

HPP Performance – January 2023

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The month of January showed a 2.60% decrease in reported incidents (562) when compared to December's (577).

Public disorder and vagrancy remain an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories increased to 270 compared to December's 253. Of the reported 270 incidents of public disorder, 132 were vagrancy incidents (up from December's figure of 129), 96 were loitering incidents (up from the December's figure of 89), 8 were unruly behaviour incidents (up from December's figure of 5) and 34 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (up from December's figures of 30).

In addition to HPP recovering numerous stolen property during the month, several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 7 suspects during the month; 6 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:

- 3 x arrests for being in possession of illegal substances/Abalone.
- 2 x arrests for being in possession of possible stolen items.
- 1 x arrest for possession of dangerous weapons and house breaking implements.
- 1 x arrest for shoplifting.

The busiest suburbs for January were CBD (239 reports, of which 108 were crime related), Westcliff (87 reports, of which 14 were crime related), Voëlklip (50 reports, of which 7 were crime related), Northcliff (41 reports, of which 5 were crime related), Eastcliff (35 reports, of which 7 were crime related), and Industrial Area (18 reports, of which 3 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

HIGHER LEVELS OF CRIME IN JANUARY

Regrettably, January has seen an increase in crime trends, some of which may be due to the higher levels of loadshedding, which makes criminal activity so much easier to commit at night. We remind residents to be vigilant of your surroundings and secure your property. If you are a victim of crime, please report it to the South African Police Service (SAPS) as soon as possible. If you do not wish to have a case opened with SAPS, you are still able to report the incident to HPP. This will help improve statistical representation of crime levels in Hermanus.

**ALERT: PROPERTY RELATED
CRIMES – BURGLARY AND THEFT**

Across South Africa there has been a noted increase in house robberies and street crime during loadshedding as crime prevention is undermined by a lack of lighting.

To help keep yourself, your home and property safe:

1. Remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings.
2. Report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood to HPP, your security provider, your local neighbourhood watch or SAPS.
3. Don't leave windows or doors, without burglar bars or gates, open.
4. Install outdoor solar or rechargeable lights on key points around your home.
5. Always activate your house alarm and beams, ensure outside lights are on and lock away valuables.

FRAUD – ONLINE & ATM SCAMMING

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).

Operational Activities - 2022 in Brief Review

HPP underwent several changes in 2022. To ensure a safer and cleaner environment, the camera network was expanded exponentially, and increased staff were contracted. In addition, a new Board was appointed in September and HPP's strategic priorities were co-created with the help of a wide range of stakeholders.

The HPP team now has 51 staff members, operates three armed vehicles and monitor a camera network of over 130 CCTV cameras.

The team consists of the Executive Officer employed by HPP. On the ground, ADT management oversee the work of nine camera controllers, nine special response officers, three foot patrol supervisors, 18 foot patrol officers, and three bike patrol officers. Cleansing activities are implemented by Iphupha's Cleansing Manager and five cleansing staff.

The HPP Control Room, patrol vehicles and CBD foot patrollers operate 24 | 7, with foot patrols covering the Cliff Path and Hoy's Koppie 7 days a week, 12 hours a day. HPP bike patrols operate three days per week and cleansing services 6 days per week.

HPP has also contributed to the upliftment of youth in the area through a leadership holiday programme. In addition, we worked with the Overstrand Municipality to clear alien plants and plant native plants at prime tourist nodes and participated in several working groups to improve the CBD and surrounds.



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 January, a total of 310 black bags, down from 340 in December, 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.

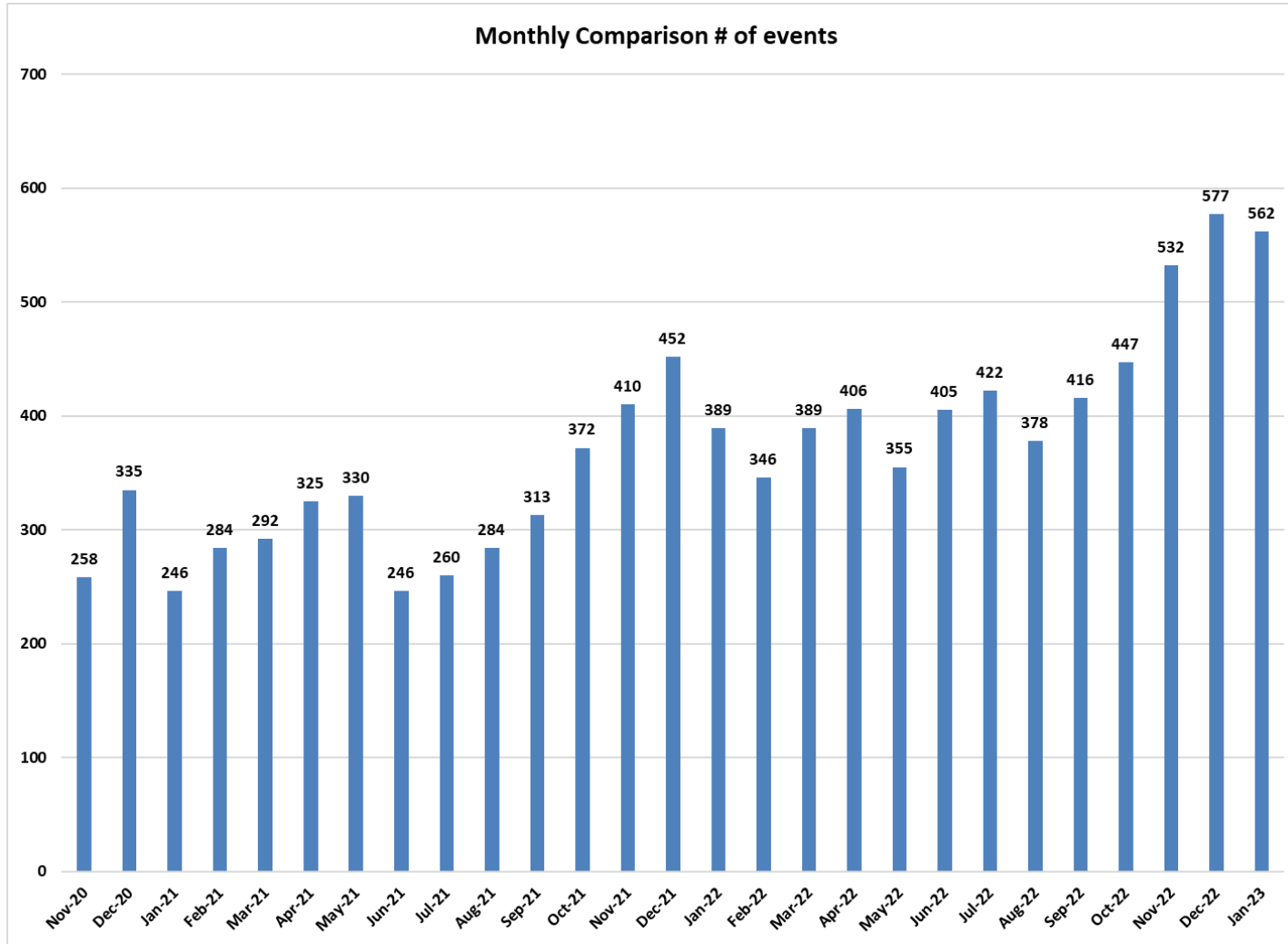
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

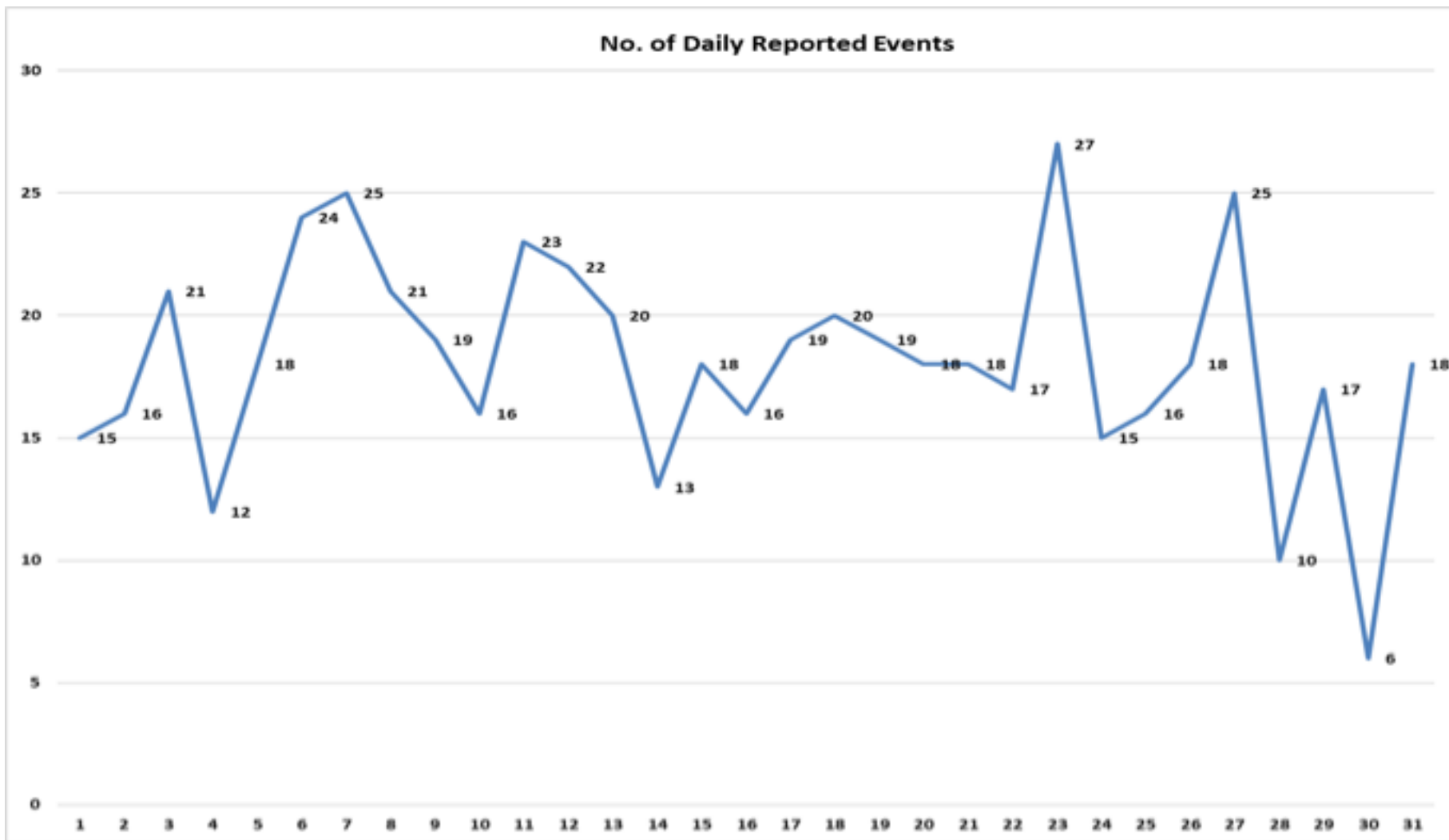
The main points of the by-laws include:

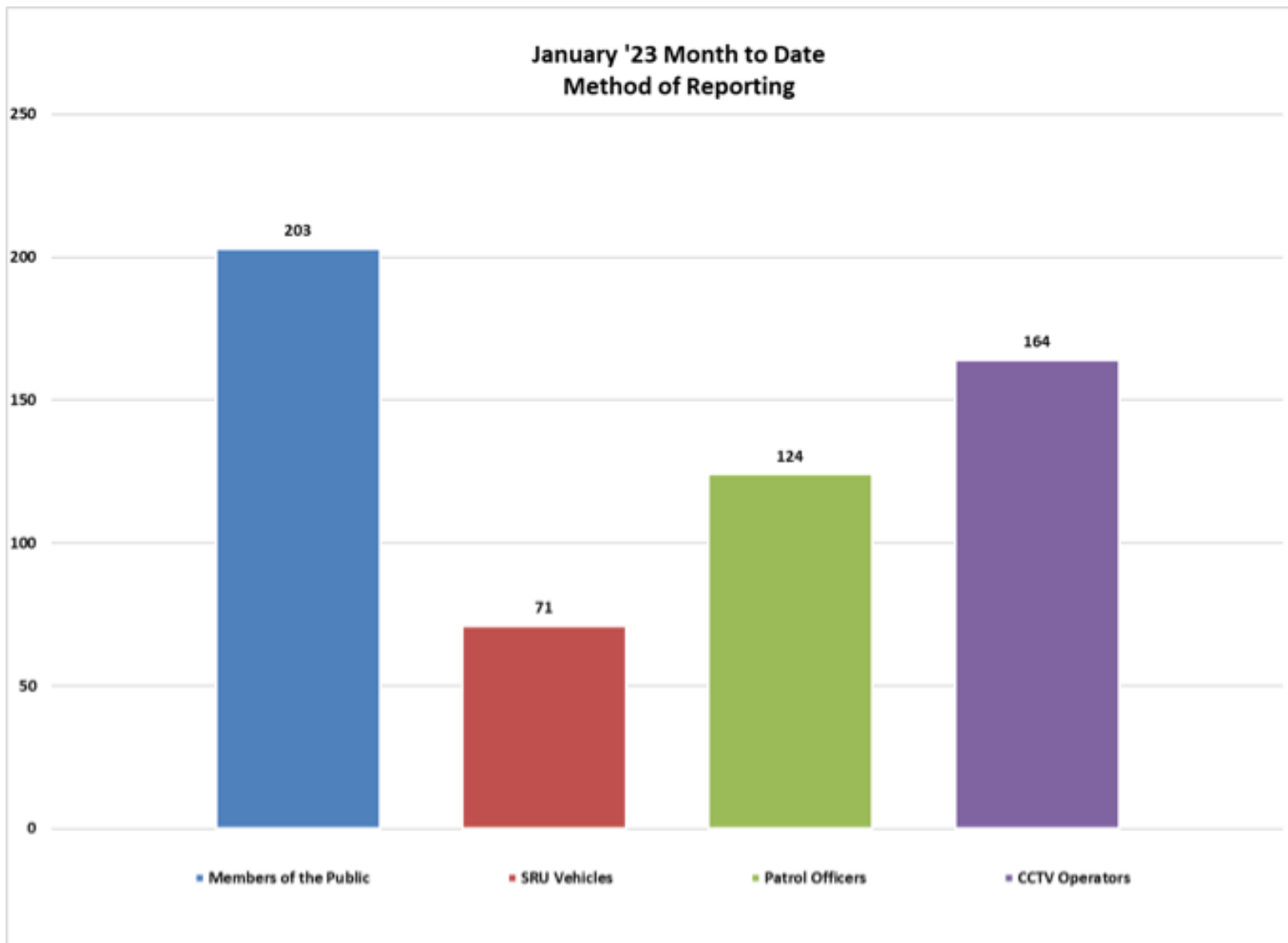
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

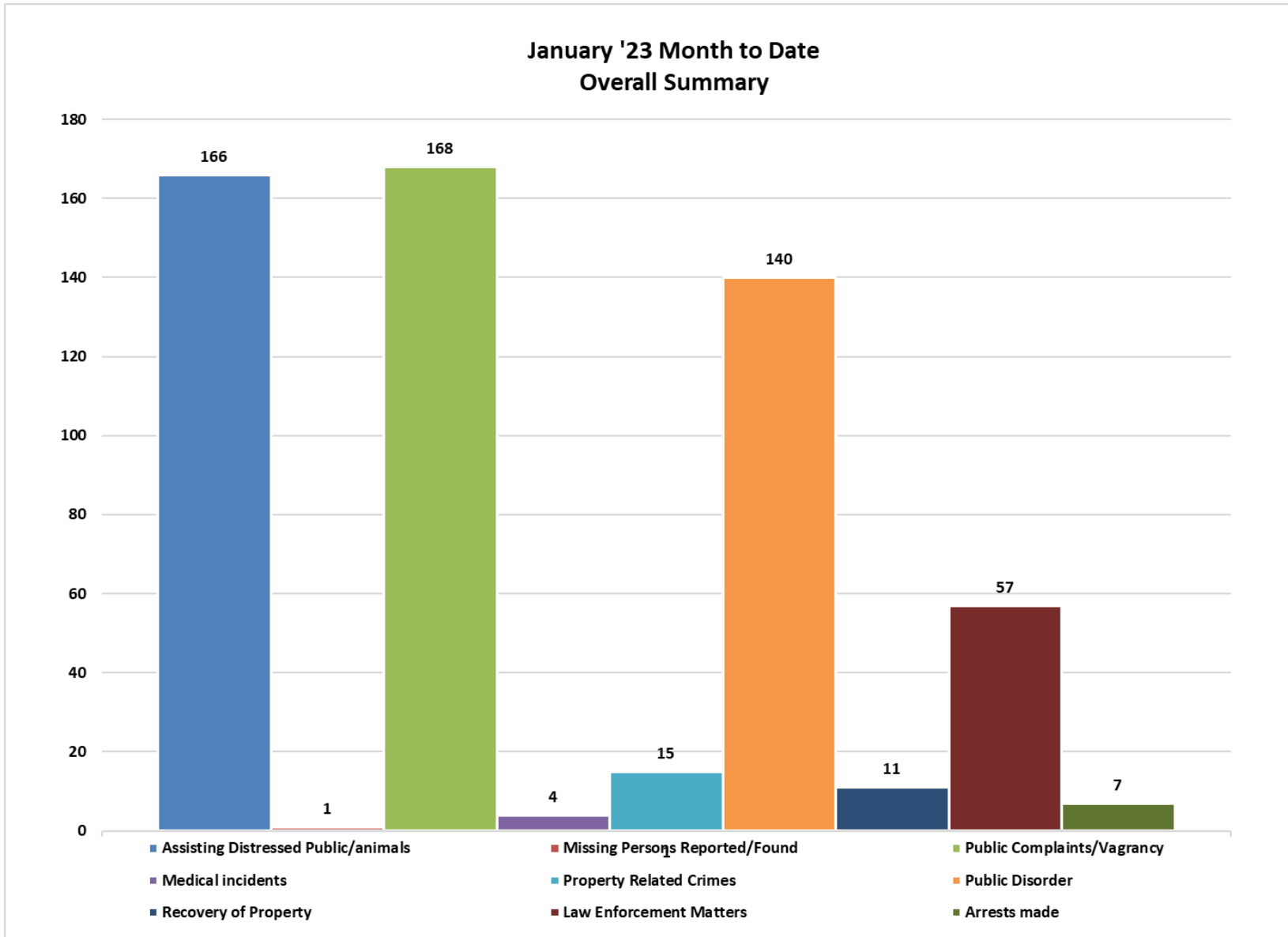
Any contravention of these by-laws can be reported to the Municipality's Law Enforcement at 028 313 8996 or Control Room 028 313 8000. Alternatively send an email to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention for the period 01/01/2023 – 31/01/2023

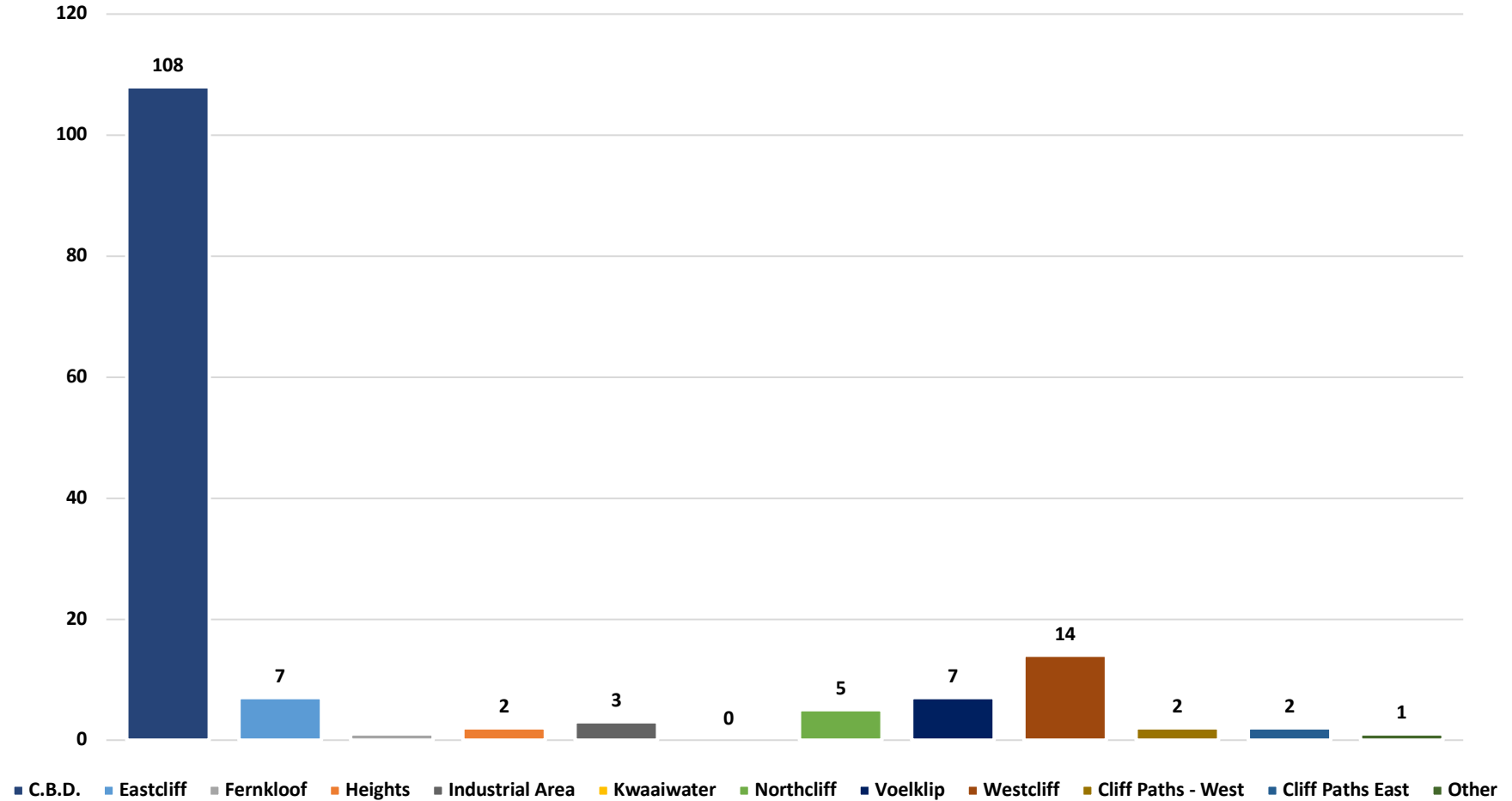








**January '23 Month to Date
Crime Only Reports per Suburbs**



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Non-Crime Reports per Suburbs**

