

HPP Performance – September 2022

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The month of September showed a 10% increase in reported incidents (416) when compared to August's (378).

Public disorder and vagrancy remain an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 180 compared to August's 161. Of the reported 180 incidents of public disorder, 96 were vagrancy incidents (up from August's figure of 85), 55 were loitering incidents (up from the August's figure of 54), 6 were unruly behaviour incidents (decreasing from August's figure of 7) and 23 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (up from August's figures of 15).

We appeal to residents to not to give to people begging, but to donate to the [Hermanus Night Shelter](#), a registered non-profit organisation (NPO), to assist with alleviating the plight of the homeless in our area.

In addition to HPP recovering numerous stolen property during the month, several of reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 9 suspects during the month; 2 as a result of CCTV intervention and 7 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:

- 5 x Arrests for being in possession of illegal sea products.
- 1 x Arrest for robbery.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of possible stolen items.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of dangerous weapons.
- 1 x Arrest for gender-based violence.

The busiest suburbs for September were CBD (133 reports, of which 60 were crime related), Eastcliff (56 reports, of which 9 were crime related), Voëlklip (46 reports, of which 11 were crime related), Westcliff (40 reports, of which 13 were crime related), Industrial Area (38 reports, of which 8 were crime related), and Northcliff (31 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.

The number of robberies taking place at the Corner of Still and Church street appear to have been brought under control with a few sporadic incidents having taken place. HPP continue to stand a vehicle off at the this corner in the morning to ensure the safety of the road users and pedestrians making their way to work and school. We caution however that you do not drop your guard when using this stretch of road.

Criminal activities in Swartdam Road between the clinic and Still Street has seen a notable increase in incidents. Please remain vigilant when travelling these roads. Ensure all doors are locked and windows closed if driving, if walking, commute in groups and keep valuables hidden.

ALERT: THEFT OF CAR WHEELS / BAKKIE CANOPIES

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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HPP continue to carry out Special Operations which include visible foot patrols at night, implementing listening posts at night and conducting “sweeps” of the Cliff Path and Hoys Koppie. Identified issues are reported to Overstrand Law Enforcement.

Crime Alert

FRAUD – ONLINE & IN-PERSON

The SAPS have issued a warning that commercial crime is on the increase. We appeal to you to be careful of scams in public places and online.

There has been a noticeable increase in card swopping incidents at ATMs in Hermanus. Please do not accept any help at the ATMs.

Please be vigilant when using social media, shopping online and spam emails. Double check the authenticity before making a purchase or opening a link on an email.

If you have been a victim of fraud and crime, please report it to the South African Police Service (SAPS).

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Municipal and Privately Owned Property Monitoring Public Spaces

The OM Council approved the above policy on 29 August. It can be found [here](#).

The policy compels HPP to follow due process. The Board has therefore put in place the necessary protocols to comply with relevant and emerging legislation, specifically as it pertains to control centre management and CCTV access to footage.

Recent incidents have highlighted the need for HPP to explain the following practical steps which HPP and ratepayers are able to take in certain instances:

SHOULD YOU BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

- Report the crime to Hermanus South African Police Service (SAPS) as soon as possible.
- If the incident took place in the Hermanus SRA boundaries, contact HPP to conduct a review of recorded footage. Should there be a recording of the incident or potential information for investigation, you will be advised to inform the SAPS investigating officer to make contact with the HPP Control Room. **Recorded footage or images may not be shared with you.**
- Recorded footage of an incident will only be released to the SAPS Detective on the presentation of a case number, this is due to the procedure for handling evidence and privacy rights.
- Requests for recorded footage of incidents will unfortunately **NOT** be granted to any member of the public. We are not allowed to do so by law.
- Visit the HPP website should you wish to request a review [here](#). Please provide the location, date and time of the incident.

- Should you require footage of yourself, you will need to apply for access through the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) process. Applications must be made to the Overstrand Municipality. The Overstrand Municipality Manual for Access to Information can be found on the [municipal website](#).

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**.

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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 September, a total of 260 black bags, up from 230 in August, were filled up along the path including the cleaning of all the beach and path rubbish bins, as well as parking areas along the Cliff Path.

The HPP cleansing team now operate over public holidays. This will ensure the areas HPP service are clean and tidy for residents and visitors during the increase in activity along the Cliff Path.

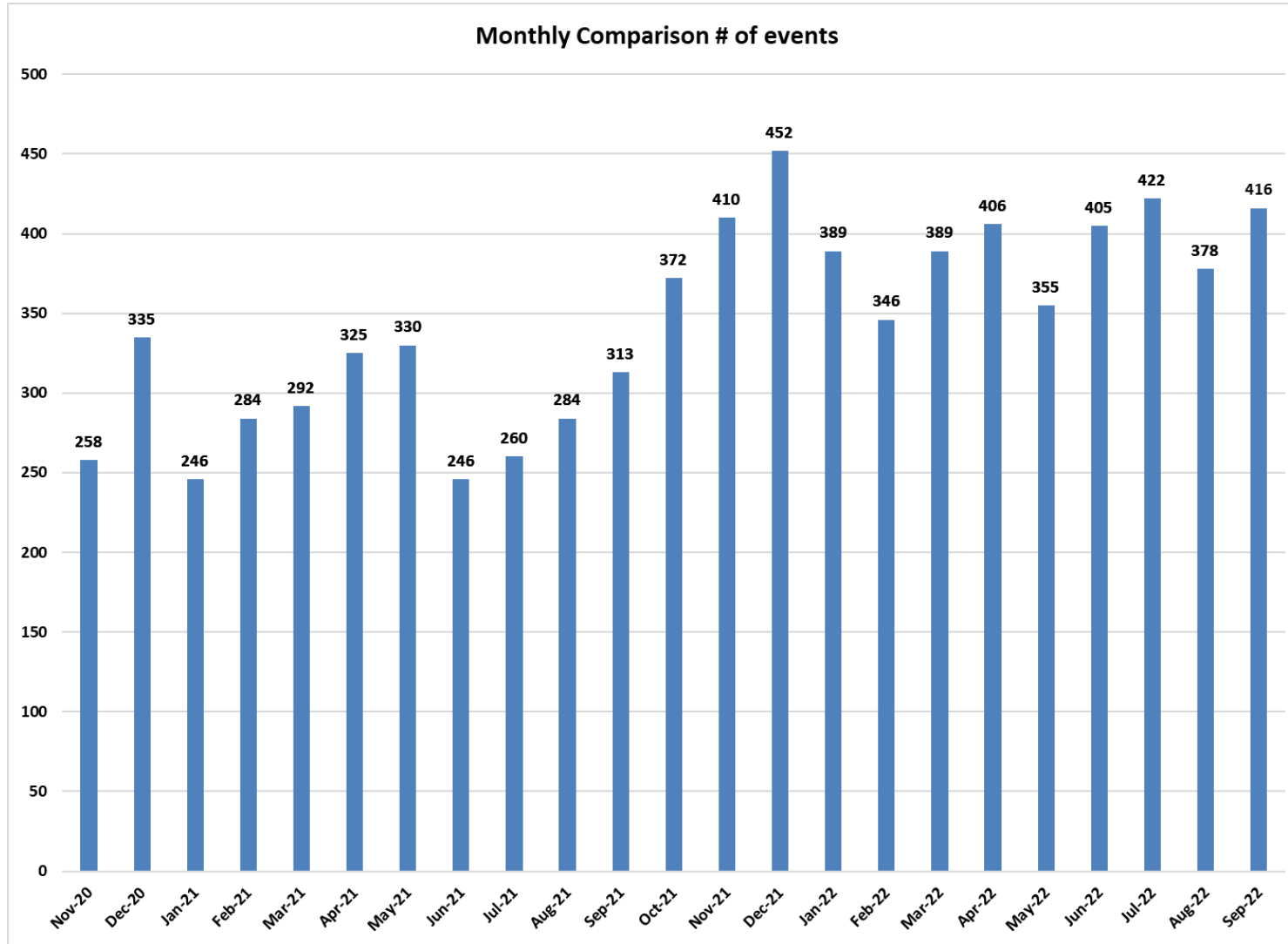
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

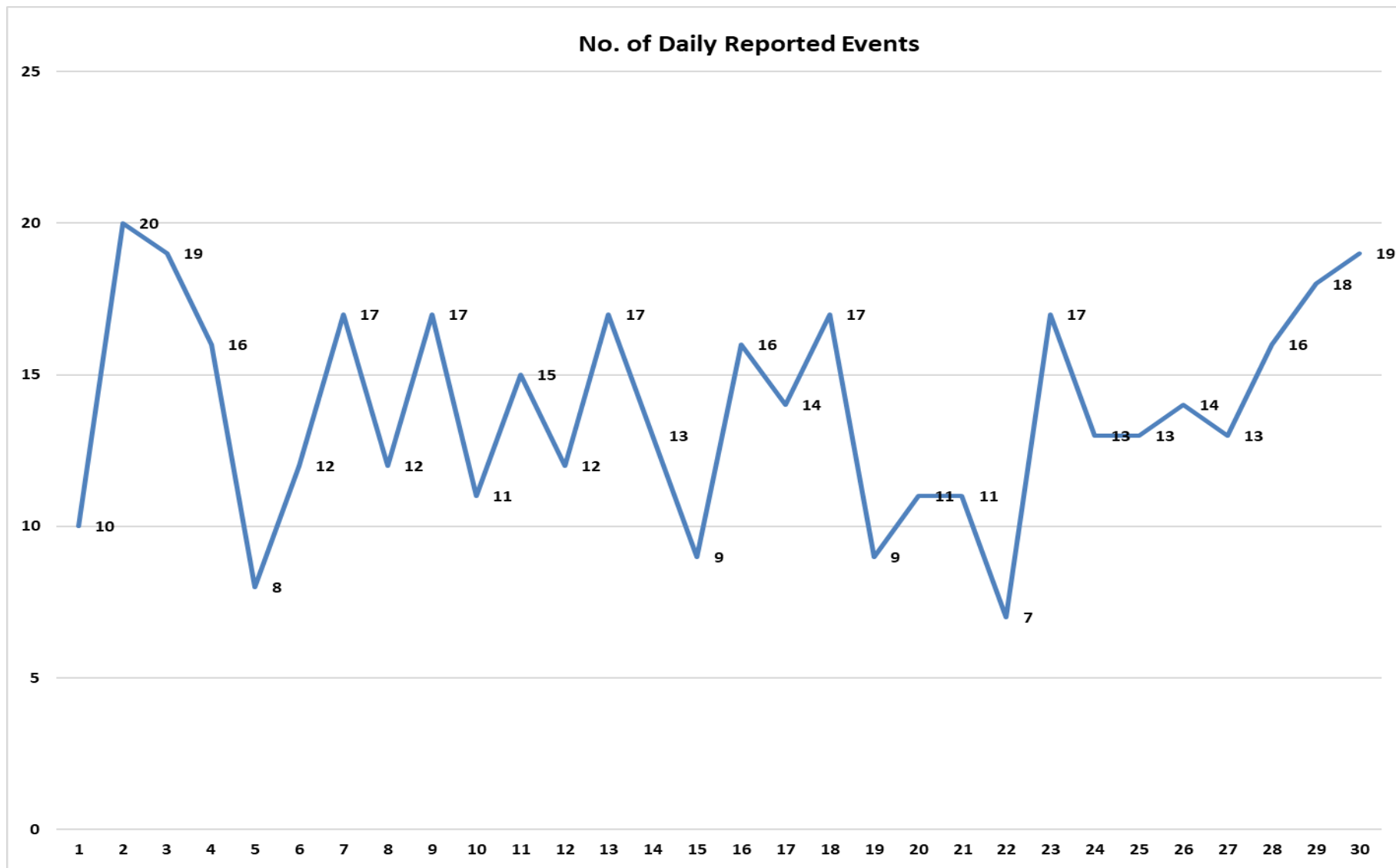
The main points of the by-laws include:

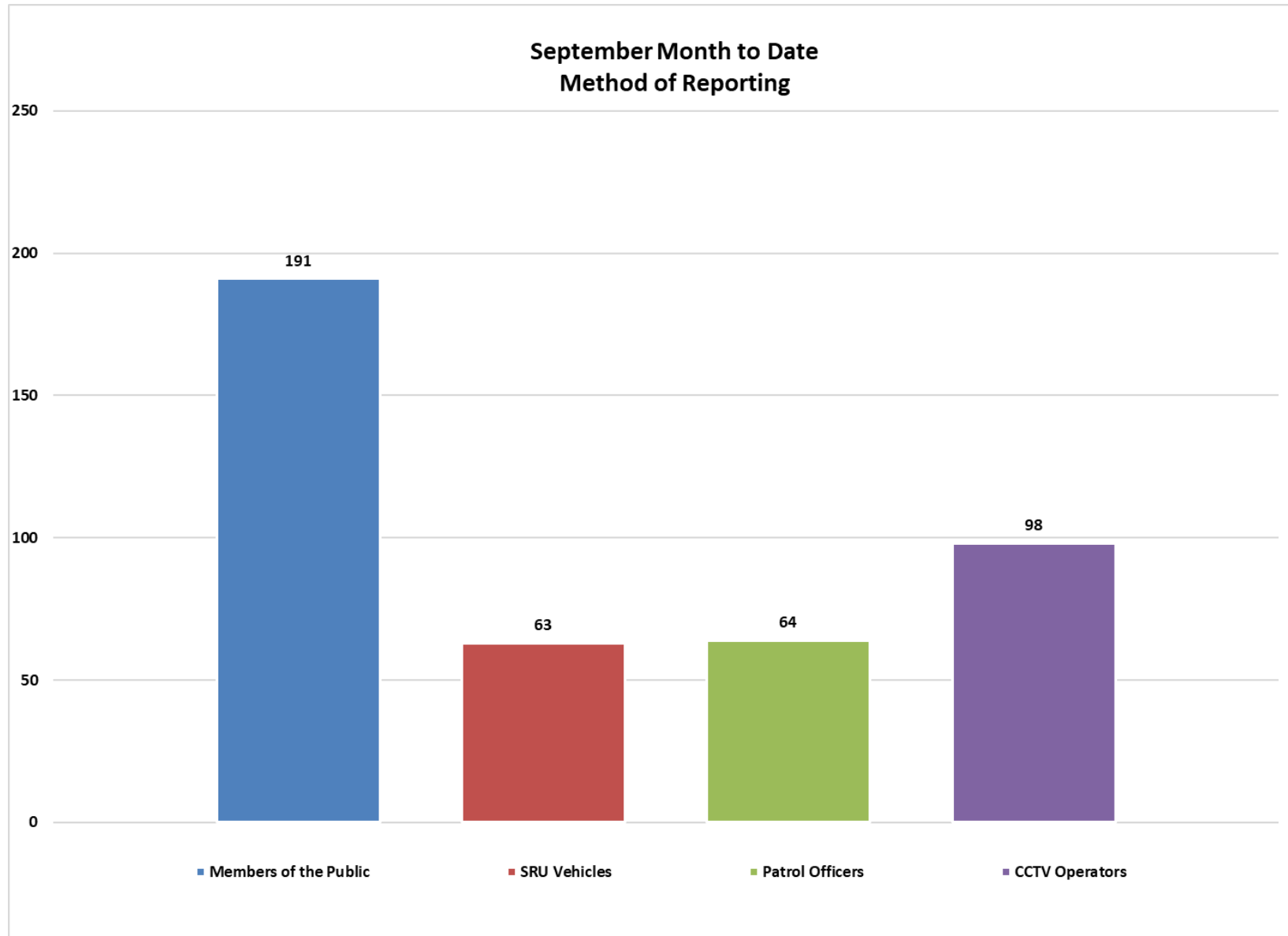
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

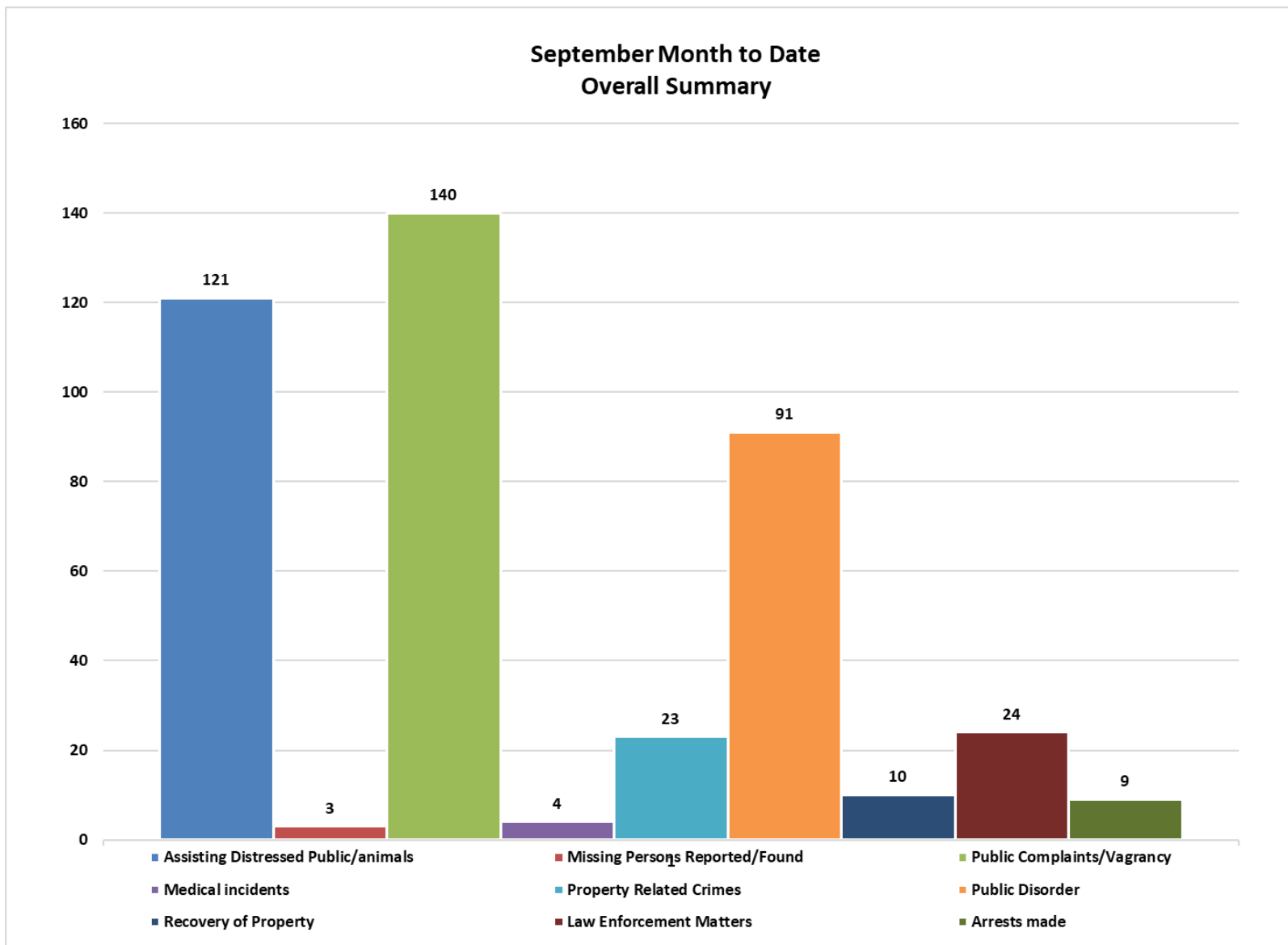
Any contravention of these by-laws can be reported to the Municipality's Law Enforcement at 028 313 8996 or Control Room 028 313 8000. Alternatively send an email to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention for the period 01/09/2022 – 30/09/2022











September Month to Date Crime Only Reports per Suburbs

