

HPP Performance – December 2021

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

As anticipated, reported incidents rose in December. The number of reported incidents increased from November's 410 to 452 reported incidents in December.

Public disorder and vagrancy continue to be an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 210 compared to November's 168. Of the 210 matters reported, 113 were vagrancy incidents (up from November's figure of 72), 55 loitering incidents (down from the November's figure of 64), 8 unruly behaviour incidents (down from the November figure of 15) and 34 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (up from the November figures of 17).

Several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of seven suspects during the month. Six of the arrests as a result of CCTV intervention and one as a result of the team in the field, supporting security companies and neighbourhood watches.

Arrests were made up of the following:

- 2 x possession of house breaking implements,
- 3 x theft,
- 1 x possession of dangerous weapons, and
- 1 x possession of crayfish without a permit.

As the weather gets increasingly hotter, we would like to remind residents to ensure that windows and doors are secured at night. Ensure that valuables are locked out of sight, alarms and beams activated and outside lights left on to deter criminals from entering your home.

The busiest suburbs for December were CBD (134 reports, of which 61 were crime related), Voelklip (87 reports, of which 25 were crime related), Westcliff (57 reports, of which 20 were crime related), Eastcliff (35 reports, of which 16

ALERT: Safety Awareness

Be alert to your surroundings. Ensure that your home is secured, day and night.

Ensure that you have emergency numbers ([download a printable emergency contacts here](#)) readily available should an incident occur.

[Read more safety tips on the HPP website here.](#)

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

were crime related), and Northcliff (22 reports, of which 7 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.

We continue to see a few criminal incidents taking place in the CBD area at night and continue to reallocate the night shift foot patrol team to this area. We advise businesses to test their alarms and make sure that all beams are working and are not blocked by furniture, plants, posters etc. [Please review our safety tips for businesses here.](#)

HPP continue to carry out 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 to the Overstrand Law Enforcement offices.

ALERT: There has been an increase in robberies taking place in the Still and Church street areas. Please be cautious when travelling this road and ensure all doors are locked and windows are closed. Please advise your employees who make use of the roads in this area to be attentive and not to walk alone or to use cell phones when in this area.

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

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 Bekker’s Park and Grotto East to Kraal Rock.

In December, a total of 340 black bags, up from 280 in November, 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.

HPP were alerted to three areas of concern during the period. One area being Fick’s Pool, as well as Swallow Park and around Kammabaai beach parking area. Reports were received over weekends and the teams responded as quickly as possible to attend to these areas and clear the illegally dumped litter.

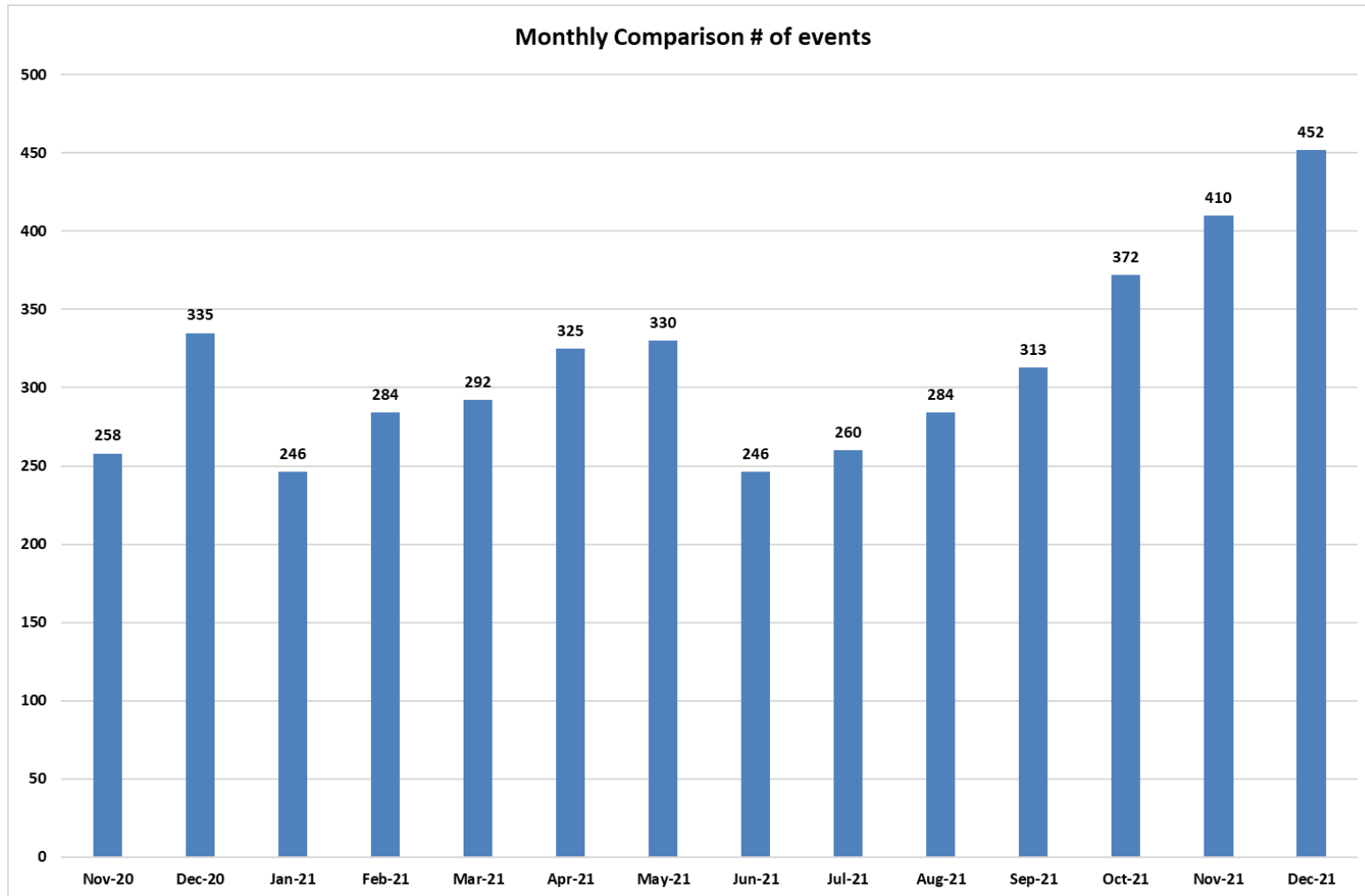
HPP Cleansing noted the “Letter to the editor” published earlier in the month in the Village News re rubbish accumulating in some of the storm water run offs along certain areas. Although this does not fall within our mandate, HPP cleaned some of the more accessible areas along/close to the path.



HPP have noted an increase in illegal dumping in and around the Cliff Path and car parking areas. Residents are kindly requested to immediately report any incidents of illegal dumping of household waste and garden refuse or builders' rubble to Overstrand Law Enforcement on 028 313 8996.

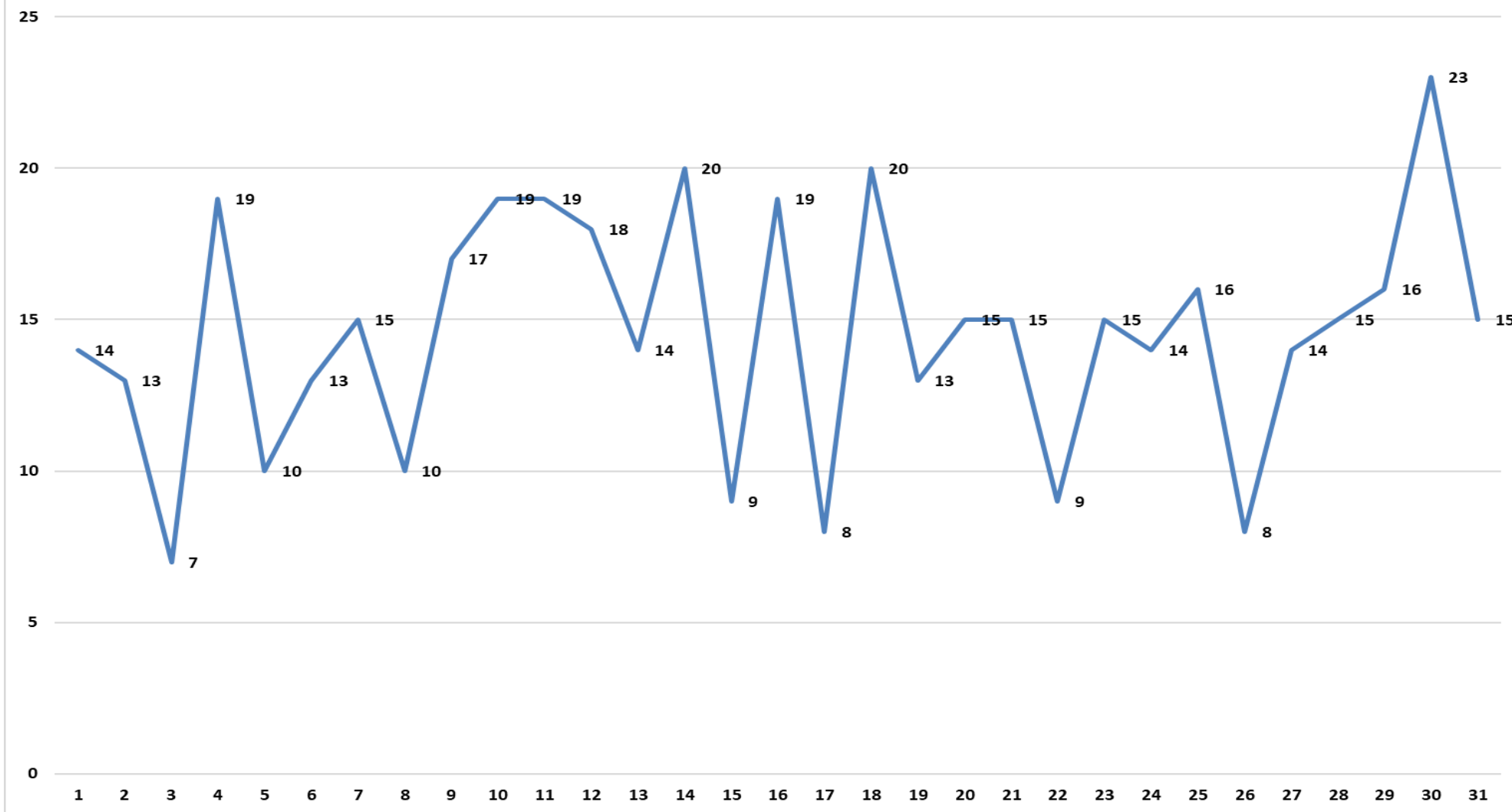
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

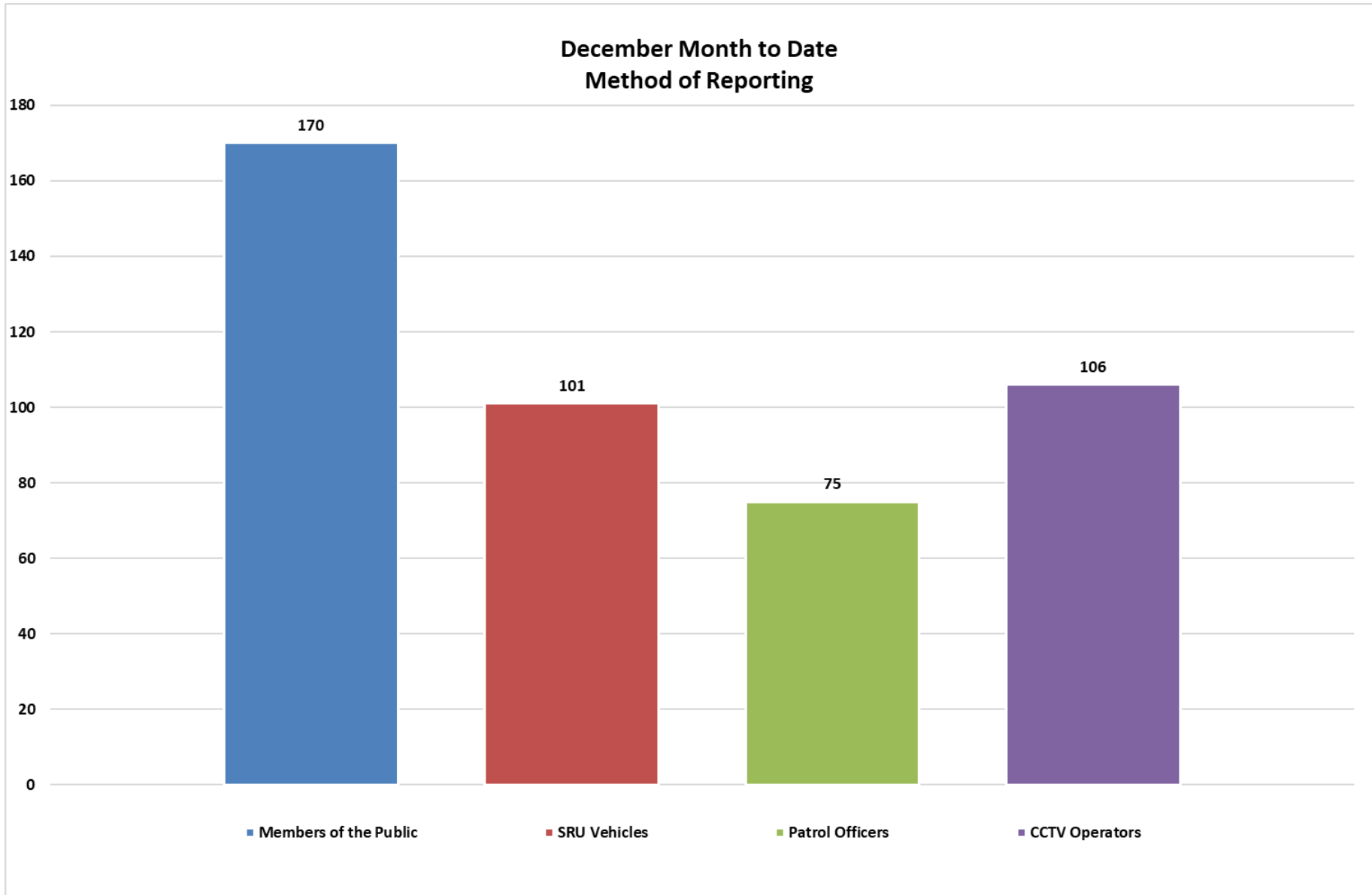
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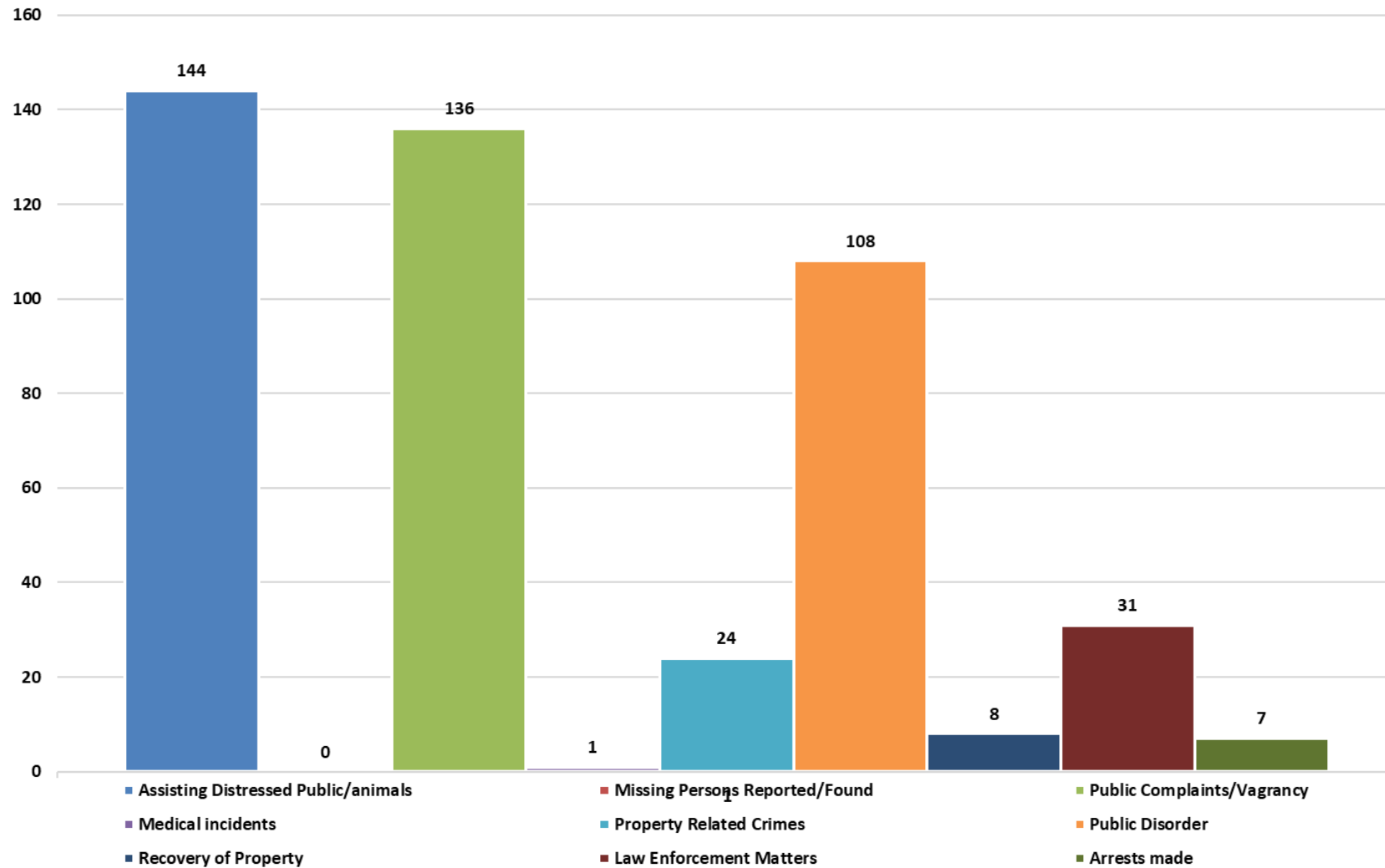


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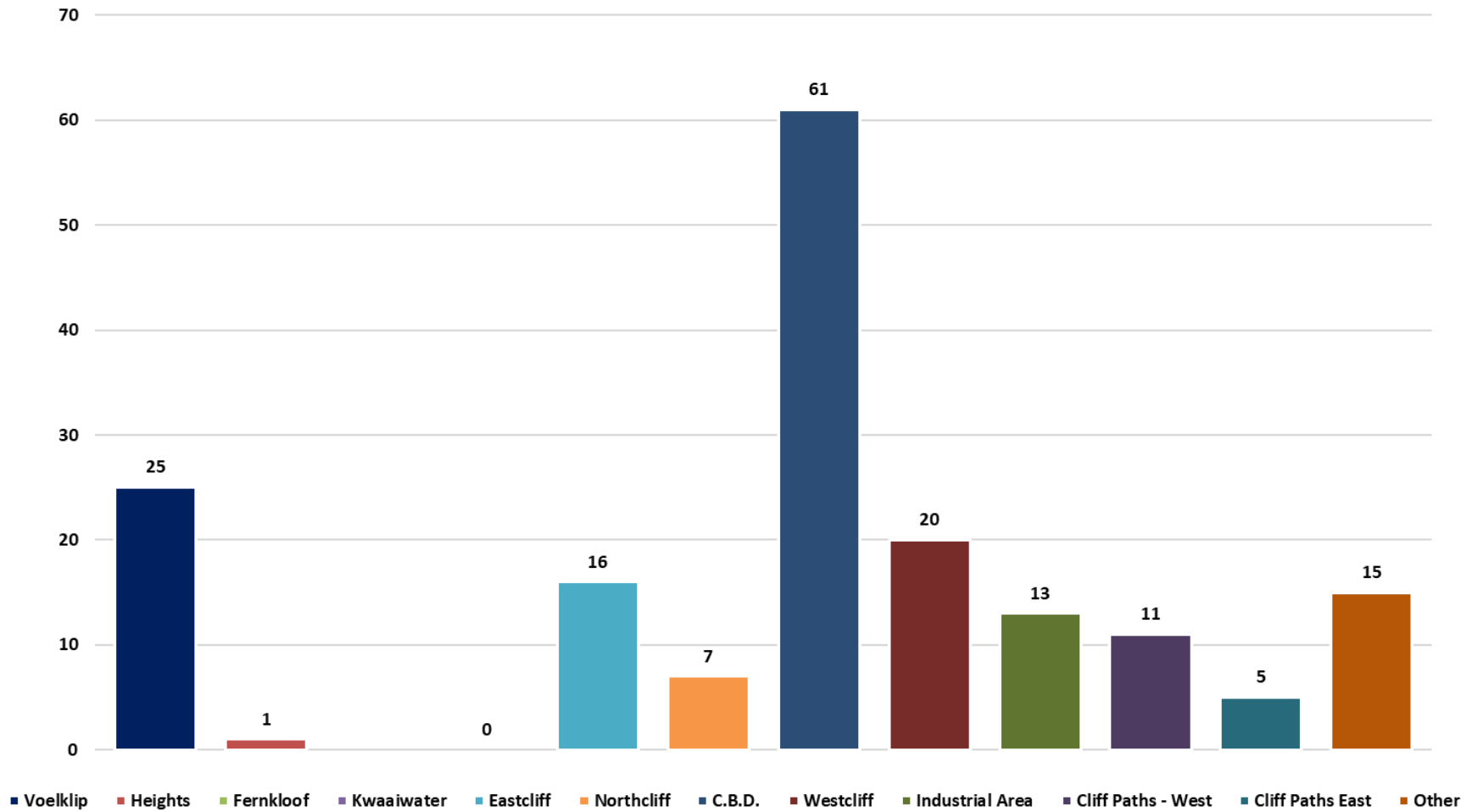




December Month to Date Overall Summary



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



**December Month to Date
Non-Crime Reports per Suburbs**

