

HPP Performance – December 2022

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The month of December showed a 8.46% increase in reported incidents (577) when compared to November's (532).

Public disorder and vagrancy remain an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 253 compared to November's 242. Of the reported 253 incidents of public disorder, 129 were vagrancy incidents (up from November's figure of 115), 89 were loitering incidents (down from the November's figure of 102), 5 were unruly behaviour incidents (up from November's figure of 4) and 30 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (up from November's figures of 21).

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

The busiest suburbs for December were CBD (211 reports, of which 94 were crime related), Westcliff (75 reports, of which 12 were crime related), Voëlklip (62 reports, of which 13 were crime related), Northcliff (57 reports, of which 7 were crime related), Eastcliff (55 reports, of which 8 were crime related), and Industrial Area (32 reports, of which 4 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.

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).

ALERT: PROPERTY RELATED CRIMES – BURGLARY AND THEFT

There has been a noted increase in bicycle thefts from garages and gardens. Please ensure that your home is secure, day and night.

To help keep your home and property safe:

1. Don't leave windows or doors, without burglar bars or gates, open.
2. Lock your bike even when stored in-doors.
3. At night, activate your house alarm and beams, ensure outside lights are on and lock away valuables.
4. Take a picture of your bicycles and record details of the brand, colour and any special features.

HPP Camera Surveillance Network

As part of a consolidated approach to crime prevention, surveillance cameras support other forms of public safety such as visible patrols, by-law enforcement, social educational programmes, neighbourhood watch groups, and enhancing urban design to reduce crime.

HPP has expanded the camera surveillance network to cover strategic points and crime hotspots across the Hermanus SRA. Camera surveillance is an effective and versatile tool to help combat criminal activity and anti-social behaviour by acting as a deterrent, improving detection and response to incidents and providing evidence.

Over the past couple of years, HPP has grown its camera network from just 19 cameras to 130 cameras throughout the HSRA. These cameras are a mix of static (bullet) cameras, PTZ (Pan Tilt Zoom) cameras and LPR (License Plate Recognition) cameras. Different types of cameras serve different purposes. HPP mainly make use of three types of cameras:

PTZ cameras have a large field of view, can zoom to see objects many meters away and can move a full 360 degrees. PTZ cameras can be rotated and used by our operators to track people or vehicles across a wide area. PTZ cameras however come at a high cost, have a shorter lifespan and cannot record areas the camera isn't specifically focused on.

Static or a fixed camera functions in a static position facing a specific area. This feature provides assurance that the area, within the predetermined frame, is continually surveyed. Static cameras are enabled with artificial intelligence functionality and can detect movement of vehicles and people and alert the control room for reaction. Static cameras however cannot be controlled and footage just outside of the fixed frame cannot be captured.

License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras are static cameras with the capability of reading vehicle license plates. HPP use a LPR software that generates alerts when suspicious vehicles enter the HSRA, enabling stakeholders to act quickly should the vehicle be involved in a criminal incident.

Many of the HPP cameras also have infrared capabilities. Infrared provides images at night, helping to detect people or vehicles when there is little or no light. Images are only in black and white, which lowers the capabilities of viewing the area and achieving positive identification.

While every effort has been made in the layout of the CCTV system to give it maximum effectiveness, it is not possible to guarantee that it will detect every incident that takes place in the HSRA.

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, down from 260 in November, 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.

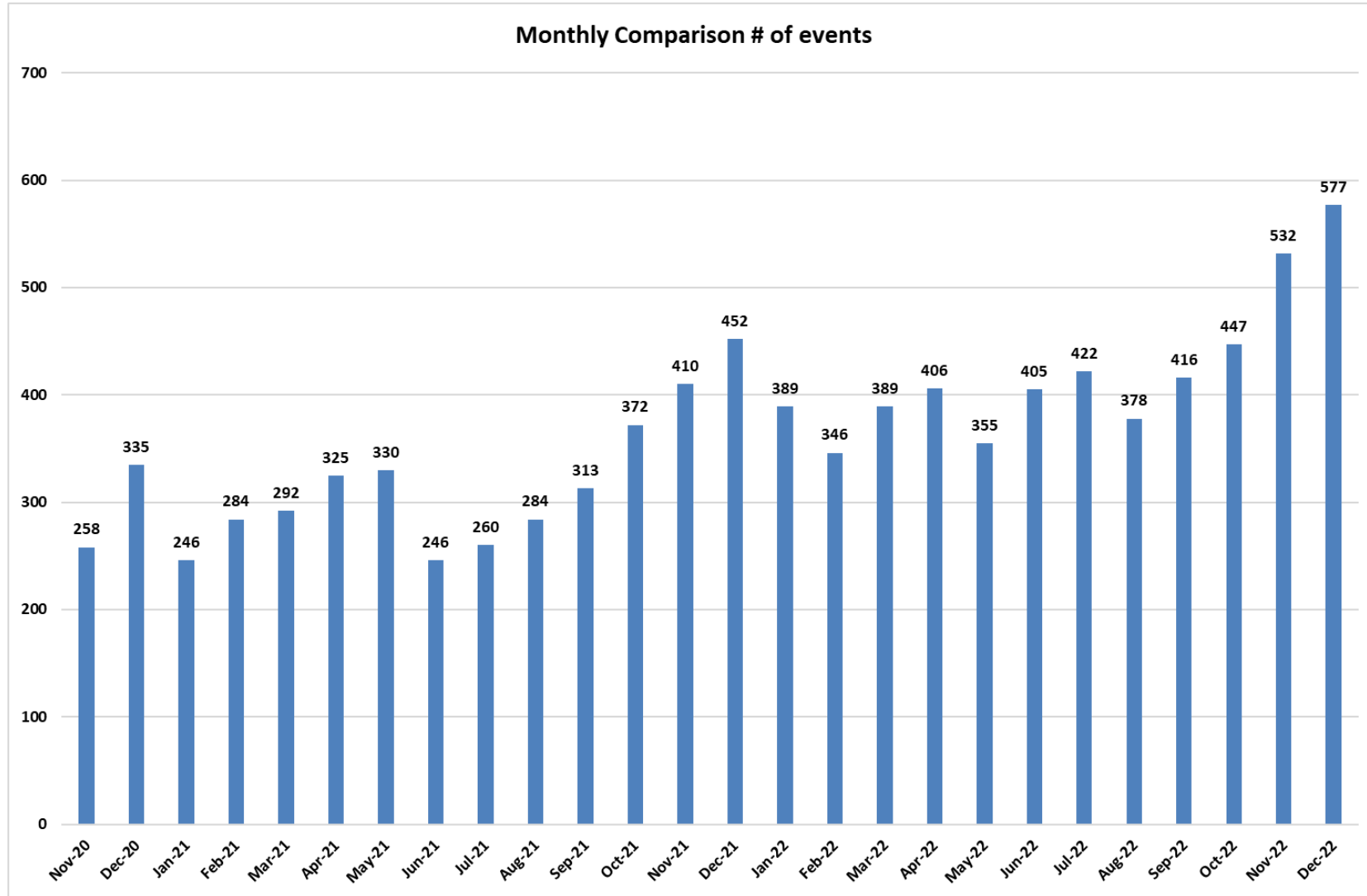
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

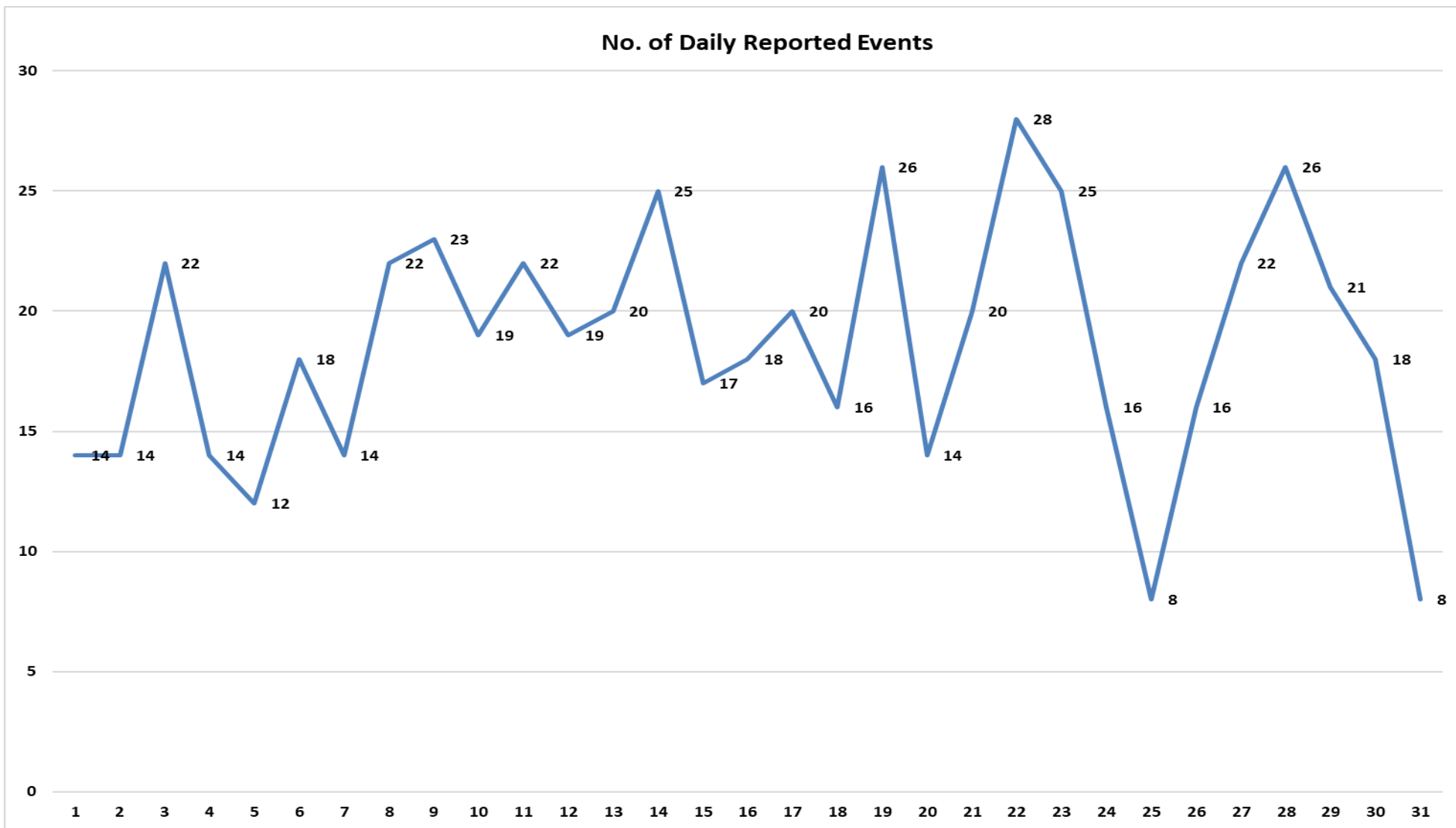
The main points of the by-laws include:

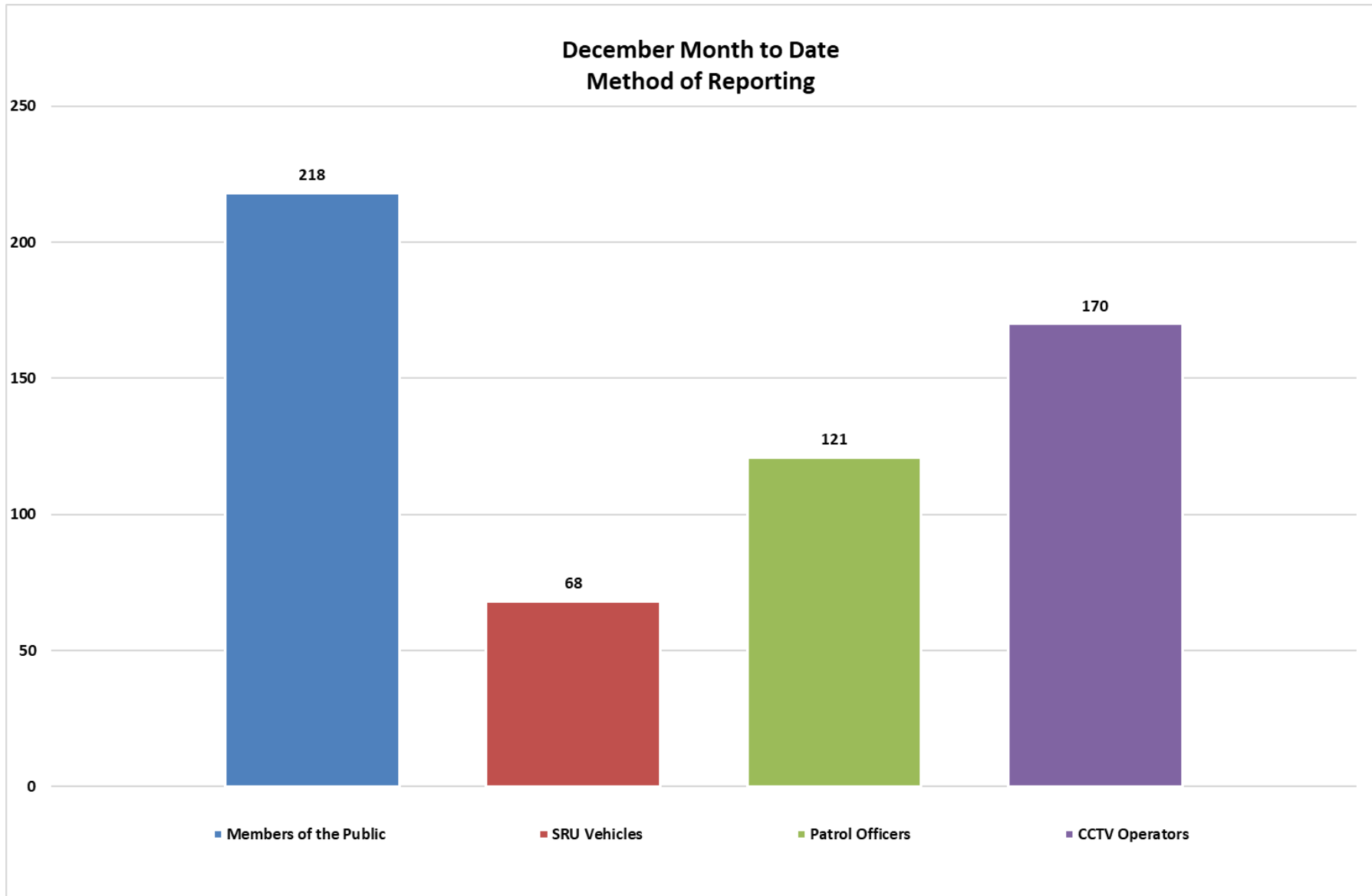
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

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.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention for the period 01/12/2022 – 31/12/2022

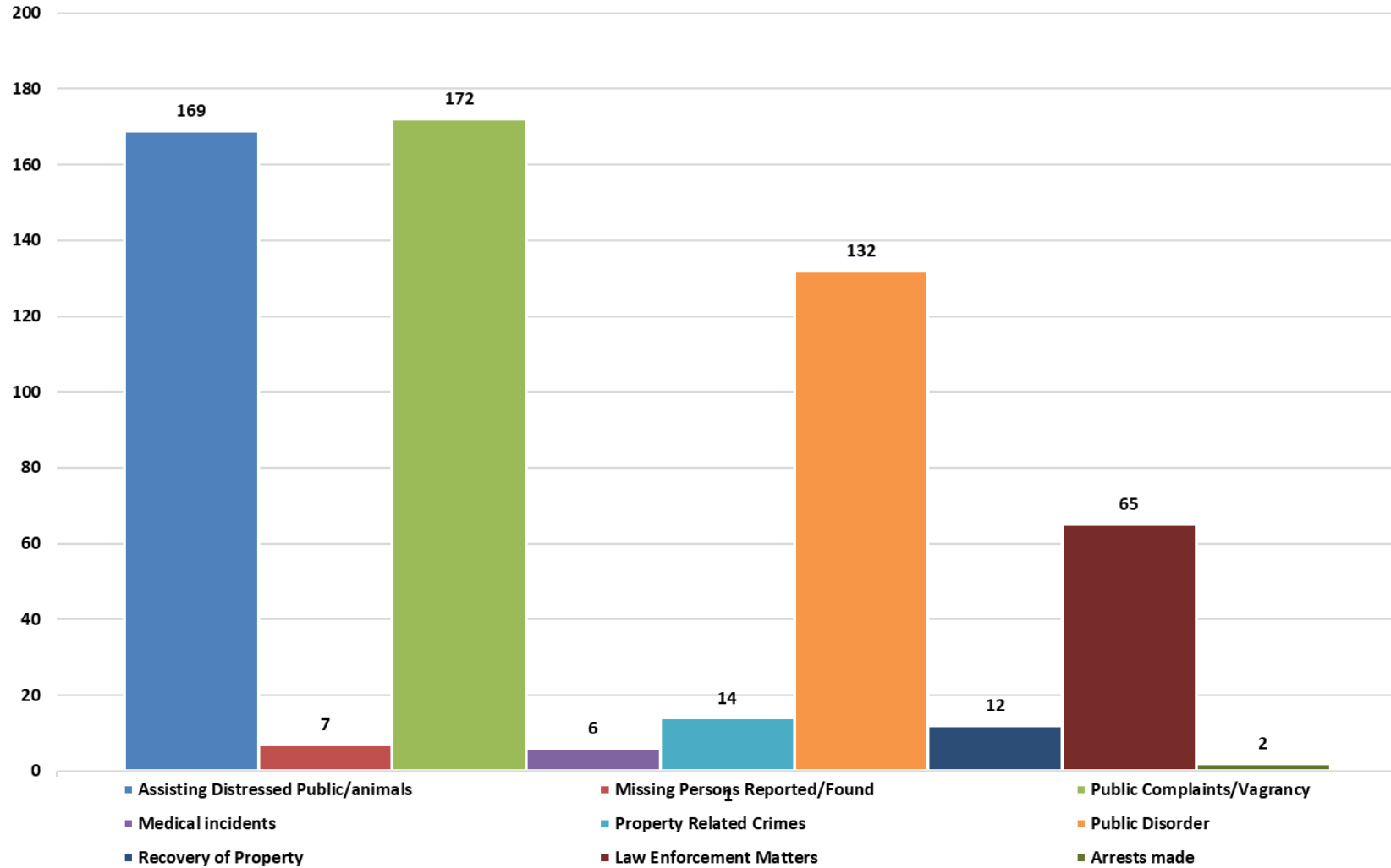




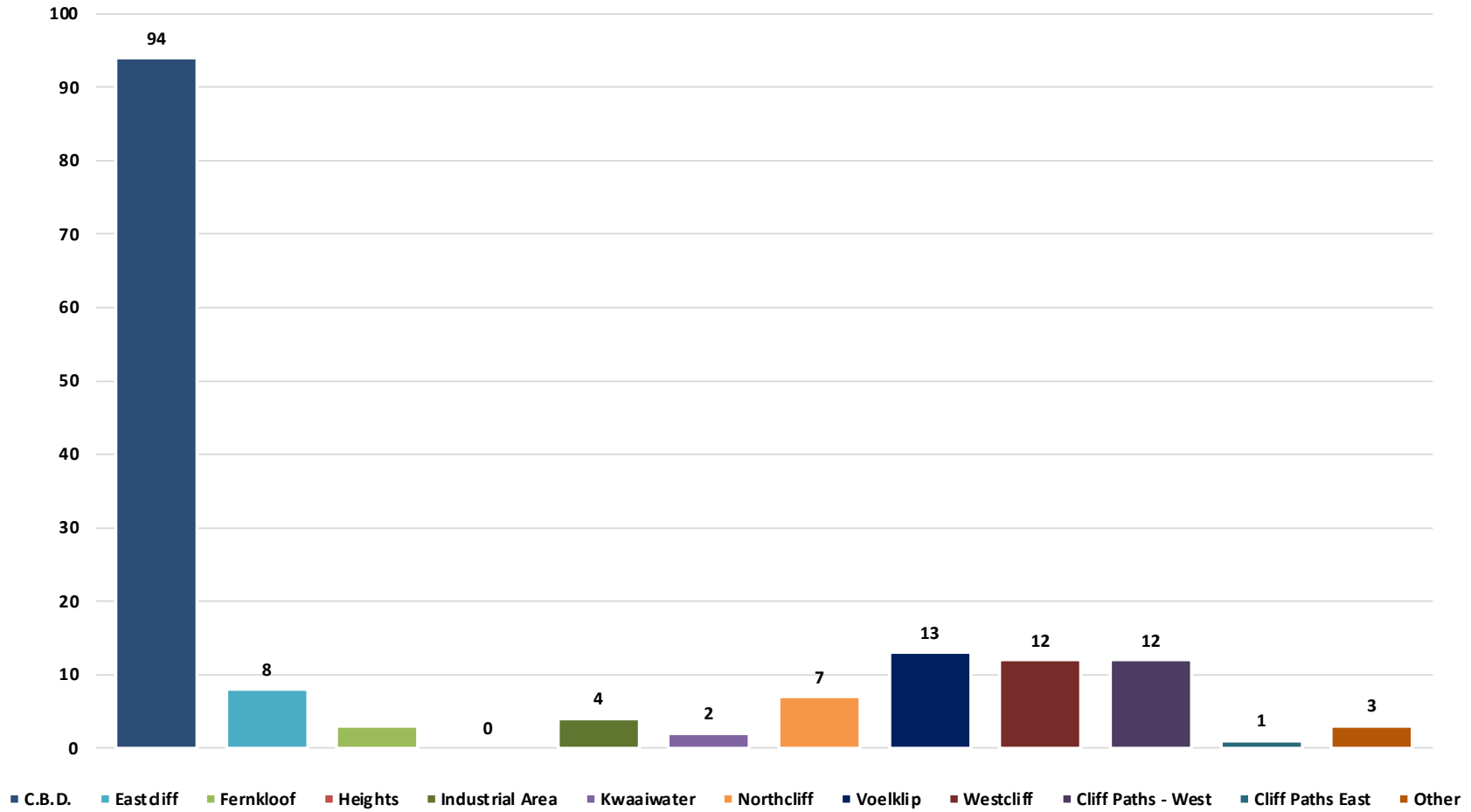




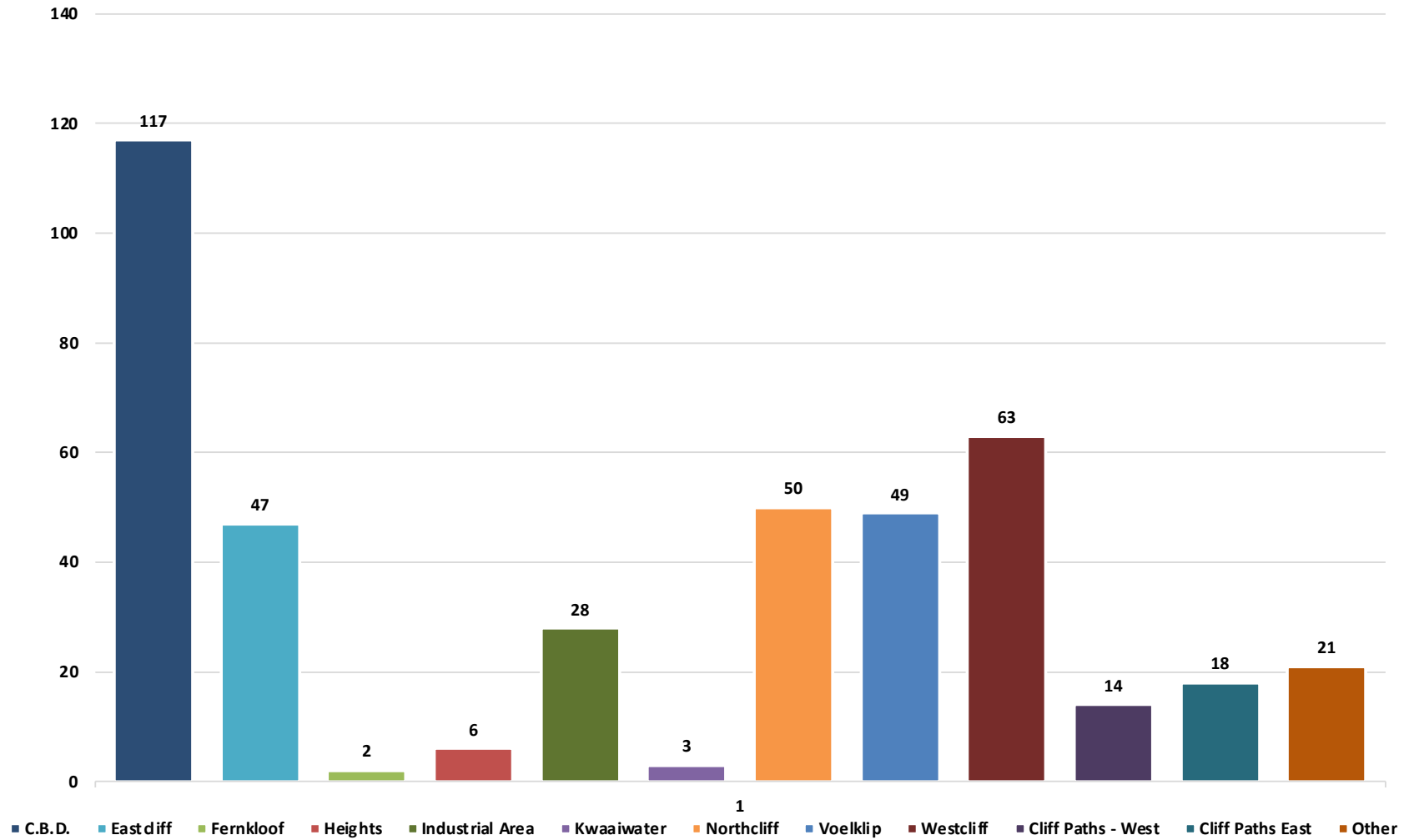
December Month to Date Overall Summary



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



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



Summary for the Month of December 2022

SUMMARY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total
Assisting Distressed Public/animals	0	3	6	5	4	5	1	3	14	7	10	4	4	8	4	7	7	10	13	2	3	11	5	4	1	4	4	7	3	7	3	169
Missing Persons Reported/Found	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Public Complaints/Vagrancy	7	5	2	1	2	7	4	11	4	4	5	10	6	5	5	6	7	4	7	6	7	9	9	5	2	7	10	7	3	4	1	172
Medical incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Property Related Crimes	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	14
Public Disorder	3	4	8	5	3	4	8	7	1	4	3	2	4	5	3	3	4	0	1	2	5	5	8	5	2	4	7	4	10	6	2	132
Recovery of Property	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	12
Law Enforcement Matters	3	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	4	3	2	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	3	1	0	1	1	5	3	0	1	65
Arrests made	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Summary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total
Assisting Distressed Public/animals	0	3	6	5	4	5	1	3	14	7	10	4	4	8	4	7	7	10	13	2	3	11	5	4	1	4	4	7	3	7	3	169
Animals					2		1	1		1		1	1			1											1					9
Fires								1	1										1									1				4
Traffic/Law Enforcement																																0
Public Assistance		1	6	5	4	3	1	1	10	5	8	3	3	5	4	6	6	9	11	1	3	8	4	4	1	4	3	6	2	7	3	137
Reporting open windows/doors/gates		2						2	2	1	1			2	1		1	1	1	1	3	1							1			19
Missing Persons Reported	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
Missing Persons															1				1			1						1			4	
Persons Found			1								1																				3	
Public Complaints	7	5	2	1	2	7	4	11	4	4	5	10	6	5	5	6	7	4	7	6	7	9	9	5	2	7	10	7	3	4	1	172
Singers															1	1											1	1			4	
Beggars	2				1	1	3			2	3		1					2			1	3	2	4	1	3	2	1		1	34	
vagrants	5	5	2	1	2	5	3	8	4	4	3	7	6	4	4	4	5	2	7	6	6	5	7	1	1	4	6	5	3	3	1	129
Hawking					1									1		1						1					1				5	
Medicals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Suicide/ att.																																0
Deaths																																0
Injury on duty																																0
Public injuries																																0
Mentally Disturbed							1						2	2																	5	
Drowning																														1	1	
Property Crimes	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	14
Theft from M/V																																0
Theft out of M/V																																0
Theft of M/V																																0
Housebreaking and Theft	1		1							1				1																	4	
Theft//Att Theft			1	2							1									1					1			1	1		8	
Malicious Damage to Property															1																2	
Trespassing															1										1						2	
Public Disorder	3	4	8	5	3	4	8	7	1	4	3	2	4	5	3	3	4	0	1	2	5	5	8	5	2	4	7	4	10	6	2	132
Assault Common																																0
Assault GBH																																0
Cliff Path Robbery/attack																																0
Robbery// attempted										1													1					1	1	2	6	
Warnings																															0	
Drugs																																0
Public Indecency																																0
Shoplifting															1															1	2	
Loitering	3	4	5	2	3	3	6	4		1	1	1	3	3	3	3			1		4	4	5	5	1	3	5	3	6	3	1	89
Drinking in Public					1	1						1	1								1				1						1	7
Fighting			2	1				2		1										1		1	1			1			1	1	12	
Public Drunkenness			1				1		1		2			1			1						1				1		1	1	11	
Abandoned																																0
Unruly Behaviour			1	1			1		1													1									5	
Recovery of Property	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	12
Recovery of Suspected Stolen Property					1	1	1				1									1	1	1			1	1		1	1		1	12
Law Enforcement Matters	3	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	4	3	2	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	3	1	0	1	1	5	3	0	1	65
Traffic Control/Accidents	1		1						1			1	1						1			1									7	
Nature Conservation				1	1	1				1				2							1		1	1							9	
SAPS Backup																																0
Municipal Bylaws	2	2	2		1				3	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	1		1	1	5	3		1	49
Total	14	14	22	14	12	18	14	22	23	19	22	19	20	25	17	18	20	16	26	14	20	28	25	16	8	16	22	26	21	18	8	577
Arrests HPP Field staff											1																					1
Arrests CCTV intervention																									1							1

You can report an incident to the HPP call centre **24/7** on **087 550 5295**