

HPP Performance – February 2023

Summary

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

The month of February showed a 3.38% decrease in reported incidents (543) when compared to January's (562).

Public disorder and vagrancy remain an ongoing issue in the CBD. The number of incidents in these categories decreased to 245 compared to January's 270. Of the reported 245 incidents of public disorder, 134 were vagrancy incidents (up from January's figure of 132), 85 were loitering incidents (down from the January's figure of 96), 10 were unruly behaviour incidents (up from January's figure of 8) and 16 incidents of intoxication, drinking in public and fighting (down from January's figures of 34).

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; 7 as a result of CCTV intervention.

Arrests were made up of the following:

- 3 x arrests for being in possession of possible stolen items.
- 1 x arrest for murder.
- 1 x arrest for housebreaking and theft.
- 1 x arrest for theft.
- 1 x arrest for malicious damage to property.

The busiest suburbs for February were CBD (108 reports, of which 88 were crime related), Westcliff (66 reports, of which 22 were crime related), Northcliff (51 reports, of which 2 were crime related), Voëlklip (39 reports, of which 3 were crime related), Eastcliff (37 reports, of which 16 were crime related), and Industrial Area (30 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.

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 & 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 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.

**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.

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

Strategic Increased Surveillance enhances Crime Prevention

The roll out of cameras across the suburbs over the past 18 months has proven to be very successful and is producing good results. There has been a noted increase in crime prevention incidents in the HSRA.

Crime prevention is any intervention made by HPP to avert a possible crime or by-law transgression being committed. Incidents are reported by Members of the Public (including Neighbourhood Watch groups), HPP CCTV Operators, Specialised Response Vehicles and Patrol Officers.

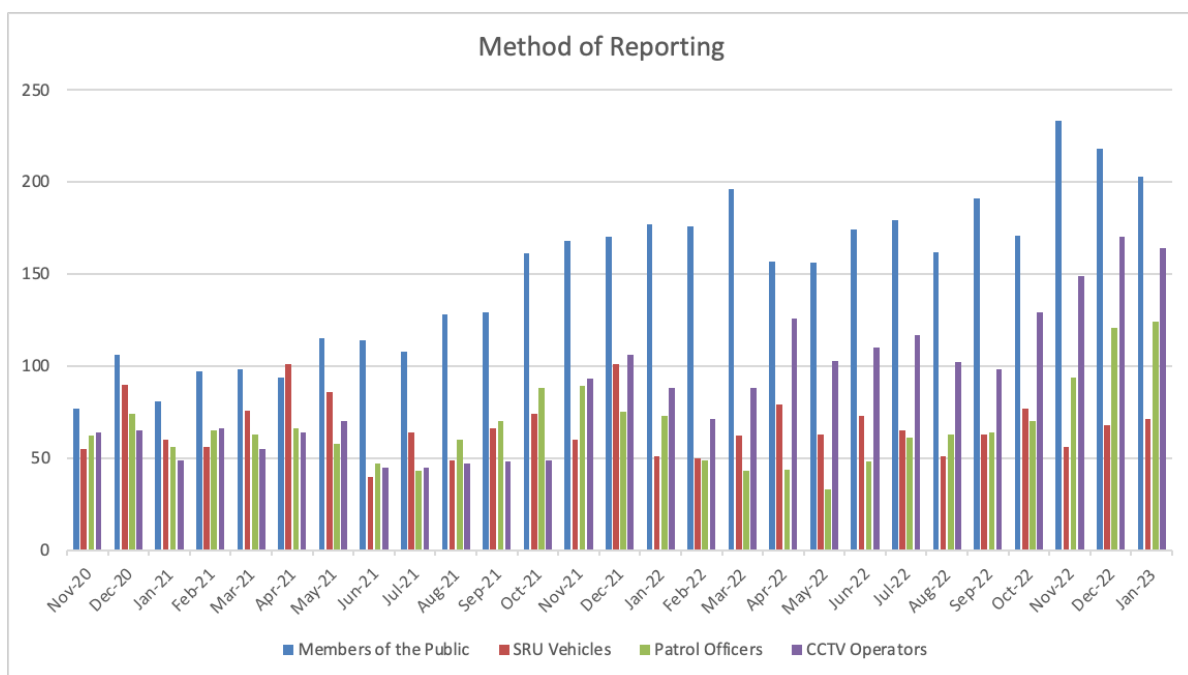


Figure 1: Reports since HSRA inception - Incident Reporting Methods – increased CCTV coverage driving increased CCTV Operator reporting.

There has been a noted increase in the CCTV Operators detecting suspicious behaviour and responding accordingly by activating our response teams on the ground. These interventions may include addressing unruly behaviour before it escalates or notifying residents of points of vulnerability such as an open garage door or unlocked vehicle.

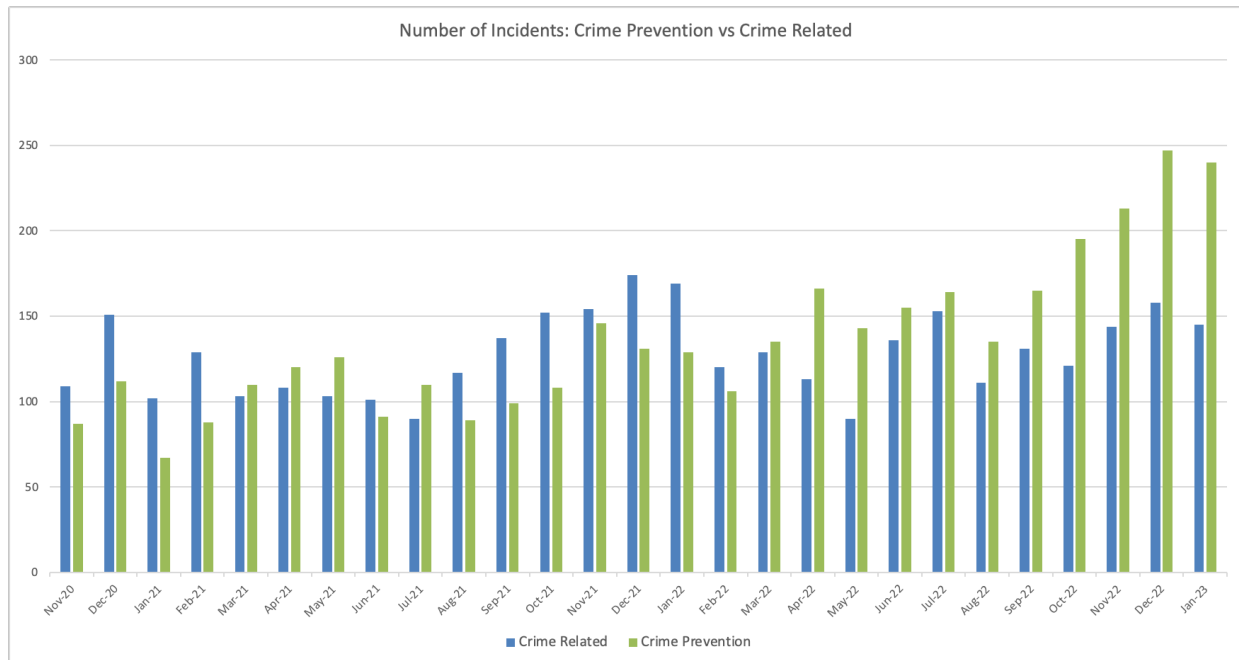


Figure 2: Number of Incidents: Crime Related vs Crime Prevention – increased Crime Prevention likely to be driven by increased camera surveillance.

Together with stakeholders from suburbs, HPP is currently re-evaluating the HSRA to ensure that the area is covered adequately with strategic camera placements; an ongoing requirement to adapt to crime trends. The HPP policy is to ensure that suburb entrances and exits, perimeters, major intersections, and crime hot spots are monitored to best effect.

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 February, a total of **260** black bags, down from **310** in January, 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.

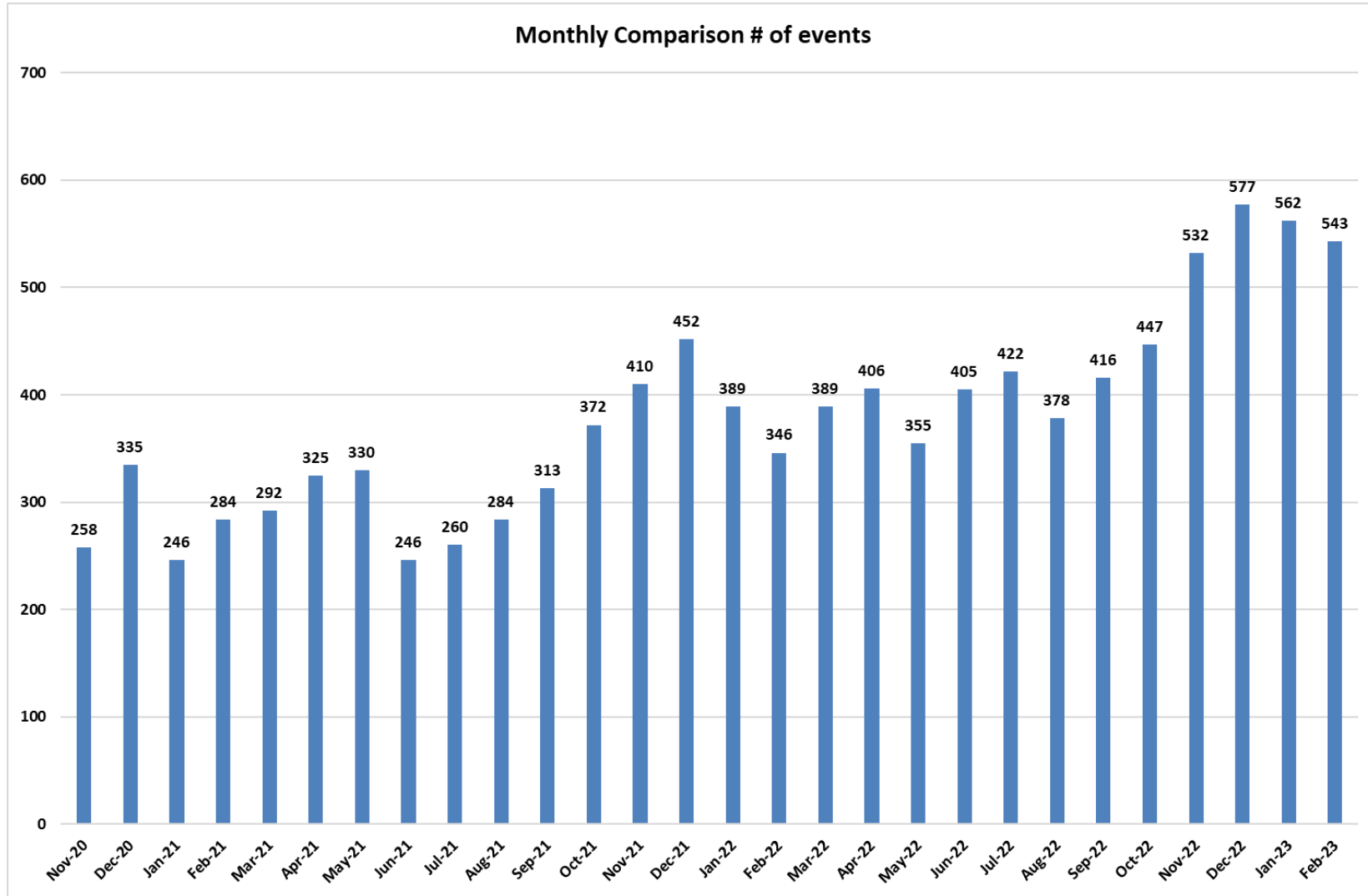
We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

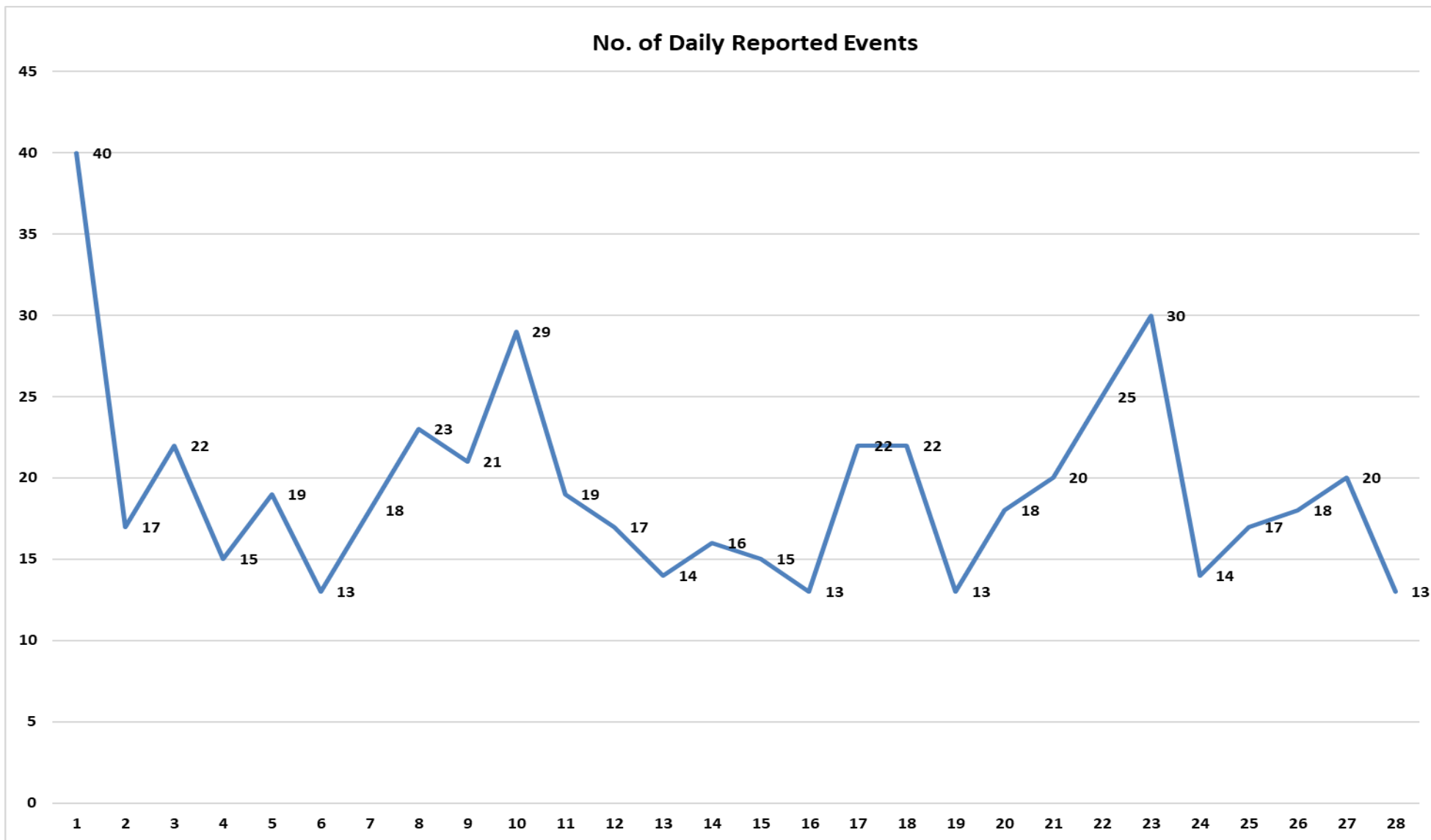
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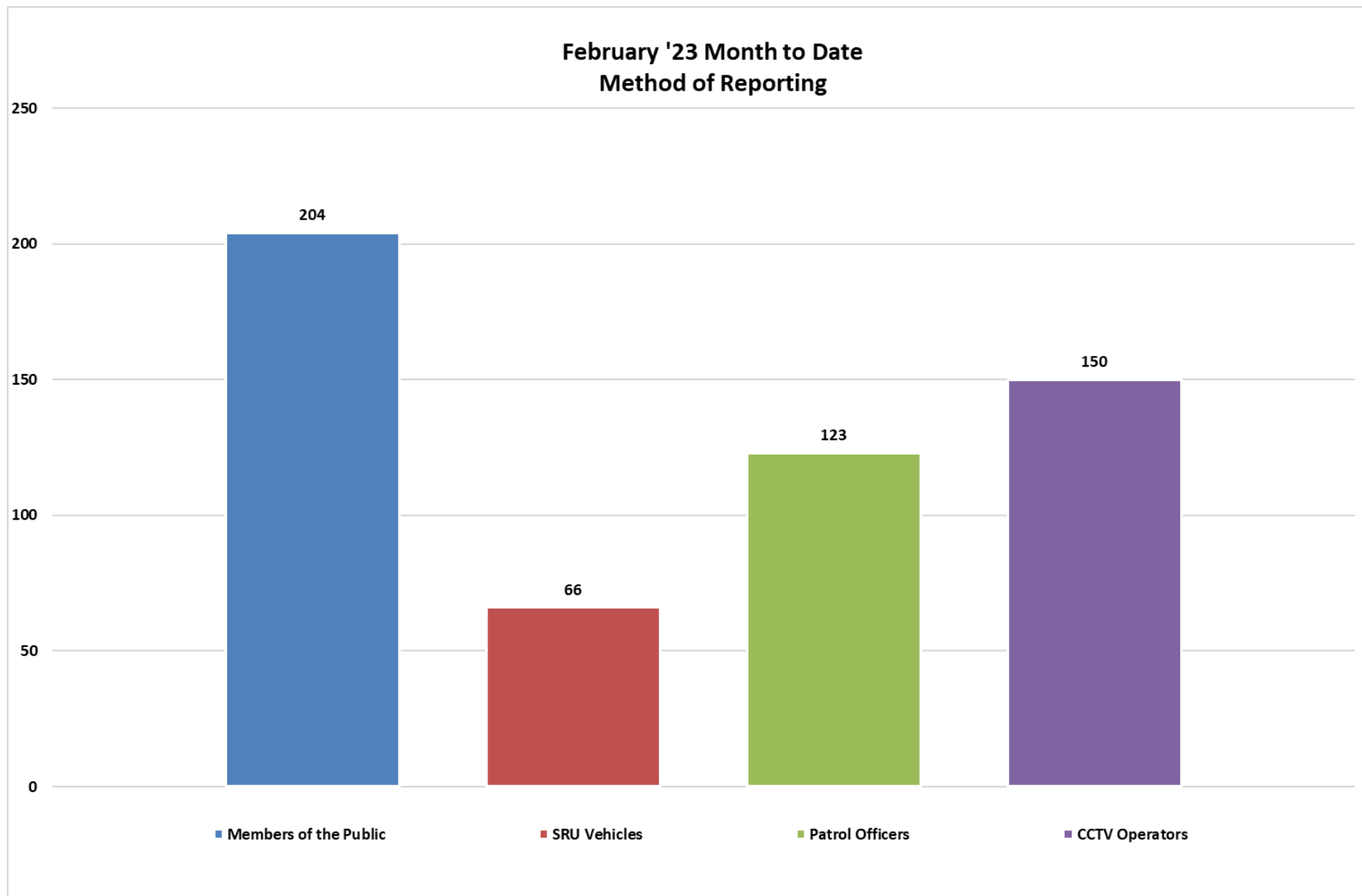
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

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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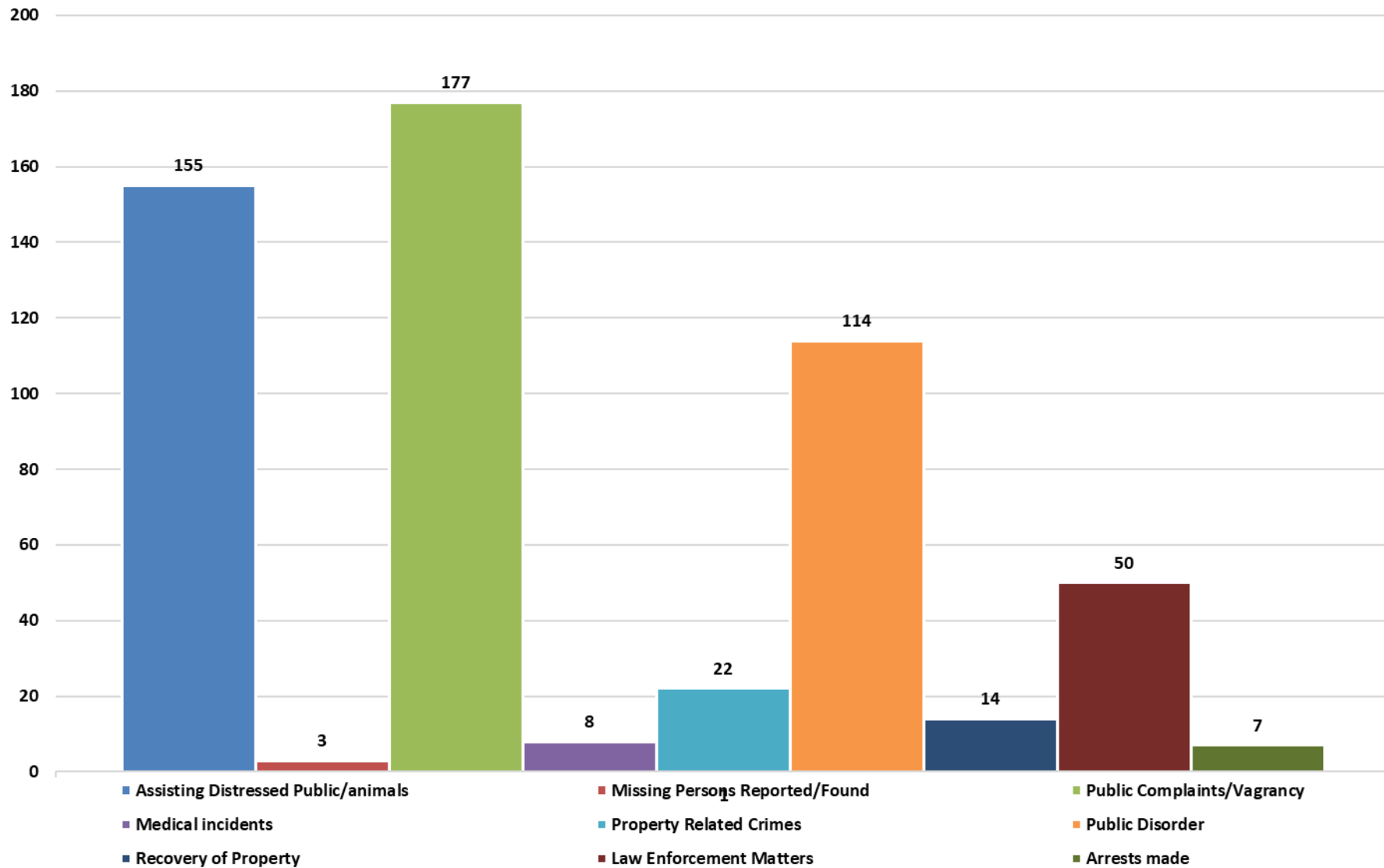


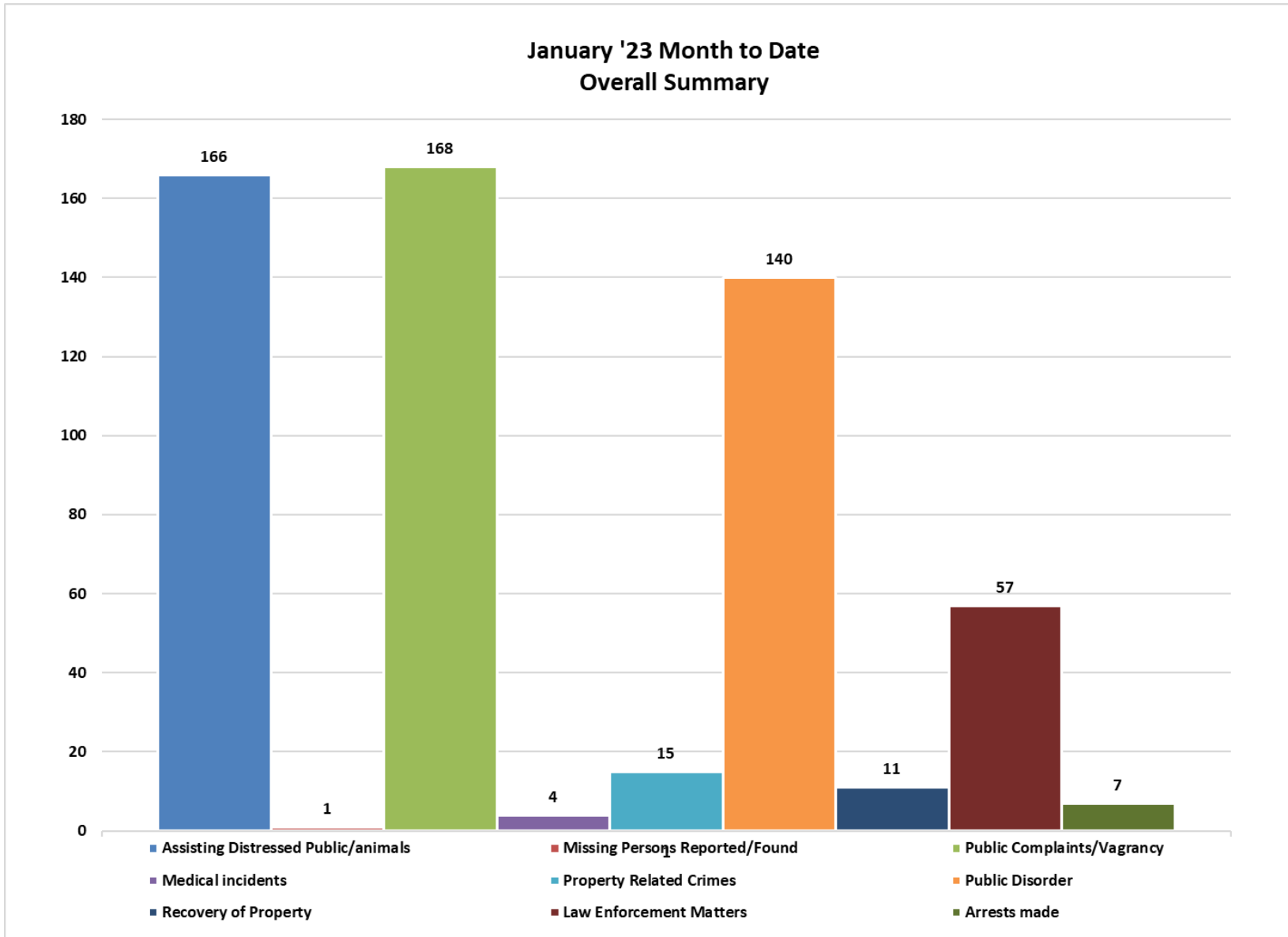






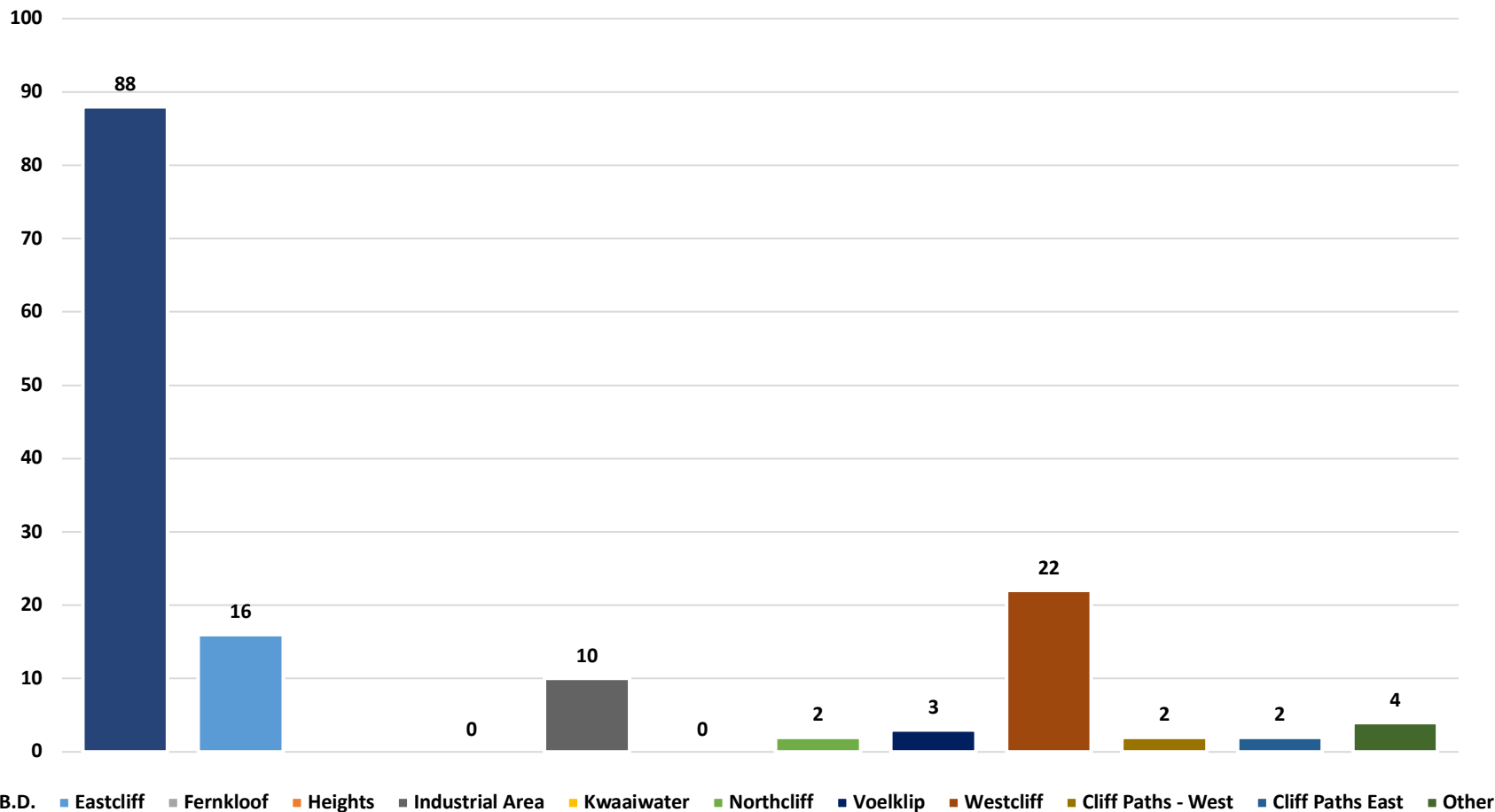
February '23 Month to Date Overall Summary







February '23 Month to Date Crime Only Reports per Suburbs



**February '23 Month to Date
Non-Crime Reports per Suburbs**

