

HPP Performance – March 2022

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The month of March showed a 12% increase in reported incidents (389) when compared to February (346).

A couple of incidents of robbery along the Cliff Path have been reported in recent weeks. Please keep valuables out of sight, walk in groups and do not use the paths during hours of darkness. Report suspicious behaviour to an HPP Officer or call the Control Centre. HPP have reallocated patrollers to these hotspots.

There have been a number of opportunistic criminal incidents in recent weeks. HPP again appeal to home owners and businesses to ensure your property is secured, safety gates or doors and windows closed and alarms / beams activated.

Public disorder and vagrancy continue to be an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 183 compared to February's 104. Of the 183 matters reported, 104 were vagrancy incidents (up from February's figure of 45), 51 loitering incidents (up from the February's figure of 40), 10 unruly behaviour incidents (up from the February figure of 5) and 18 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (up from the February figures of 14).

In addition to HPP recovering numerous stolen property during the month, several of reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 8 suspects during the month; 2 of them as a result of CCTV intervention and 6 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:

- 3 x Arrest for being in possession of possible stolen items.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of illegal sea products.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of dangerous weapons.
- 1 x Arrest for assault.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of illegal substances.
- 1 x Arrest for unruly behaviour.

ALERT: Safety on the Cliff Path

Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Walk in groups, do not carry anything of value and leave the area if you do not feel safe. Report suspicious behaviour to HPP Control Centre or SAPS.

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**

The busiest suburbs for February were CBD (115 reports, of which 57 were crime related), Westcliff (50 reports, of which 16 were crime related), Eastcliff (40 reports, of which 12 were crime related), Northcliff (39 reports, of which 6 were crime related), Voelklip (36 reports, of which 5 were crime related), and Industrial Area (28 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.

Incidence of robberies have decreased in the Still and Church street areas, however, please be cautious when travelling this road and ensure all doors are locked and windows closed. We further ask that you advise your employees who make use of the roads in this area to be attentive, walk in a group if possible and not to use cell phones when in this area. HPP have made contact with Law Enforcement to assist in patrolling this area in the morning.

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.

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 March, a total of 270 black bags, up from 250 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.

HPP have noted an increase in illegal dumping in and around the Cliff Path and car parking areas. HPP often receives complaints that the bins have not been cleared in the high tourist nodes. We would like to remind residents that Iphupha, the contractor who cleans portions of the Cliff Path, is not contracted to service any public bins in the Overstrand, all public bins are serviced by the Municipality. 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.

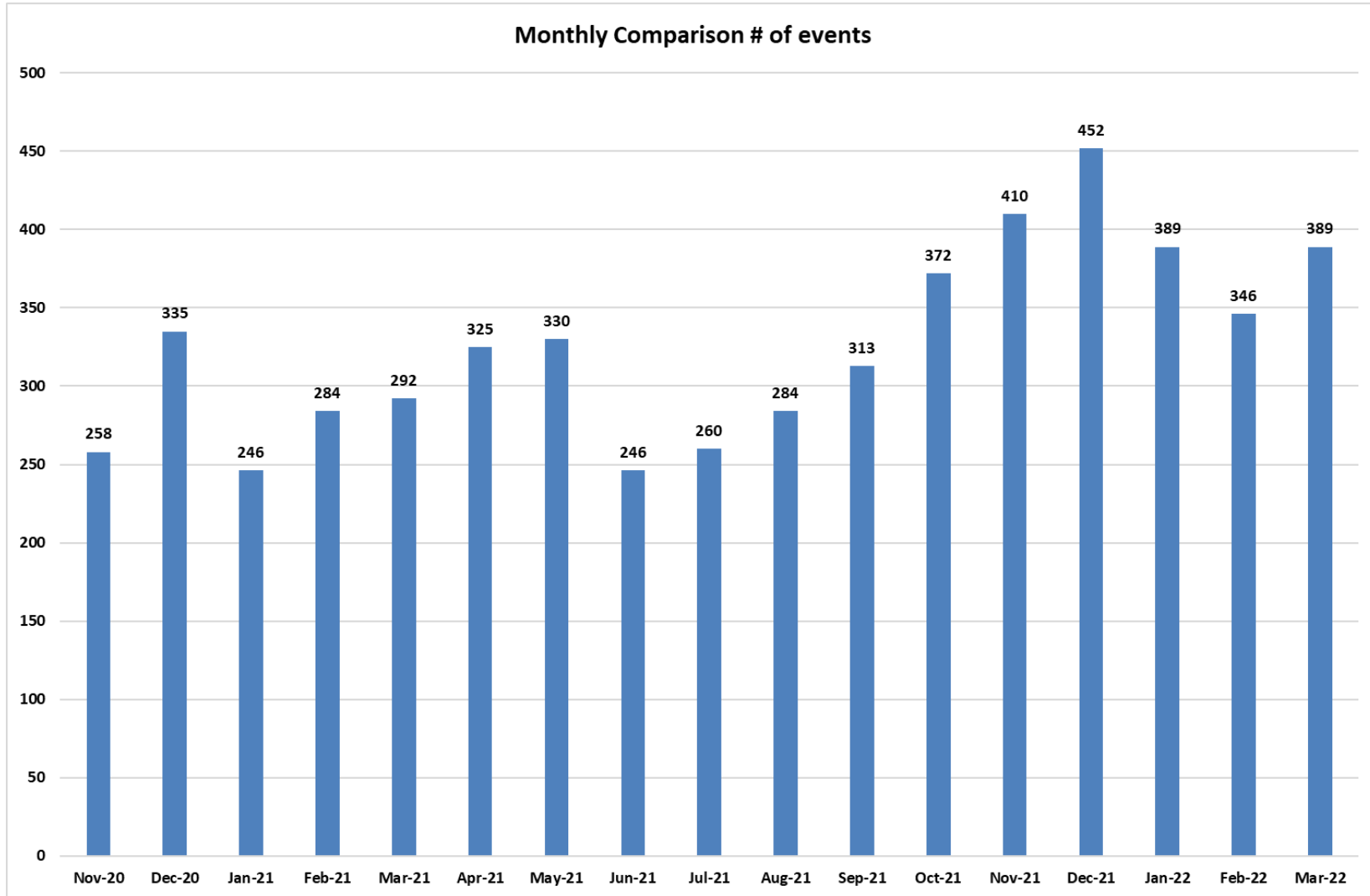
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

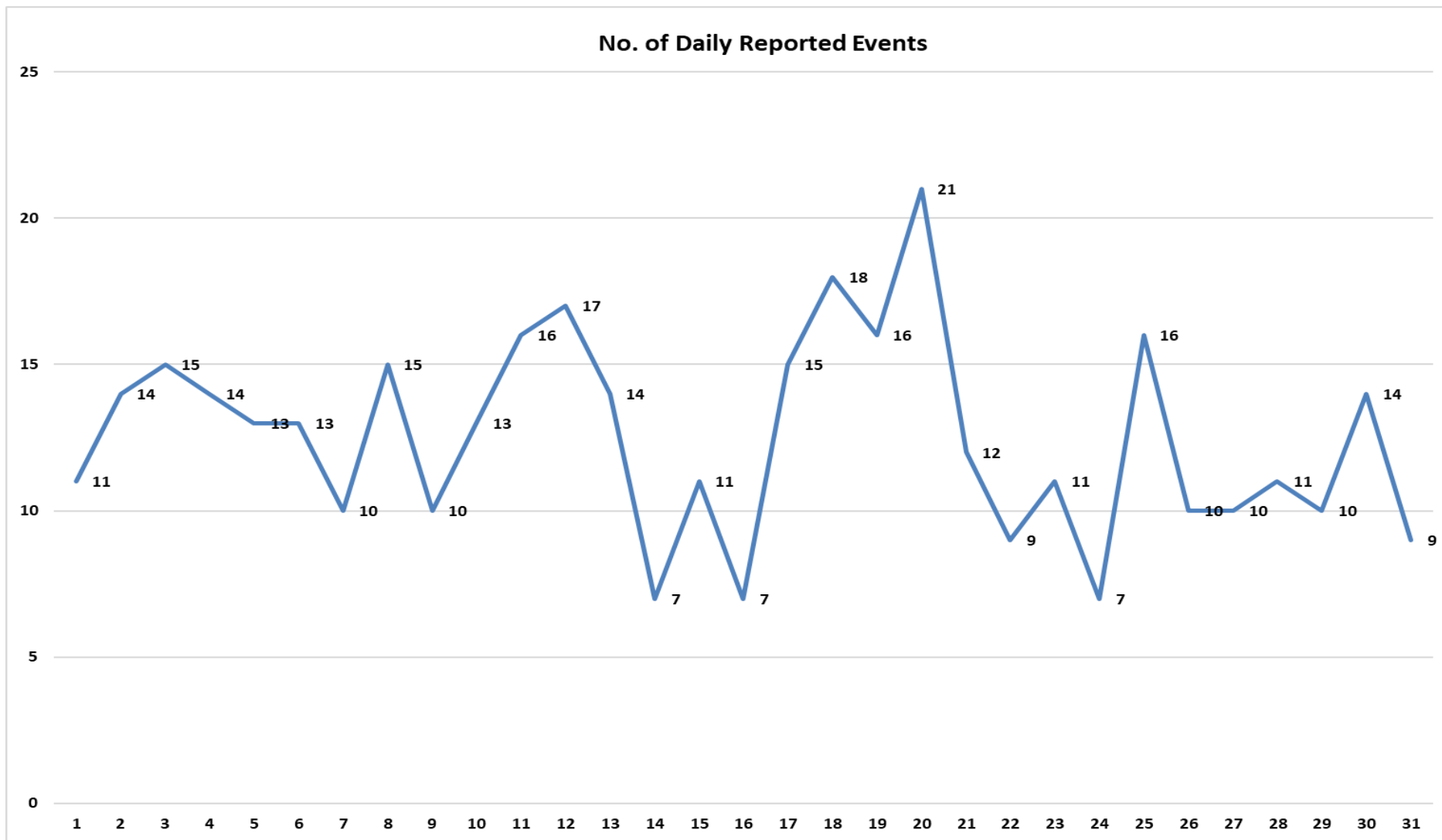
The main points of the by-laws include:

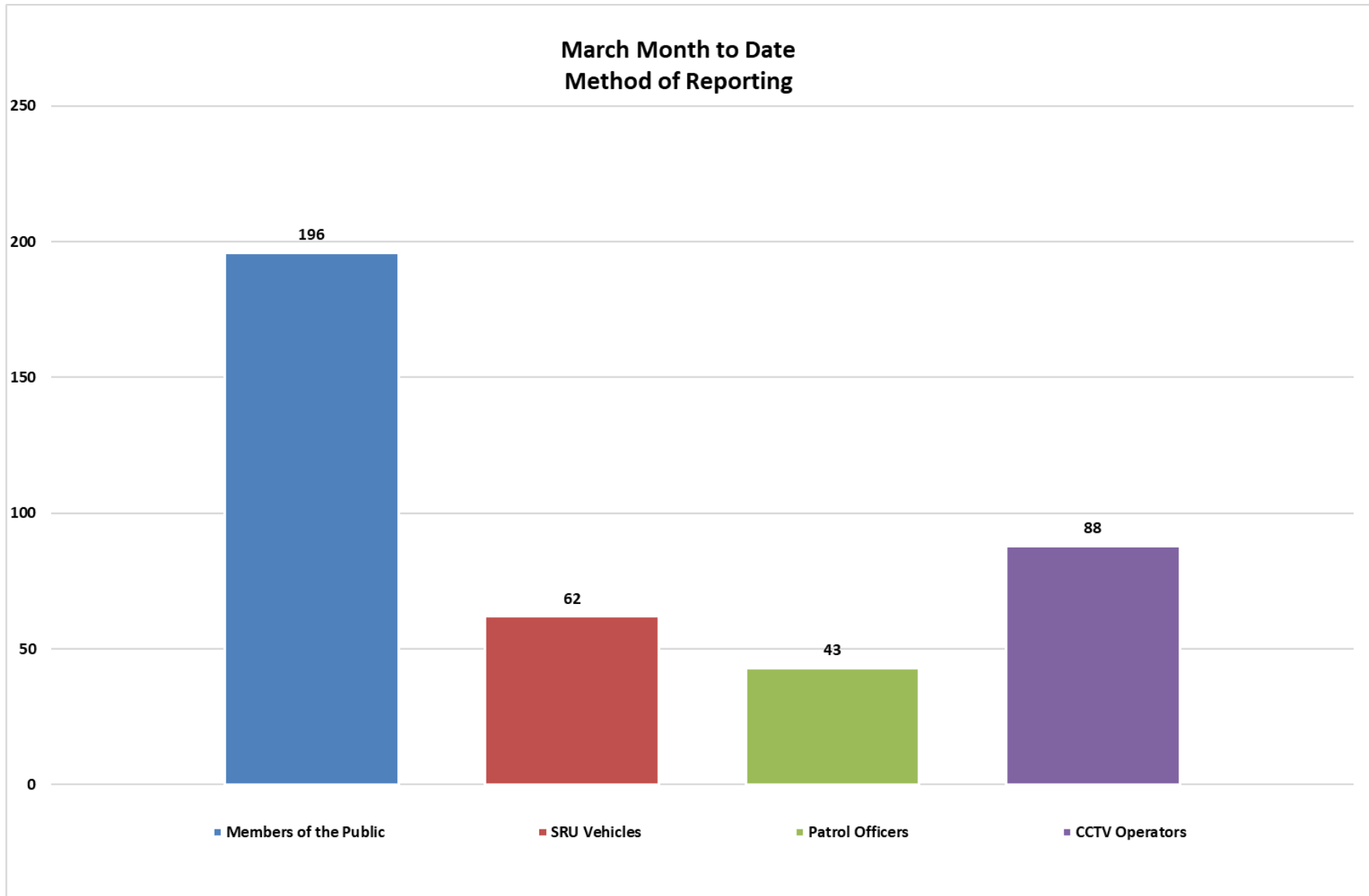
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

Any contravention of these by-laws can be reported to the Municipality's Law Enforcement at 028 313 8996 or Control Room 028 313 8000 / 8111. Alternatively send an email to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

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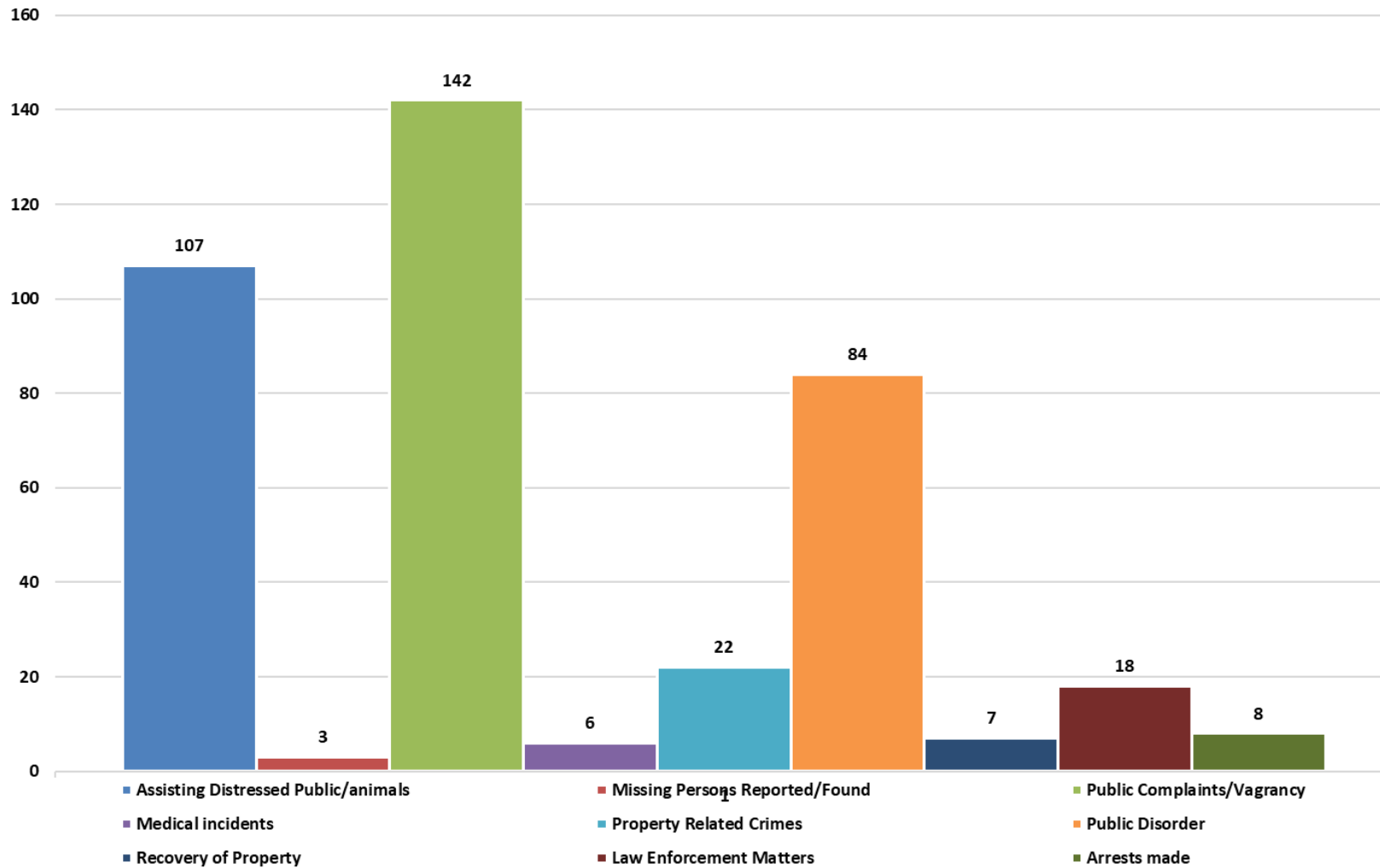


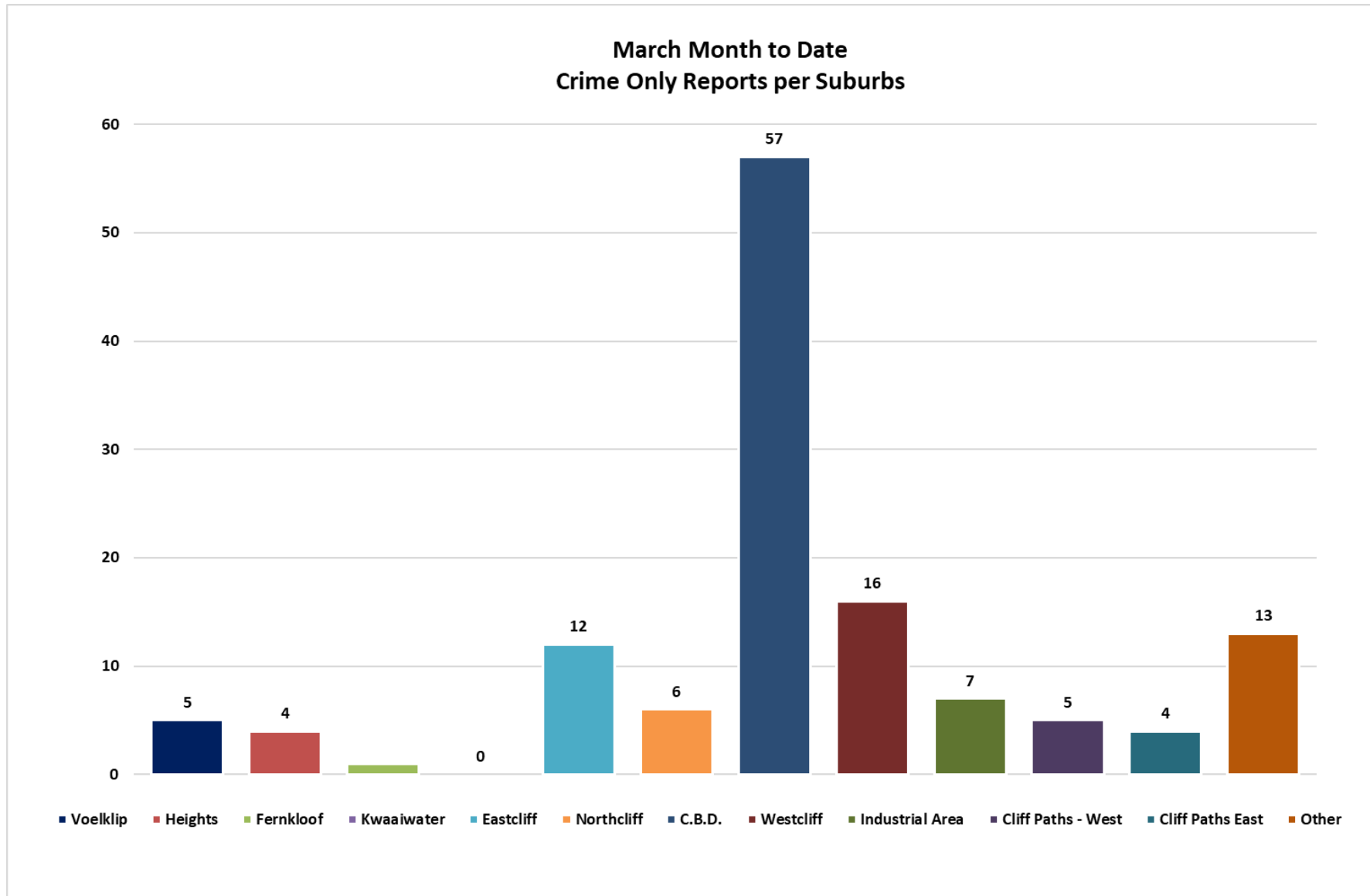






March Month to Date Overall Summary







March Month to Date Non-Crime Reports per Suburbs

