

1                                    **BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON**  
2                                    **CULTURE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, YOUTH and**  
3                                    **RECREATION**

4                                    **31<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**

5                                    **February 5, 2016**

6                                    **THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

7                                    **TESTIMONY**

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9    Good morning, Senator Myron D. Jackson, Chairman of the Committee  
10 on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation, committee  
11 members, other distinguished Senators of the 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature present  
12 and listening, and individuals in the listening and viewing audiences. I  
13 am Darren M. Foy, Chief of Police for the St. Thomas/St. John District.

14    The Virgin Islands Police Department is the primary law enforcement  
15 agency in the Territory. Our mission is to ensure public safety, to protect  
16 the life and property of residents and visitors, to detect and arrest  
17 criminal offenders, and to enforce all laws of the Virgin Islands.

18    I am here this morning to provide a status report on Coki Point Beach  
19 and the role the Virgin Islands Police Department plays in ensuring

1 safety, protecting life and property on a daily basis. Coki Point Beach is  
2 one of the beaches on St. Thomas that tourists and residents of St.  
3 Thomas enjoy on a daily basis. Coki Point Beach is located on the  
4 eastern end of St. Thomas and unlike any other beach on St. Thomas,  
5 Coki Point Beach shore lines are divided into two halves. The western  
6 side is controlled by local families, and the eastern side is operated and  
7 controlled by the Government of the Virgin Islands, mainly Sports,  
8 Parks, and Recreation.

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10 Since 2009, officers assigned to the Mariel C. Newton Command “Zone  
11 C” are assigned to Coki Point Beach on the days that cruise ships are  
12 docked at the West Indian Company Dock and the Crown Bay Dock. On  
13 the days that there are no cruise ships the officers assigned to the Mariel  
14 C. Newton Command “Zone C”, conduct periodic inspections  
15 throughout the day and night shifts.

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17 The officers that are assigned to the beach wear their full uniform for  
18 high visibility and deterrence. The Coki Point Beach assignment consists  
19 of the officers conducting foot patrol on both the private and government  
20 areas on the beach. The presence of the officers prevents illegal drug  
21 sales and illegal drug usage, larcenies, disturbances and traffic  
22 congestion. The officers also play a vital role in regulating taxi parking  
23 and settling their disputes because the taxi stand and the roadway are too

1 small for the volume of traffic that traverses the roadway. Officers also  
2 settle disturbances that generally involve vendors from both the private  
3 and government sides of Coki Point Beach.

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5 Attached for your information are three (3) reports: Coki Point Beach  
6 Crime Analysis and Data for the years 2014, 2015, and January 2016.  
7 The Coki Point Beach Crime Analysis and Data were compared from  
8 January 2014 to January 2015 and January 2015 to January 2016 as a  
9 means of determining the most types of calls for service that the officers  
10 responded to and the total monthly number of calls for service. During  
11 the year 2014, the most calls for service the officers responded to were  
12 Activated Alarms, followed by Police Assistance Cases, and  
13 Disturbance of the Peace Cases. Furthermore, during the year 2015, the  
14 calls for service followed the same trend as the year 2014. During the  
15 years 2014 and 2015, the month that yielded the most calls for service  
16 was December.

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18 The Coki Point Beach charts and data for 2014-2016 show the cases that  
19 are being reported most are Activated Alarms and those are over a  
20 hundred (100) calls for service yearly. The presence of officers assigned  
21 to Coki Point Beach decreases criminal activity, provides assurance of  
22 safety to residents and visitors, and enforcement of the laws. Since the  
23 inception of the Coki Point Beach assignment by the Virgin Islands

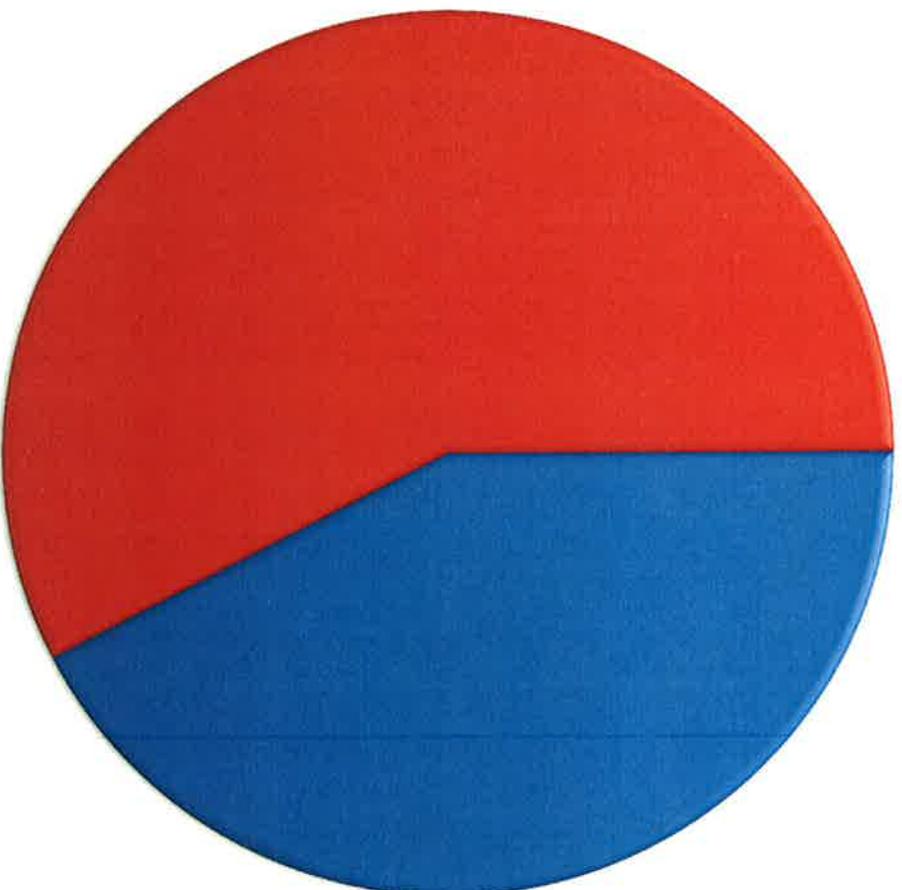
1 Police Department, there has been a decrease in criminal activity. In  
2 addition, the Virgin Islands Police Department welcomes the daily  
3 assistance from the other Government Agencies (Sports, Parks, and  
4 Recreation, Taxi Cab Commission, and Licensing and Consumer  
5 Affairs) that also play a vital role in maintaining peace and tranquility on  
6 Coki Point Beach.

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8 Once again, I thank you Chairman Myron D. Jackson and the members  
9 of the Virgin Islands 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature for your continued support of the  
10 Virgin Islands Police Department. To the residents of the Virgin  
11 Islands, thank you for your support and assistance. The Virgin Islands  
12 Police Department will continue to do everything in its power to serve  
13 and protect you.

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15 Thank you for this opportunity, and I am available to answer any  
16 pertinent questions.

**COKI POINT CRIME ANALYSIS  
AND DATA 2014**

# 2014 -2015 COKI POINT CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON



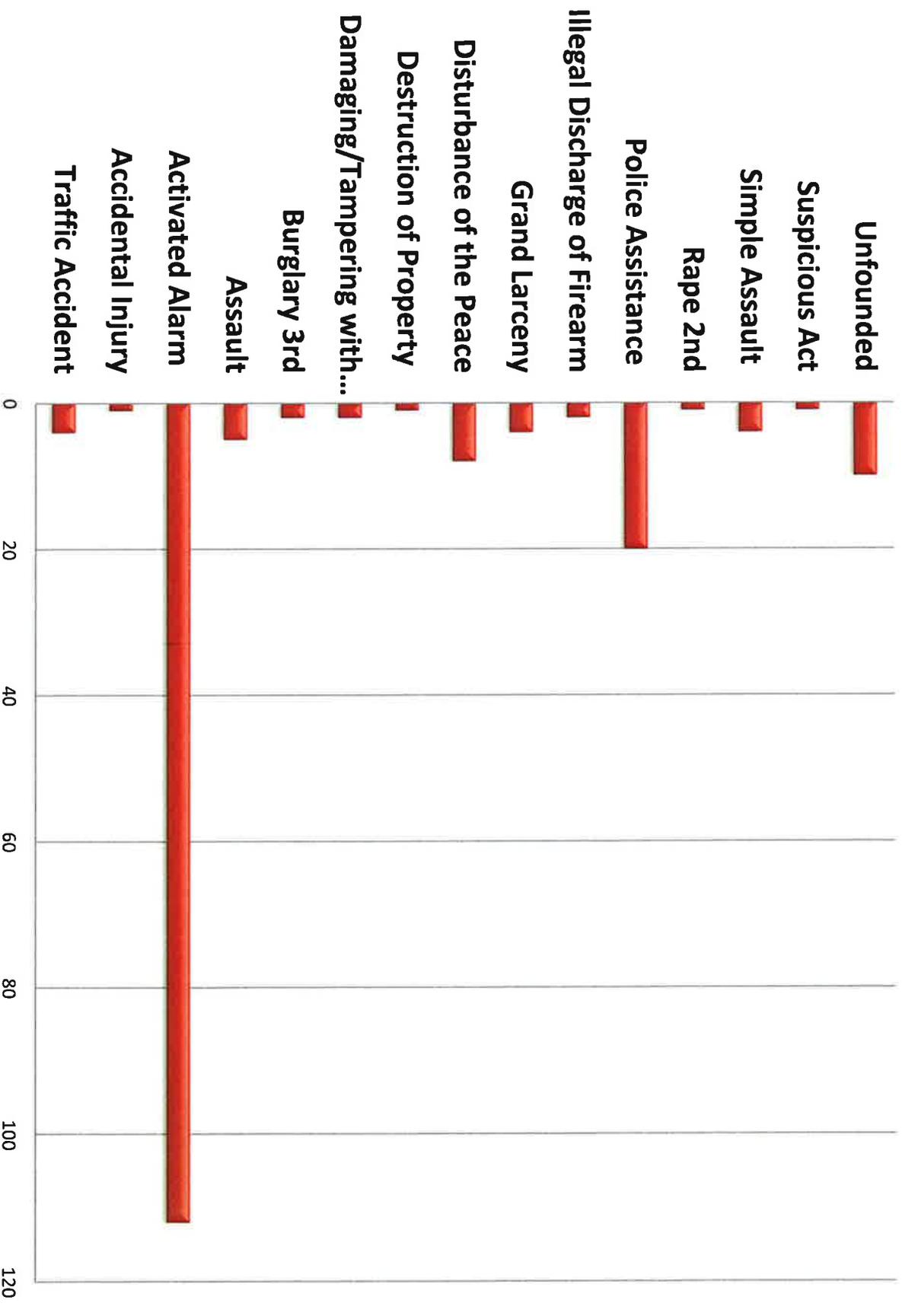
■ COKI POINT 2014

■ COKI POINT 2015

# COKI POINT CALLS FOR SERVICE CHART 2014

2014 CALLS FOR SERVICE BASED ON MONTHS	# of Calls for Service
Accident: Property Damage	4
Traffic Accident	4
Accidental Injury	1
Activated Alarm	112
Assault	5
Burglary 3rd	2
Damaging/Tampering with Vehicle	2
Destruction of Property	1
Disturbance of the Peace	8
Grand Larceny	4
Illegal Discharge of Firearm	2
Police Assistance	20
Rape 2nd	1
Simple Assault	4
Suspicious Act	1
Unfounded	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181</b>

# 2014 Types of Calls for Service Coki Point

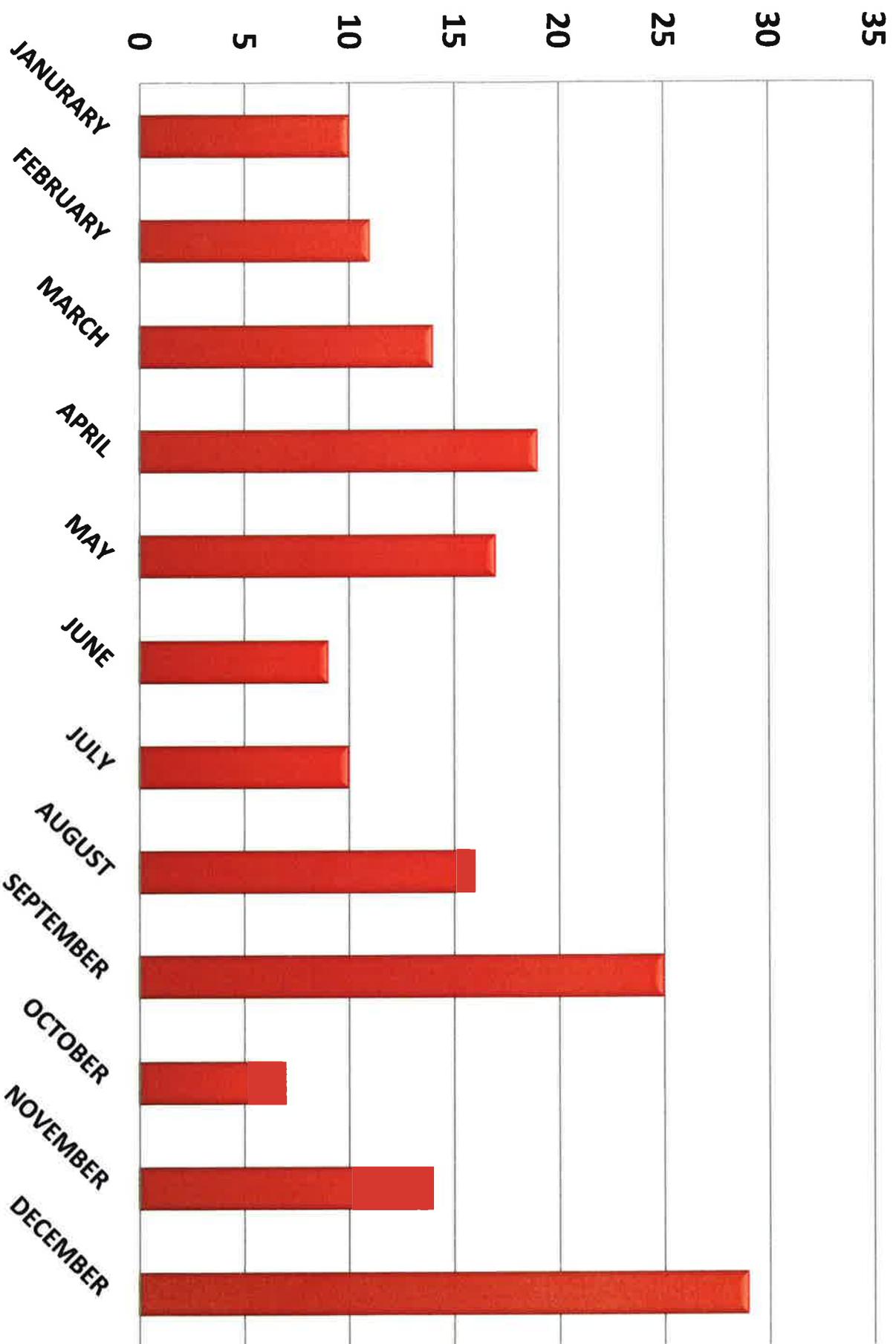


# COKI POINT CALLS FOR SERVICE CHART

## BASED ON MONTHS 2014

2014 CALLS FOR SERVICE BASED ON MONTHS	# of Calls for Service
JANURARY	10
FEBRUARY	11
MARCH	14
APRIL	19
MAY	17
JUNE	9
JULY	10
AUGUST	16
SEPTEMBER	25
OCTOBER	7
NOVEMBER	14
DECEMBER	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181</b>

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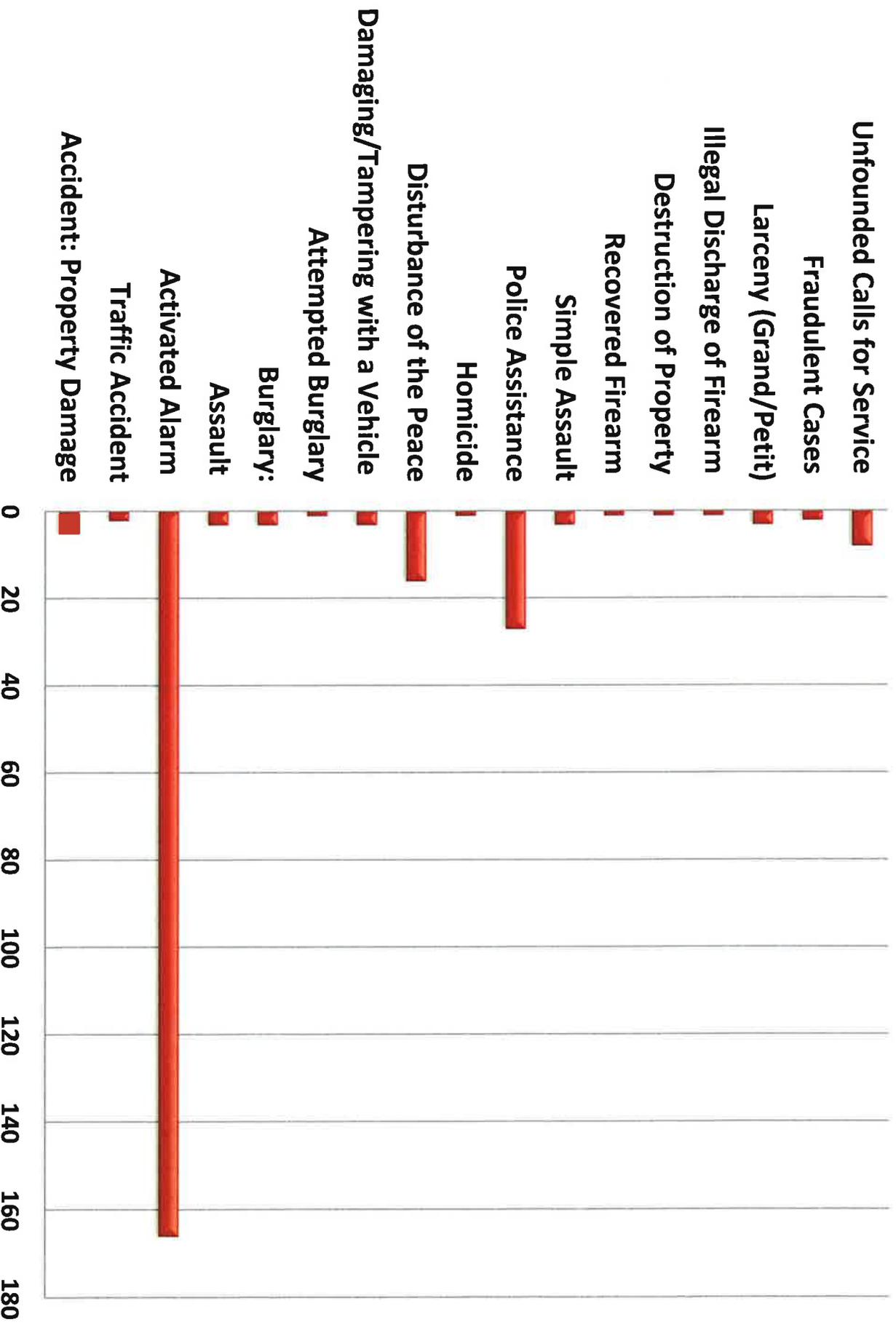


**COKI POINT CRIME ANALYSIS  
AND DATA 2015**

# CALLS FOR COKI POINT SERVICE CHART 2015

2015 Coki Point Types of Calls for Service	# of Calls for Service
Accident: Property Damage	5
Traffic Accident	2
Activated Alarm	166
Assault	3
Burglary:	3
Attempted Burglary	1
Damaging/Tampering with a Vehicle	3
Disturbance of the Peace	16
Homicide	1
Police Assistance	27
Simple Assault	3
Recovered Firearm	1
Destruction of Property	1
Illegal Discharge of Firearm	1
Larceny (Grand/Petit)	3
Fraudulent Cases	2
Unfounded Calls for Service	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>

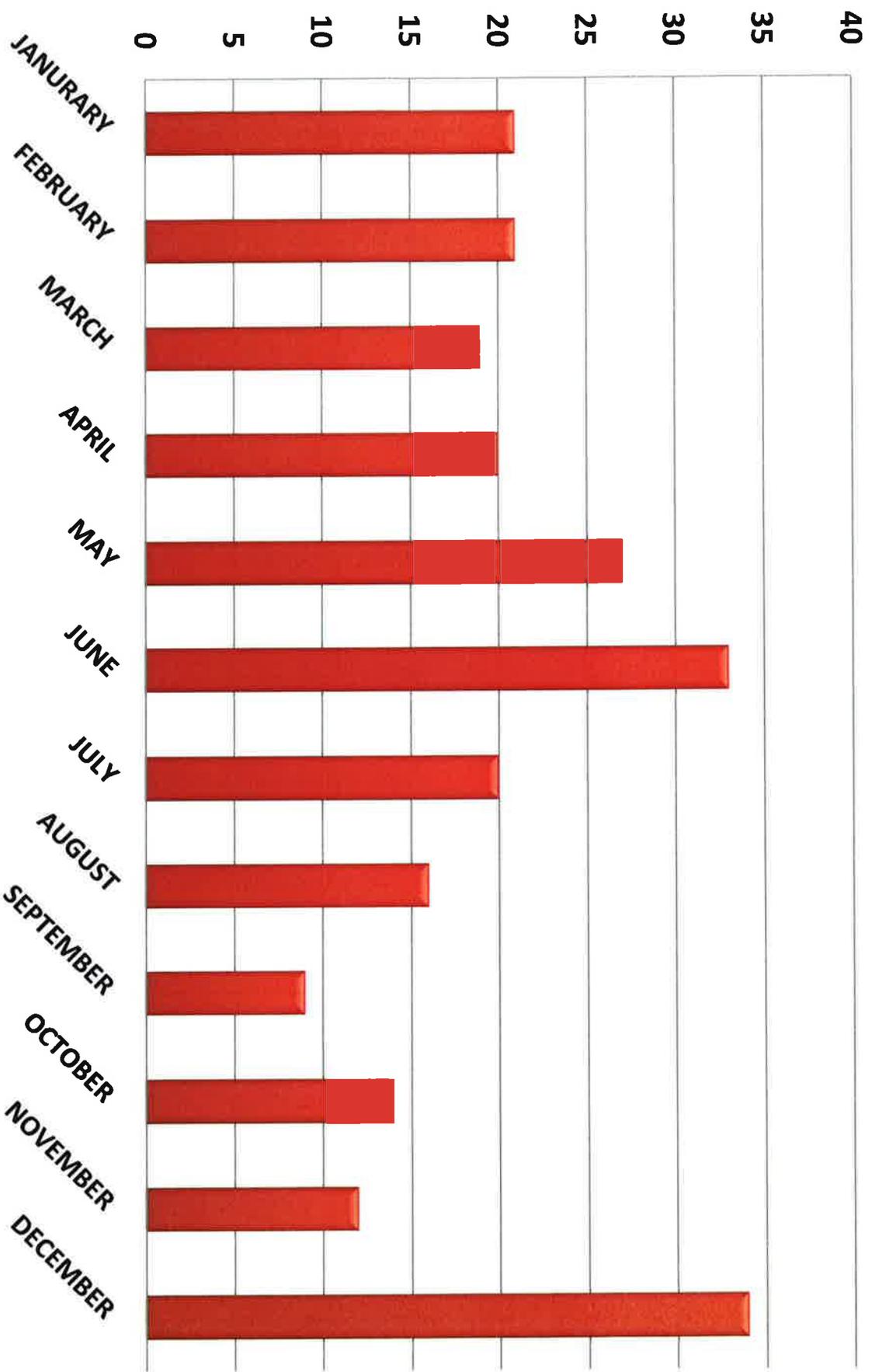
# 2015 Coki Point Types of Calls for Service



# COKI POINT CALLS FOR SERVICE CHART 2015

2015 Coki Point Types of Calls for Service	# of Calls for Service
JANURARY	21
FEBRUARY	21
MARCH	19
APRIL	20
MAY	27
JUNE	33
JULY	20
AUGUST	16
SEPTEMBER	9
OCTOBER	14
NOVEMBER	12
DECEMBER	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>

## 2015 CALLS FOR SERVICE BASED ON MONTHS



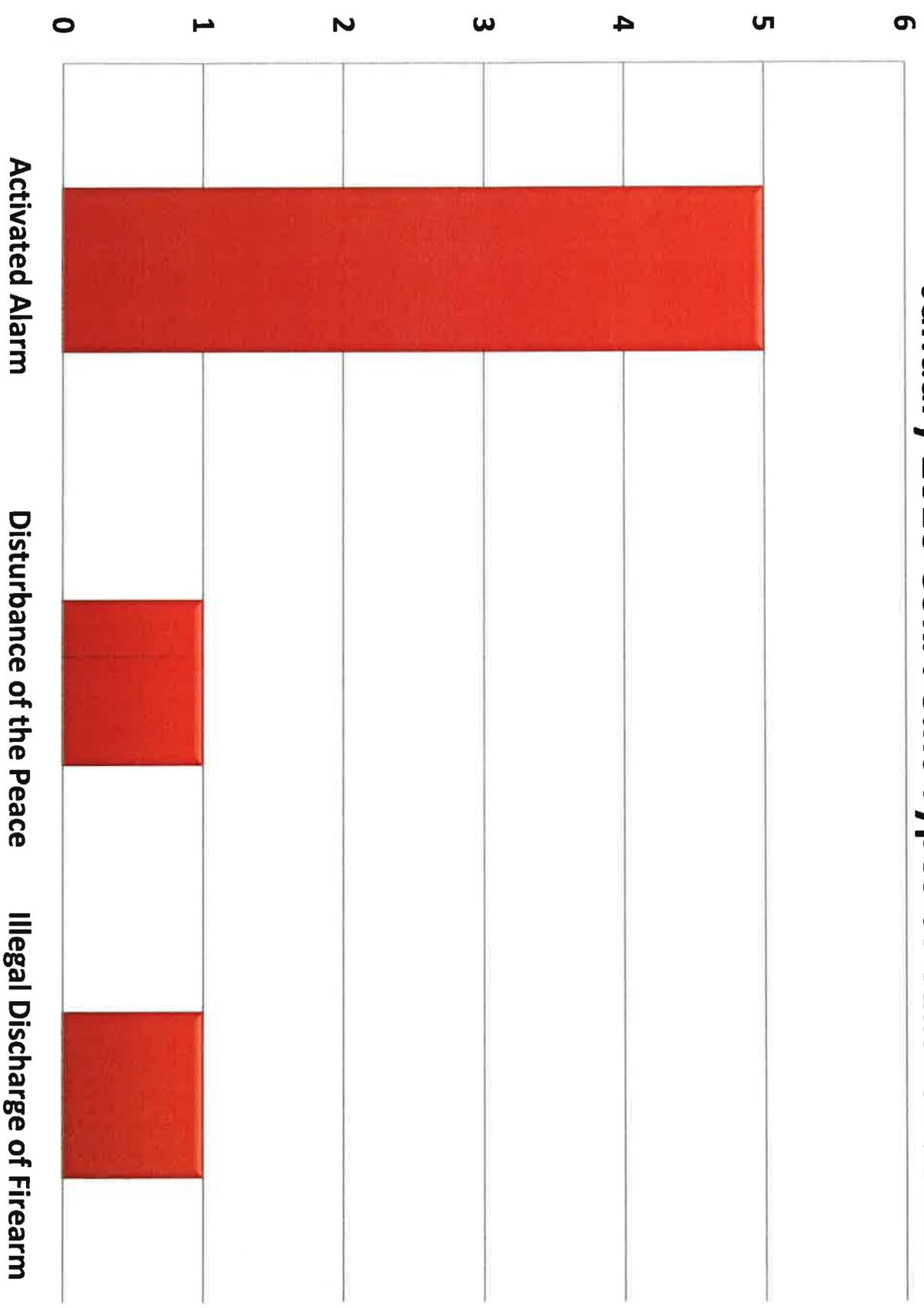
**COKI POINT CRIME ANALYSIS  
AND DATA 2016**

# JANUARY 2016 COKI POINT CASES

## January 16

2016 Coki Point Types of Calls for Service	# of Calls for Service
Activated Alarm	5
Disturbance of the Peace	1
Illegal Discharge of Firearm	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>

# January 2016 Coki Point Types of Calls for Service



# JANUARY 2014-2016 COKI POINT CASES COMPARISON

