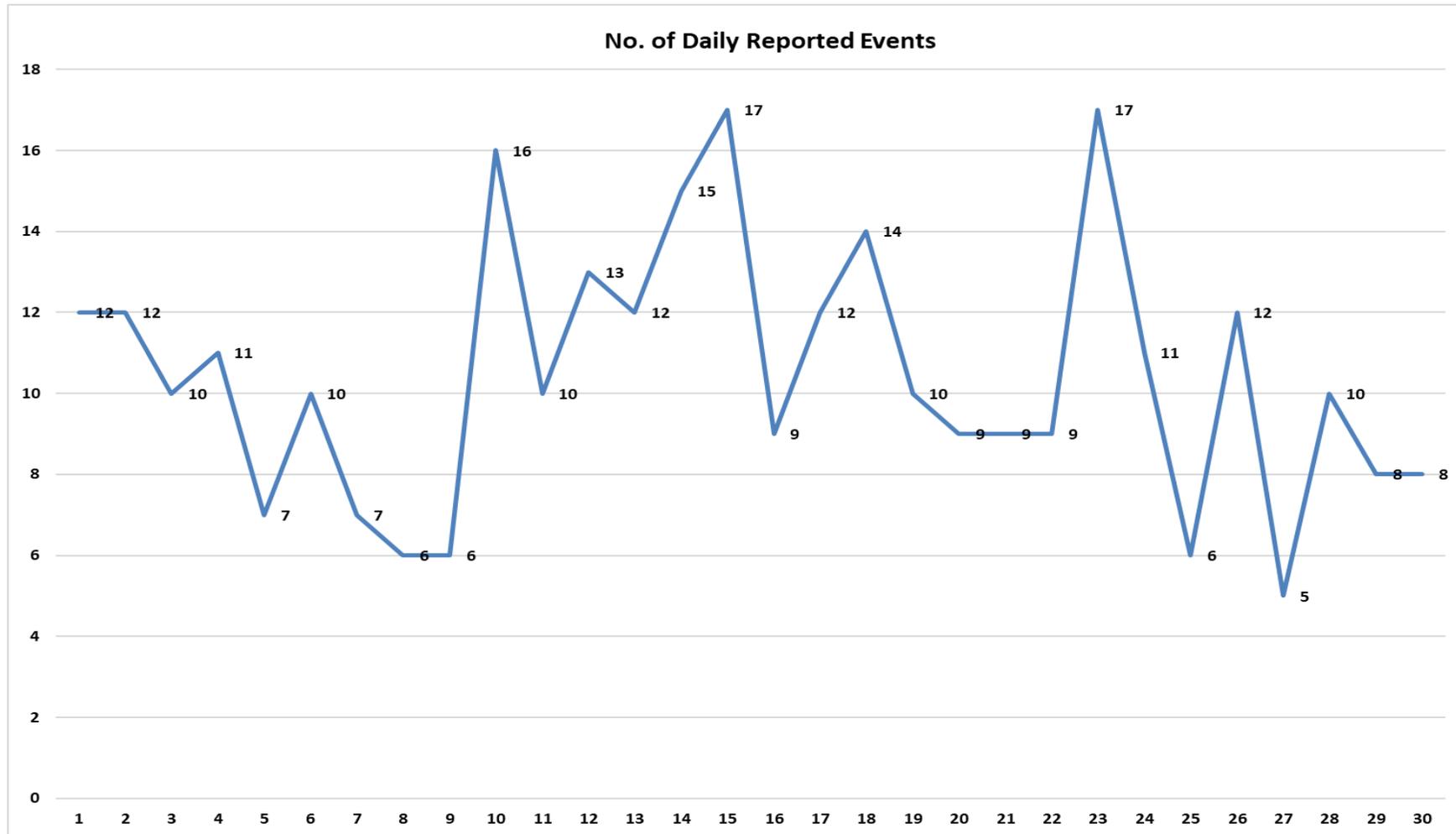
Safety Tip

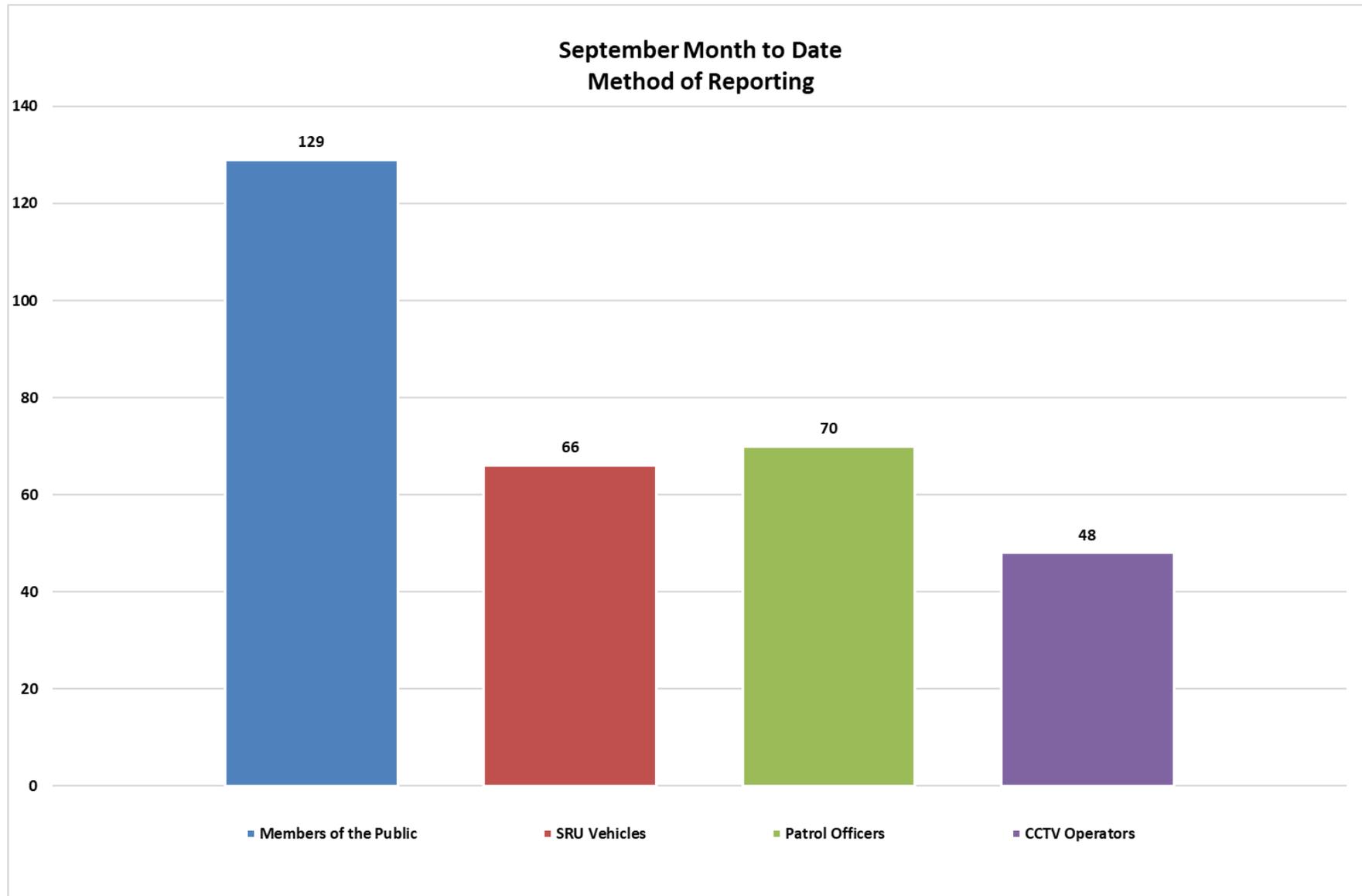
Personal safety in public places

By taking sensible precautions you can make yourself even less likely to become a victim of street crime.

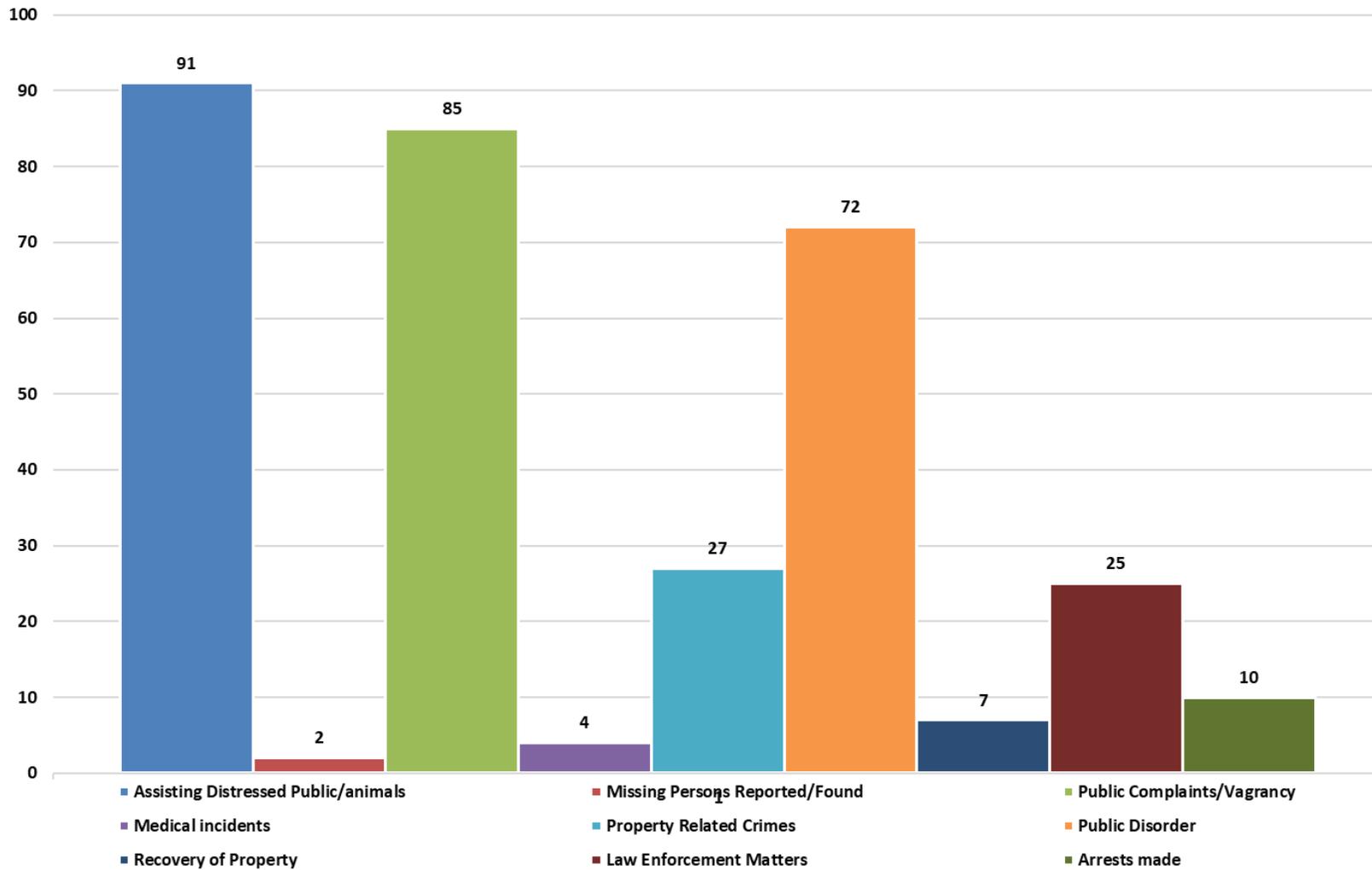
- If you're walking alone stick to busy, well-lit areas and try to look confident.
- Keep valuables out of sight – don't walk and talk on your mobile phone at the same time.
- Keep your purse or wallet out of sight and don't flash your cash.
- Keep bags and rucksacks closed, zipped, and buckled.
- Try to withdraw money from a cash point in daylight or go with a friend if you can. At night, choose a well-lit location.
- If someone tries to take something from you it may be better to let them, have it rather than try to defend yourself.
- If you decide to defend yourself, remember that your attacker might be stronger than you – it is often better just to shout loudly and run away.
- When out walking or jogging and if listening to music, be aware that you might not be able to hear someone approaching.

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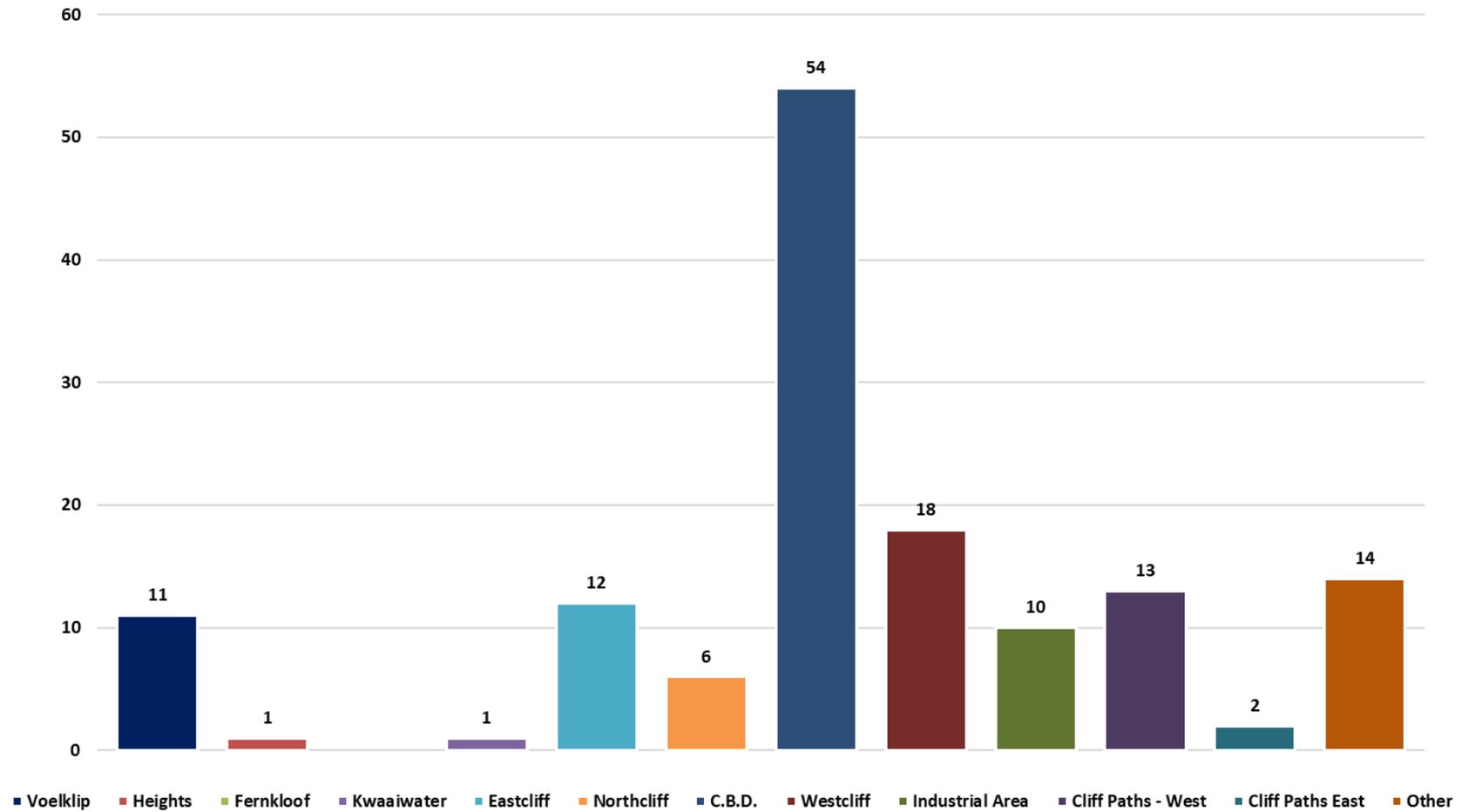




September Month to Date Overall Summary



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



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

