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## 2017/18 KEY ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY DATA

Safety and Security Directorate; City of Cape Town

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# KEY THEMES IN 2017/18

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- Increase in land invasions and related protest action
- The drought
- Instability in the public transport sector
- Ongoing gang violence
- Increase in public tip-offs about illegal activities
- Increase in attacks on City staff and infrastructure



# METRO POLICE – KEY STATISTICS

CATEGORY	2017/18	2016/17	% DIFF
Arrests	5 291	4 456	+19%
Drug arrests	1 950	1 466	+33%
DUI screenings	29 654	17 645	+68%
Drug confiscations	16 627 units	16 064 units	+3.5%
Firearm confiscations	78	56	+39%
Ammunition confiscated	1 118	1 068	+4.7%
Other weapons	161	63	+155%
Vehicles recovered	48	25	+92%
Total operations	5 864	2 065	+184%
Persons searched	32 531	10 938	+197%
Traffic offences	89 222	70 289	+27%
By-law offences	14 288	10 748	+33%

# KEY TRENDS

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- More targeted operational approach, hence increase in key statistics
- Increase in protest action has impacted on planned operations
- Increase in tip-offs from the public resulting in arrests and confiscations
- MPD attended to 1 126 incidents along the N2 over the period in review - we received numerous letters of appreciation from members of the public for our interventions
- Increase in attacks on officers reported during 2017/18 **(59)** vs 2016/17 **(21)**



# LAW ENFORCEMENT

CATEGORY	2017/18	2016/17	% DIFF.
Arrests	1 344	885	+52%
Section 56 notices	27 034	23092	+17%
Liquor impoundments	41072.53	21 569 litres	+90%
Vehicle impoundments	67	81	-21%
Metal impoundments	36 904.42kg	759kg	4762%
Protest action	925	265	249%
Land invasions	621	405	53%
Street person complaints	23 097	15 102	53%
Structures removed	21 977	5 800	279%

# KEY TRENDS

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- Complaints of anti-social behavior relating to street people and noise nuisances in residential areas are the leading complaints for Law Enforcement
- Protest action and land invasions increases diverted much of the focus/resources
- Illegal structures removed refers to those erected by street people in terms of the by-laws as well as land invasions
- Increase in arrests linked to an increase in the number of operations carried out





# TRAFFIC SERVICE

CATEGORY	2017/18	2016/17	% DIFF
Offences	2 784 264	2 693 626	+3.4%
Speeding	1 433 907	1 545 919	-7.8%
Warrants executed	93 269	96 486	-3.4%
Cellphones impounded	9 749	8 075	+20.7%
Taxi impoundments	3 452	3 145	+9.8%
Overloading	84 572	42 009	+101.3%
Total arrests	5 428	4 938	+9.9%
Warrant arrests	43 596	49 960	-14.6%
DUI arrests	3 444	2 647	+30.1%
Rec & neg. arrests	986	930	+6%

# KEY TRENDS

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- Speeding accounted for 51% of all transgressions recorded
- Warrant executions tend to fluctuate as it is dependent on tracing and finding the accused, but also other role-players like the courts
- The number of arrests is a concern as this is a poor reflection on the driving public who show little adherence in general to the rule of law
- Taxi impound and overloading statistics are an indication of the focus on public transport, given the prevailing problems in the industry
- The jump in overloading statistics could possibly be linked to the problems in other public transport sectors, but we have no definitive proof



# DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

CATEGORY	2017/18	2016/17	% DIFF.
Event applications	1 466	1 625	-10.84%
Event safety audits done	365	425	-16.4%
Events attended	188	196	-4.25%
Awareness sessions	304	195	+57.4%
Total disasters – persons affected	18 929	156 123	-724.8%
Meals supplied	15 042	178 531	-1086.9%
Food parcels supplied	2 264	3 012	-33%
Blankets	15 097	121 593	-705.4%
Baby packs	2 056	9 170	-346%
Matresses	1 142	10 721	-838.8%

# KEY TRENDS

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- The drop in disaster relief provision is directly linked to the drought and SASSA
- There were far fewer 'severe' weather episodes in the usually wet months of 2017/18 compared to the year before
- The drought necessitated additional stakeholder engagements, education and information sessions, hence the substantial increase year on year



**FIRE**

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# FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

CATEGORY	2017/18	2016/17	% DIFF.
Total incidents	27027	26802	+0.83%
Total Special Service calls (Hazmat, MVA etc.)	12091	11205	+7.9%
Total fires	14936	15521	-3.9%
Building fires	683	570	+19.8%
Transport fires	781	665	+17.4%
Vegetation fires	10129	11160	-10.2%
Fires at formal dwellings	1702	1537	+10.73%
Number of dwellings affected	1205	1142	+5.51%
Fires at informal dwellings	1641	1559	+5.2%
Number of dwellings affected	4334	6474	-49.4%
Total fatalities	159	167	-5%



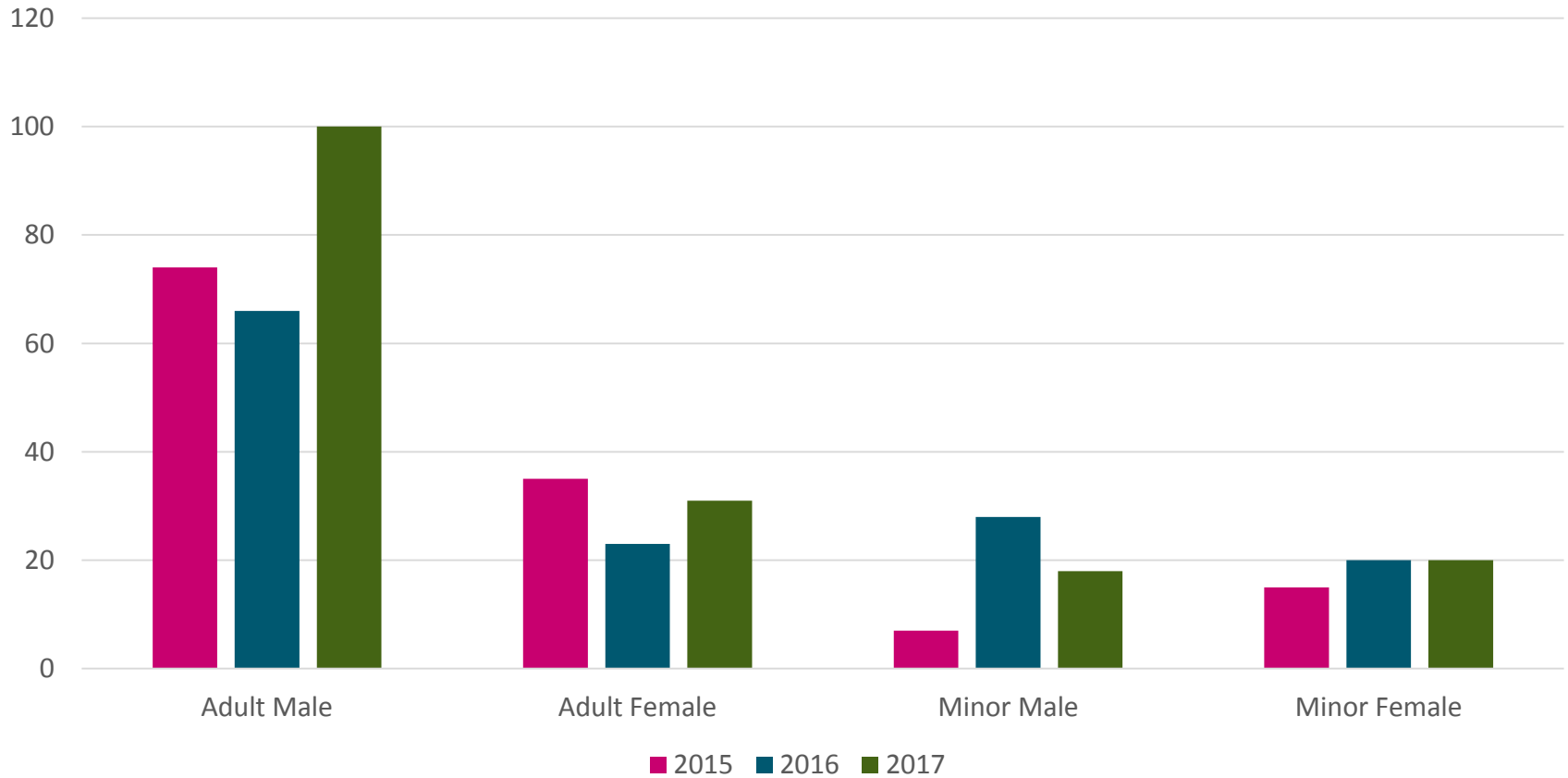
# KEY TRENDS

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- Increase in transport and building fires linked to Metrorail arson attacks and increase in protest action
- More informal settlement fires, but fewer structures affected – no major fires since Imizamo Yethu in March 2017
- Increase in number of fires related to increase in informal structures
- Greater awareness of fires, but negligence remains a concern
- Reduction in fire-related fatalities
- Adult males continue to account for highest number of fire-related fatalities

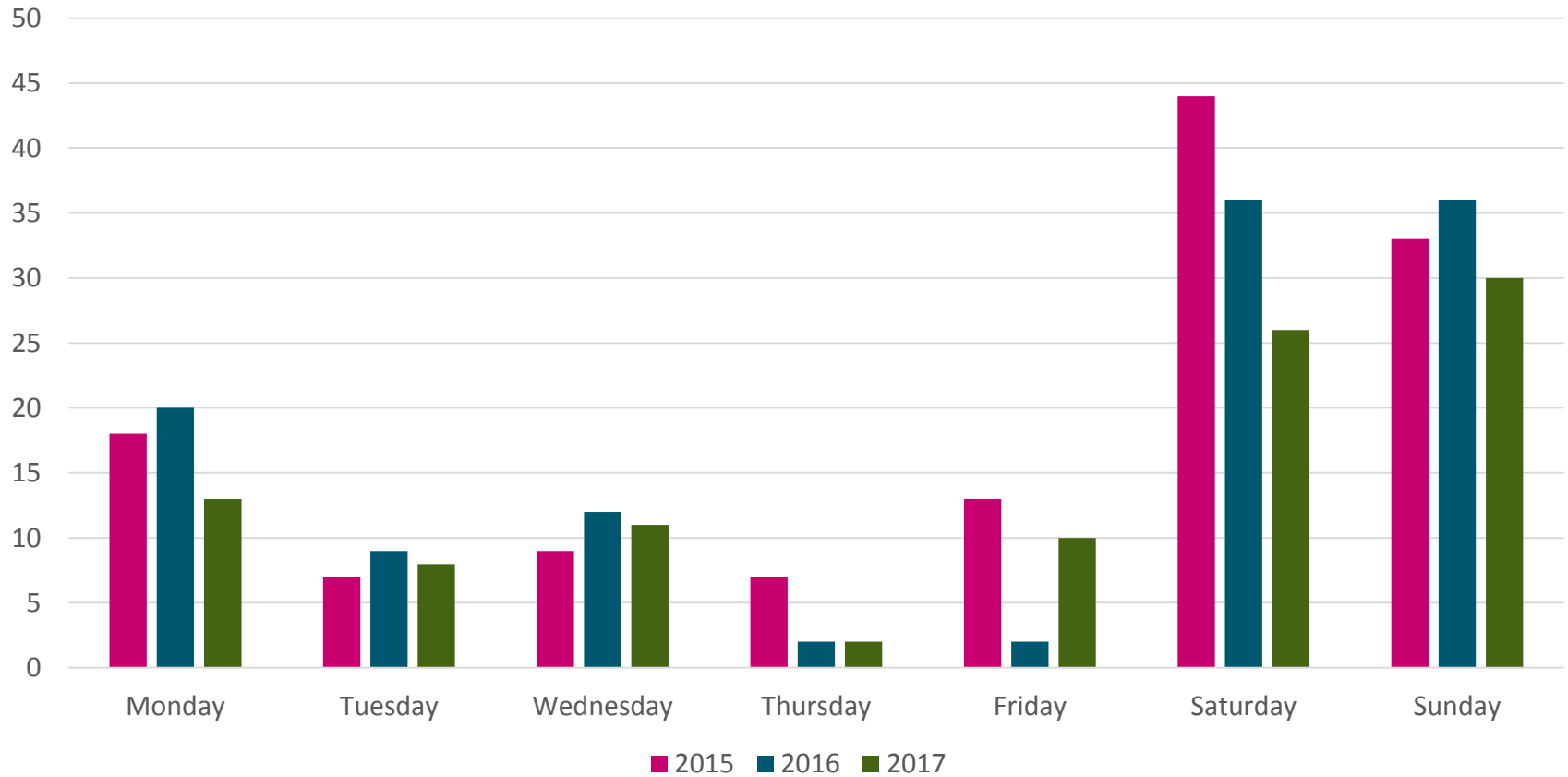
# FIRE FATALITIES BY GENDER AND AGE

2015 - 2017

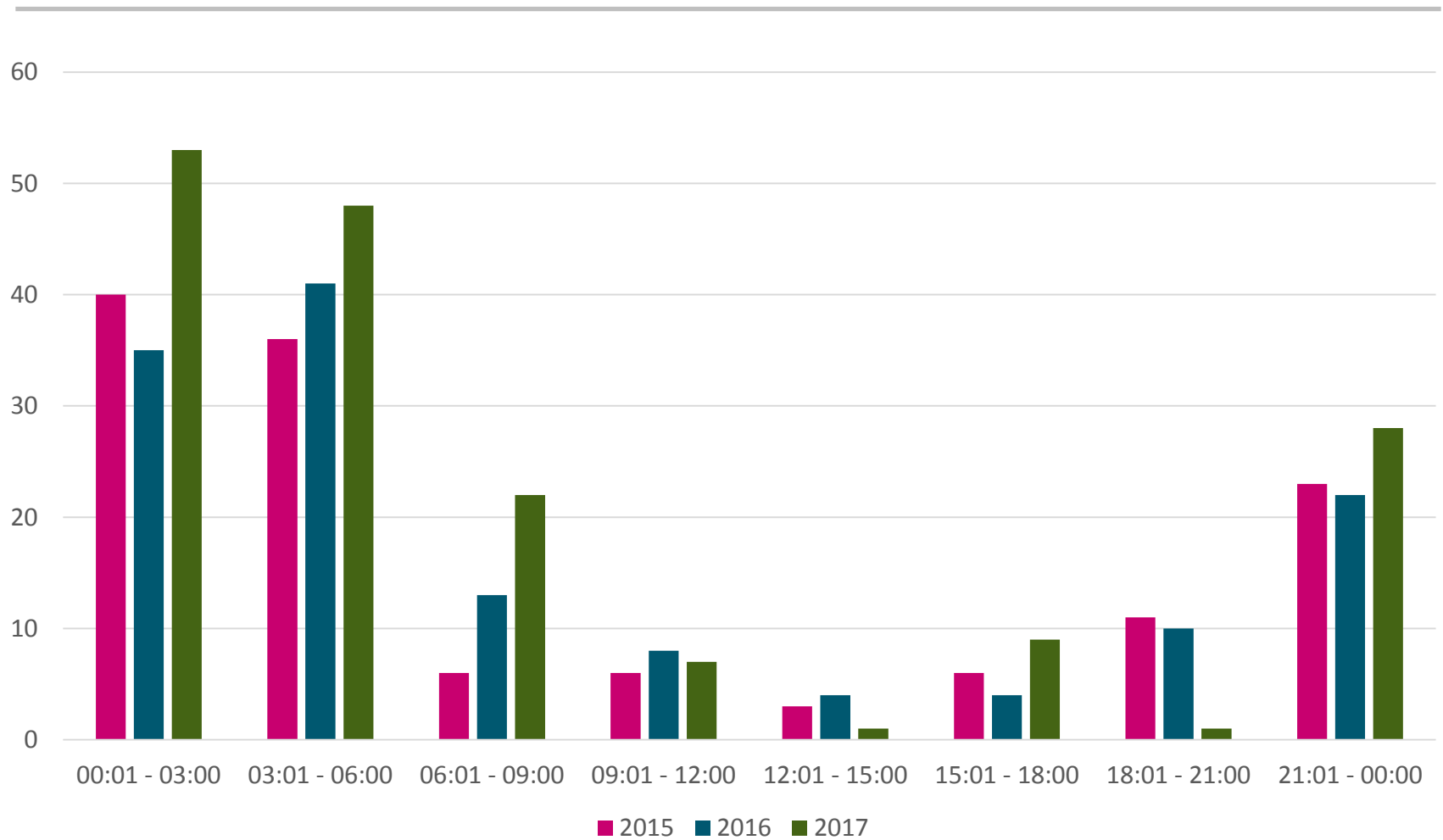


# FIRE FATALITIES BY DAY OF THE WEEK

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# FIRE FATALITIES BY TIME OF DAY





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