

## HPP Performance – July 2023

### Summary

#### Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Please note that the HPP has implemented a new online reporting system. This system will ensure standardised data capturing, instant reporting as well as identifying incident trends and hotspots. This will assist HPP to accurately allocate resources daily, make data driven decisions on future camera site installations as well as people management to assist with the tracking of people of interest.

Some of our reporting data may be represented differently and highlight other areas of importance over the coming months.

The month of July showed a 6% decrease in reported incidents (570) when compared to June (605). Over the past eight (8) months, there has been a noted increase in Crime Prevention activities 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 Public Safety Patrol Officers.

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.

- **Crime Prevention – 269**
- **Public Assistance – 116**
- **Crime Related (incl. Municipal by-law infringements) – 185**

In addition to HPP recovering stolen property during the month, several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 8 suspects during the month; 5 as a result of CCTV intervention and 3 as a result of field staff and responders.

Arrests were made up of the following:

- 5 x arrests for being in possession of possible stolen items.
- 2 x arrests for theft.
- 1 x arrest for damage to property.

During the month of July, Sundays and Mondays are the busiest days of the month. Night time incidents mostly occur between 21:00 to 03:00.

HPP continue to remind residents to ensure that their homes are always secured.

#### ALERT: THEFT FROM OUTBUILDINGS

There has been a noticeable increase in opportunistic crime targeting outbuildings. Usually, the outbuildings on our properties are less secure than our homes.

Please ensure that your outbuildings; garages, sheds, laundry rooms, cottages, studios, etc. are protected as well as your home.

To help keep your external buildings safe:

1. Install quality locks, security bars and doors.
2. Install security beams connected to your alarm.
3. Cover windows.
4. Cover items and secure them with additional locks and chains.
5. Secure or store garden furniture, braais, and gas bottles indoors or ensure they are covered by security beams.

## 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 July, a total of **260** black bags, up from **210** in June, 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.

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.

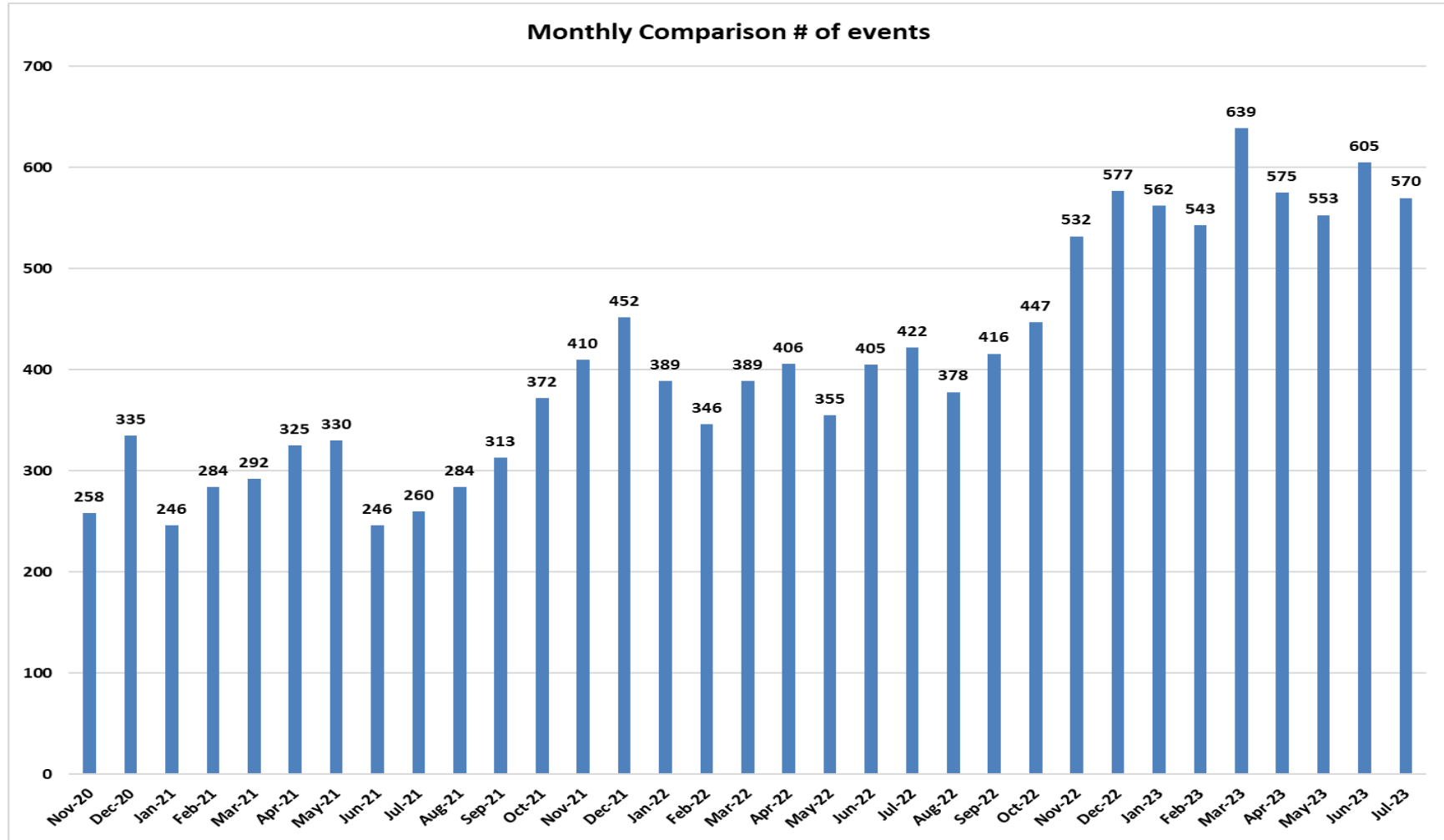
The main points of the by-laws include:

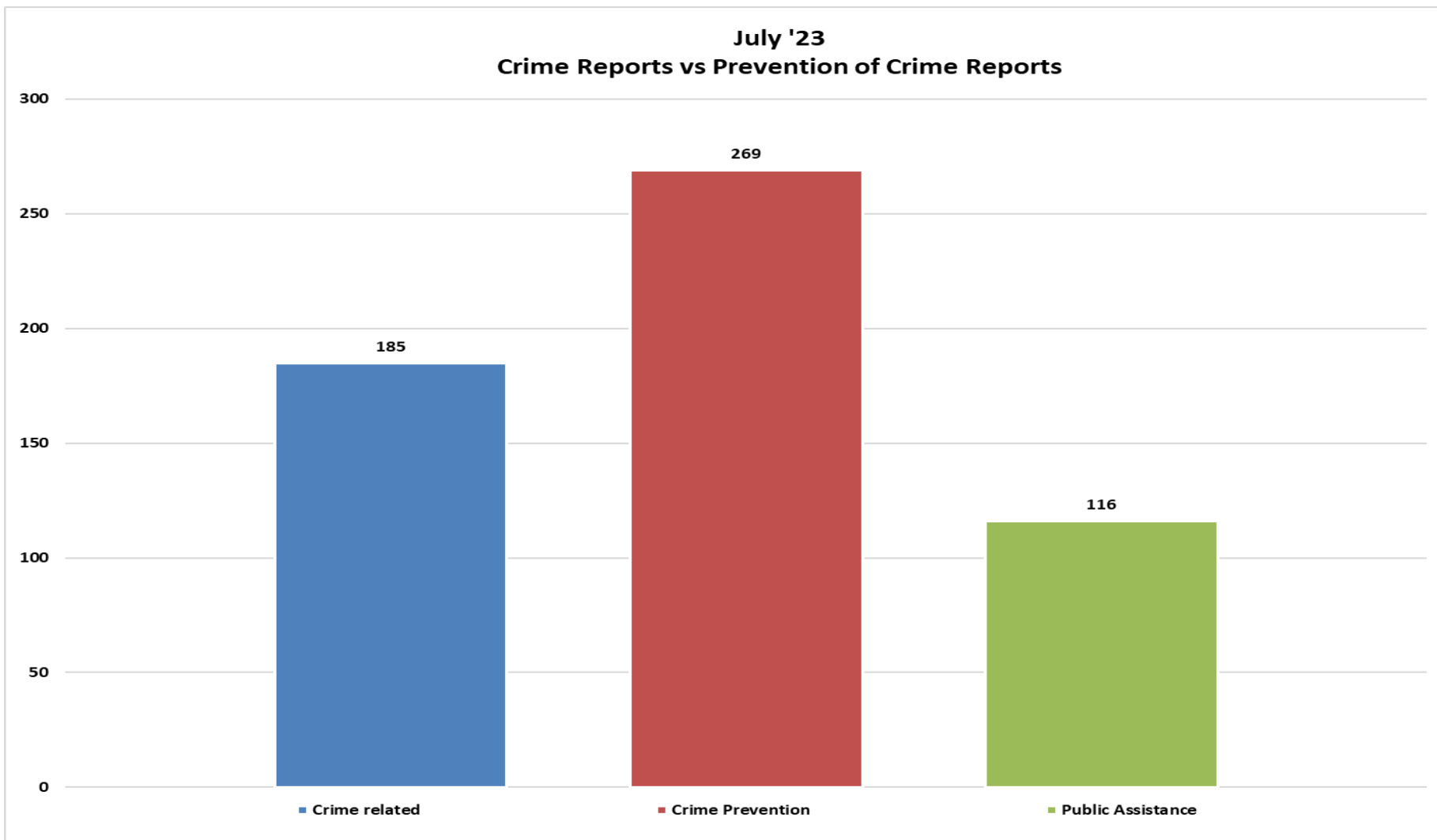
1. Littering is not permitted. Please place your litter in a bin or take it home with you.
2. All dogs must be on a leash, without exception.
3. Dog owners must pick up after their pet.
4. Consuming alcohol in public is prohibited.
5. Making fires in non-designated areas is not permitted.

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](mailto:enquiries@overstrand.gov.za).

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

## Public Safety and Crime Prevention for the period 01/07/2023 – 31/07/2023







**No. of Daily Reported Events**

