

HPP Performance – November 2022

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The month of November showed a 19.2% increase in reported incidents (532) when compared to October's (447).

Public disorder and vagrancy remain an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 242 compared to October's 207. Of the reported 242 incidents of public disorder, 115 were vagrancy incidents (up from October's figure of 105), 102 were loitering incidents (up from the October's figure of 71), 4 were unruly behaviour incidents (up from October's figure of 3) and 21 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (down from October's figures of 28).

In addition to HPP recovering numerous stolen property during the month, several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 6 suspects during the month; 4 as a result of CCTV intervention and 2 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 being in possession of a dangerous weapons.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of possible stolen items.
- 1 x Arrest for being in possession of drugs.
- 1 x Arrest for assault.
- 2 x Arrests for theft.

The busiest suburbs for November were CBD (175 reports, of which 82 were crime related), Westcliff (87 reports, of which 3 were crime related), Eastcliff (63 reports, of which 5 were crime related), Voëlklip (52 reports, of which 9 were crime related), Northcliff (42 reports, of which 6 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.

As the holiday season begins and the temperature climbs, unfortunately so does the increase in opportunistic crimes. Please ensure that your home is secure, day and night. We urge you to be vigilant, if you have an alarm system, please arm it, even when you are at home. If you have beams in your yard or driveway, please activate these as well as this will serve as an early warning should there be intruders entering your property.

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 further warning that commercial crime, which include ATM and social media scams, are on the rise. We appeal to you to be careful of scams in public places and online.

There has been a noticeable increase in card swapping 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).

Why Report Crime to SAPS?

It is important, that should you be victim of any criminal incident, you open a criminal case with SAPS. **Reporting crime reduces crime.**

A recent [IOL article](#) lists 11 reasons why you should report crime:

1. Reporting crime helps the SAPS to create a database, which in turn assists them and private security companies in doing their jobs better and making more arrests based on intelligence.
2. A crime reported quickly could provide vital data such as fingerprints or form a critical link to past or future incidents, aiding in building a case against a suspect and bringing them to justice. If not for you now, then for someone else in future.
3. By reporting vehicles and registration numbers, cars can be tracked down across the country for searches and intercepts. Licence plate recognition cameras are pretty cool like that.
4. It aids in investigations as the information supplied becomes intelligence.
5. Petty criminals often become repeat offenders, but more than this, their crimes often become worse, too. Help catch it before it escalates because it has the potential to hurt somebody.
6. If it is not reported, crime statistics won't be accurate, and this means that resources won't be allocated as necessary – because in short, resources go where the need is determined to be greatest.
7. If more resources are deployed to your community or area because of the information you provided, it aids in making it safer overall.
8. It helps to point out hot spots and determine trends.
9. Reporting assists security role-players in seeing patterns of criminal activity and behaviour.
10. On a personal (and practical level), it's going to help with your insurance claim.
11. If you are dealing with residual trauma from the incident, you can get the help and support you need.

“In short, if you have found yourself a victim of a crime, petty or otherwise, you may feel like things are a bit out of your control. The good news is that reporting assists you in taking that control back”. (Powell)

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 November, a total of 260 black bags, down from 240 in October, 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 on Saturdays and 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.

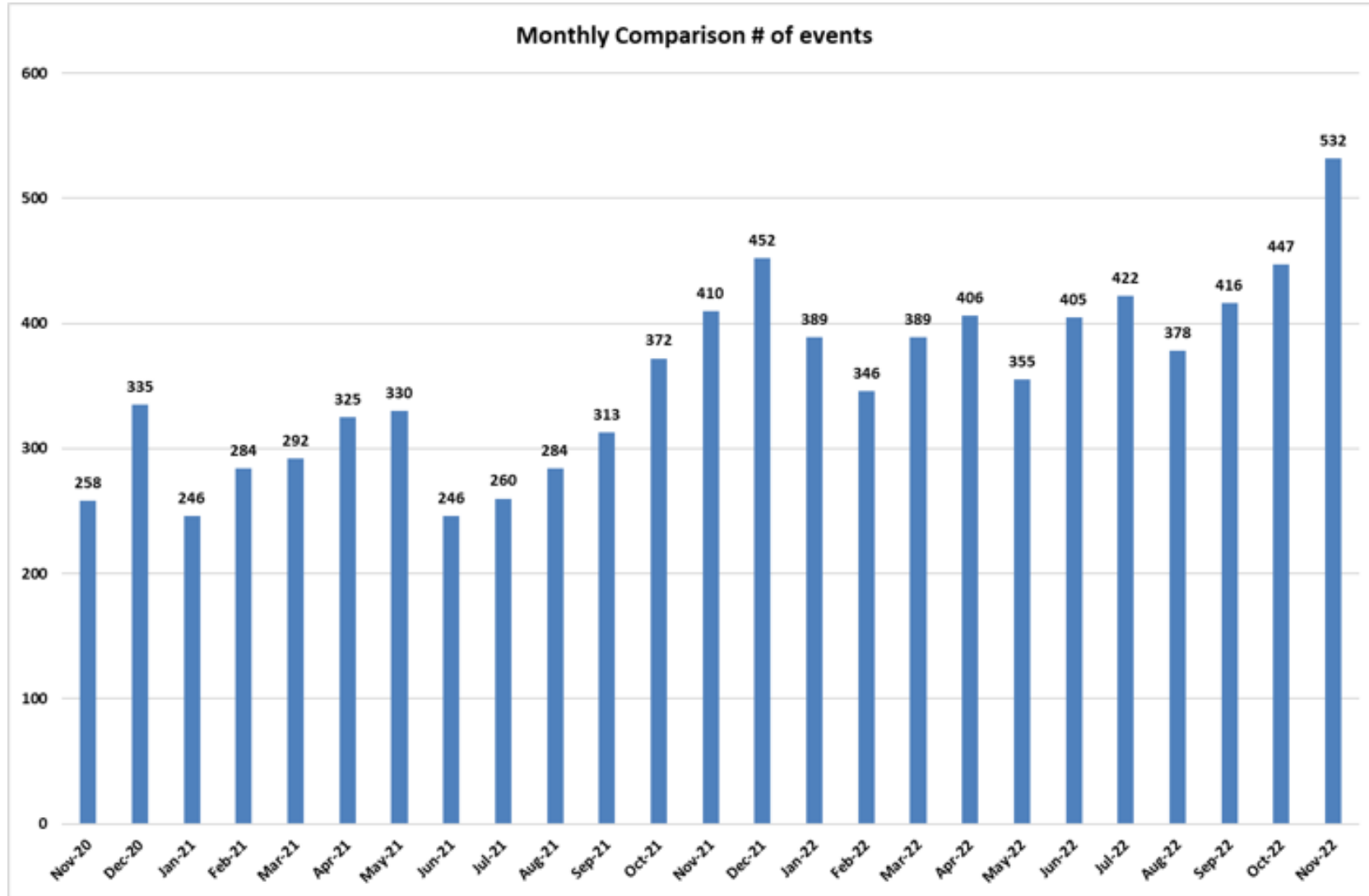
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

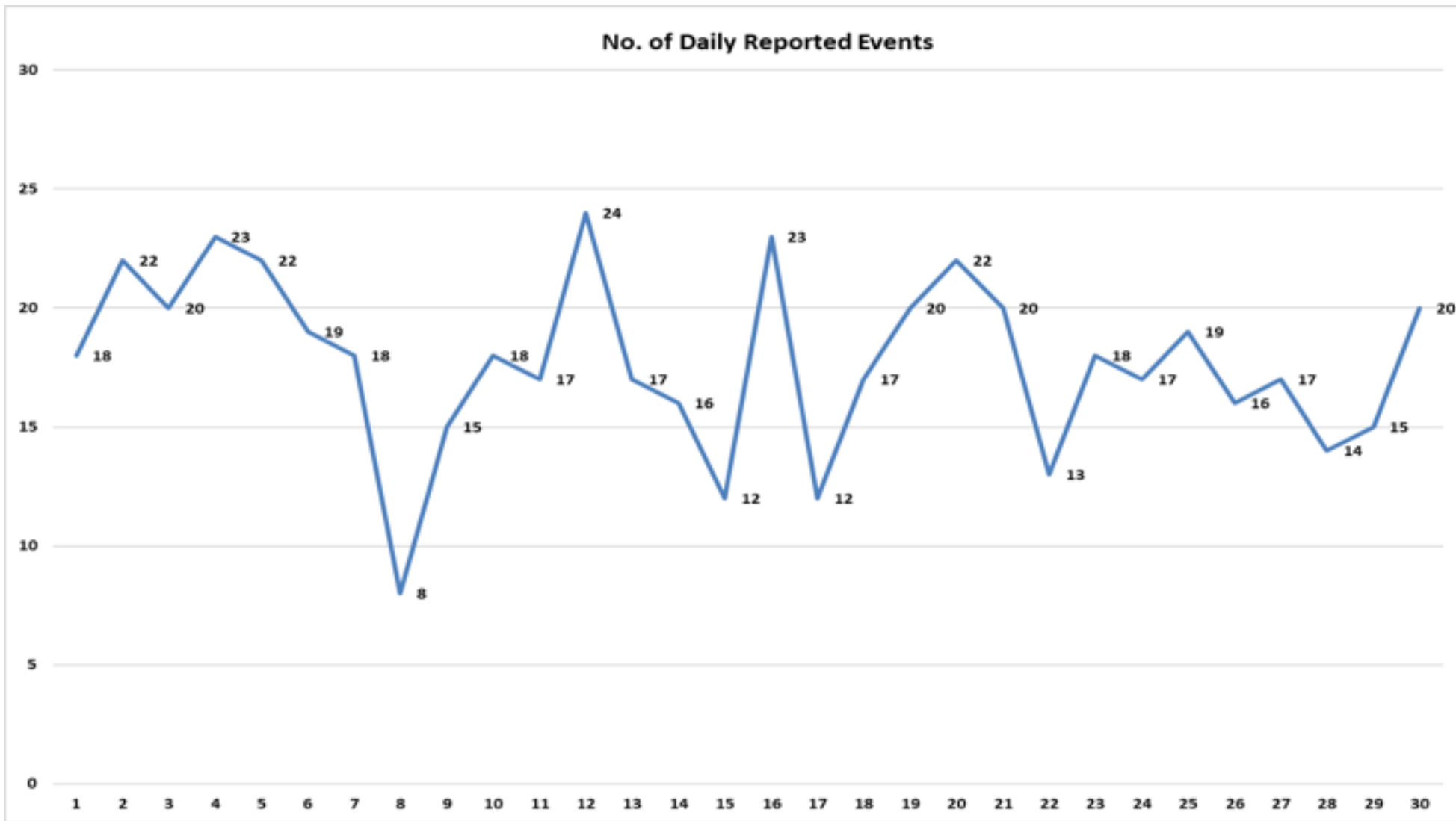
The main points of the by-laws include:

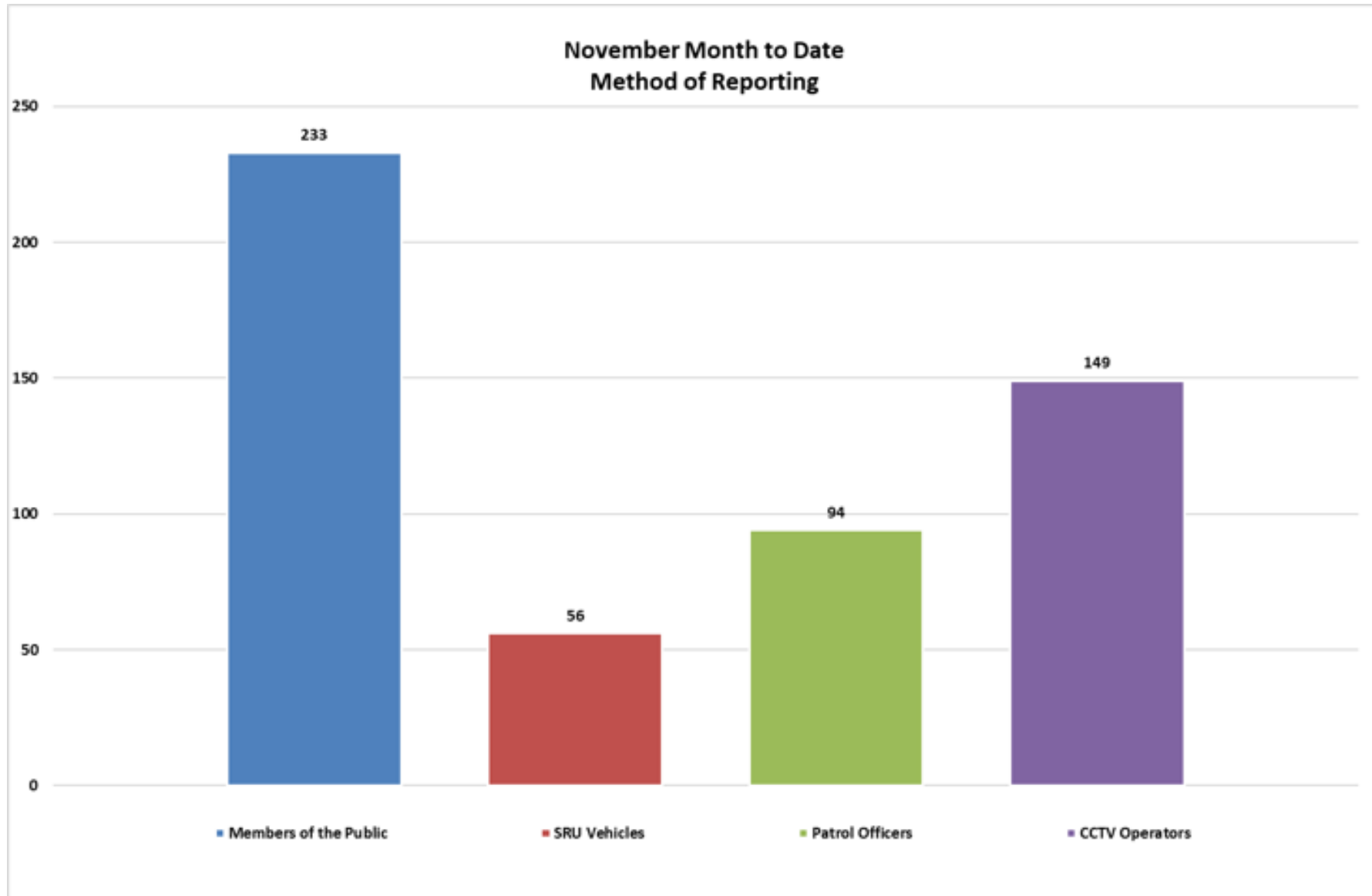
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

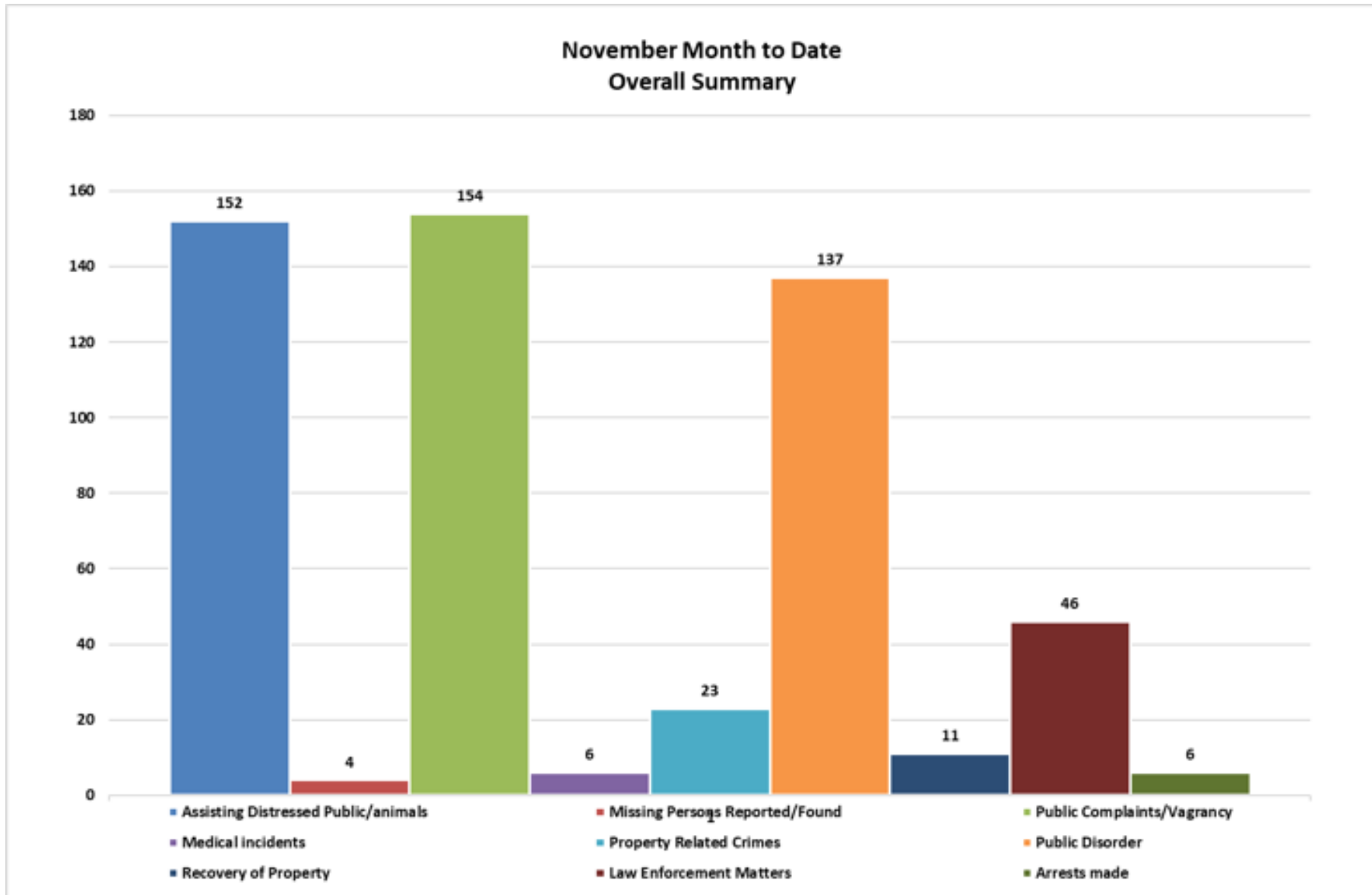
Any contravention of these by-laws can be reported to the Municipality's Law Enforcement at 028 313 8996 or Control Room 028 313 8000. Alternatively send an email to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

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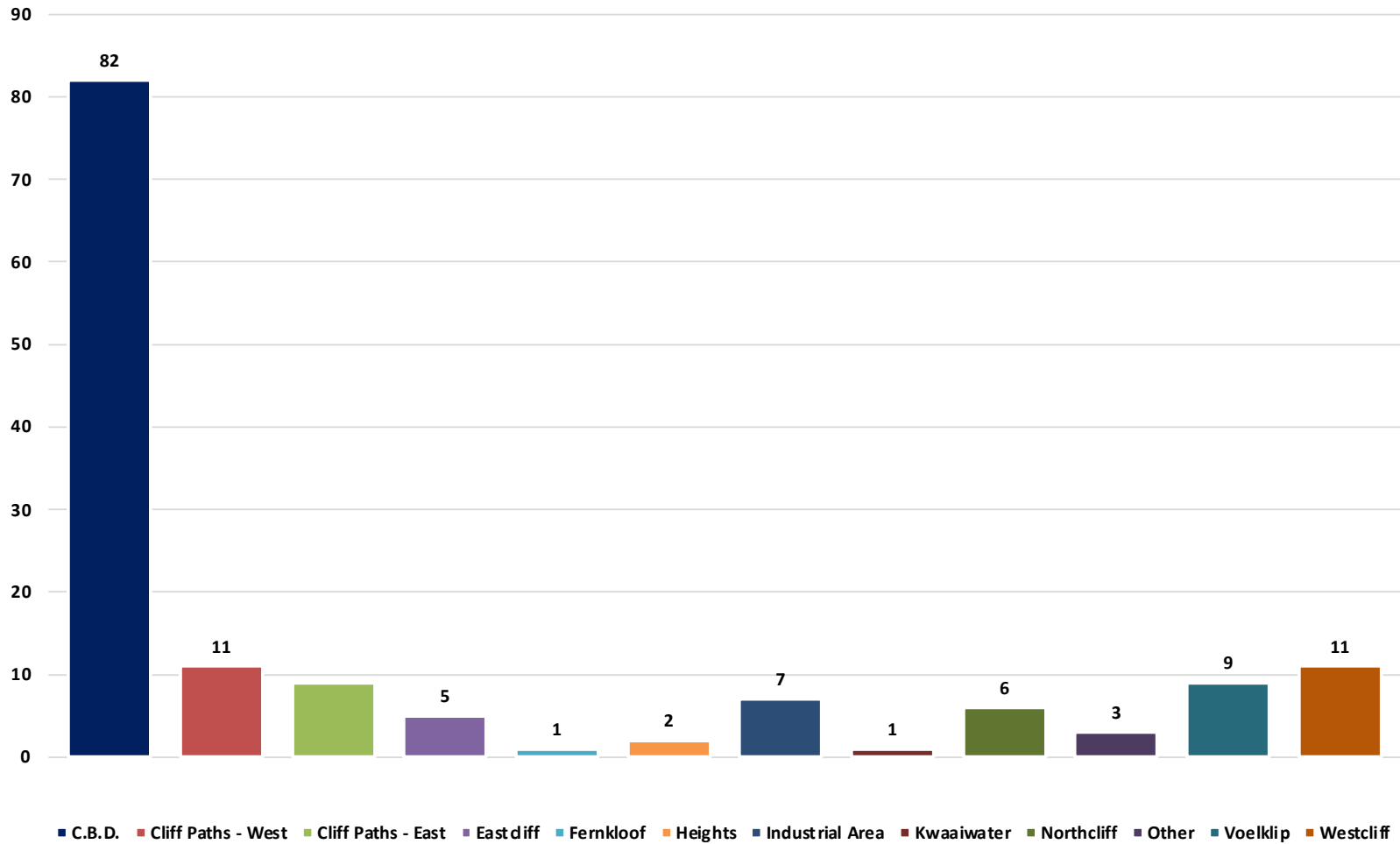








November Month to Date Crime Only Reports per Suburbs



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