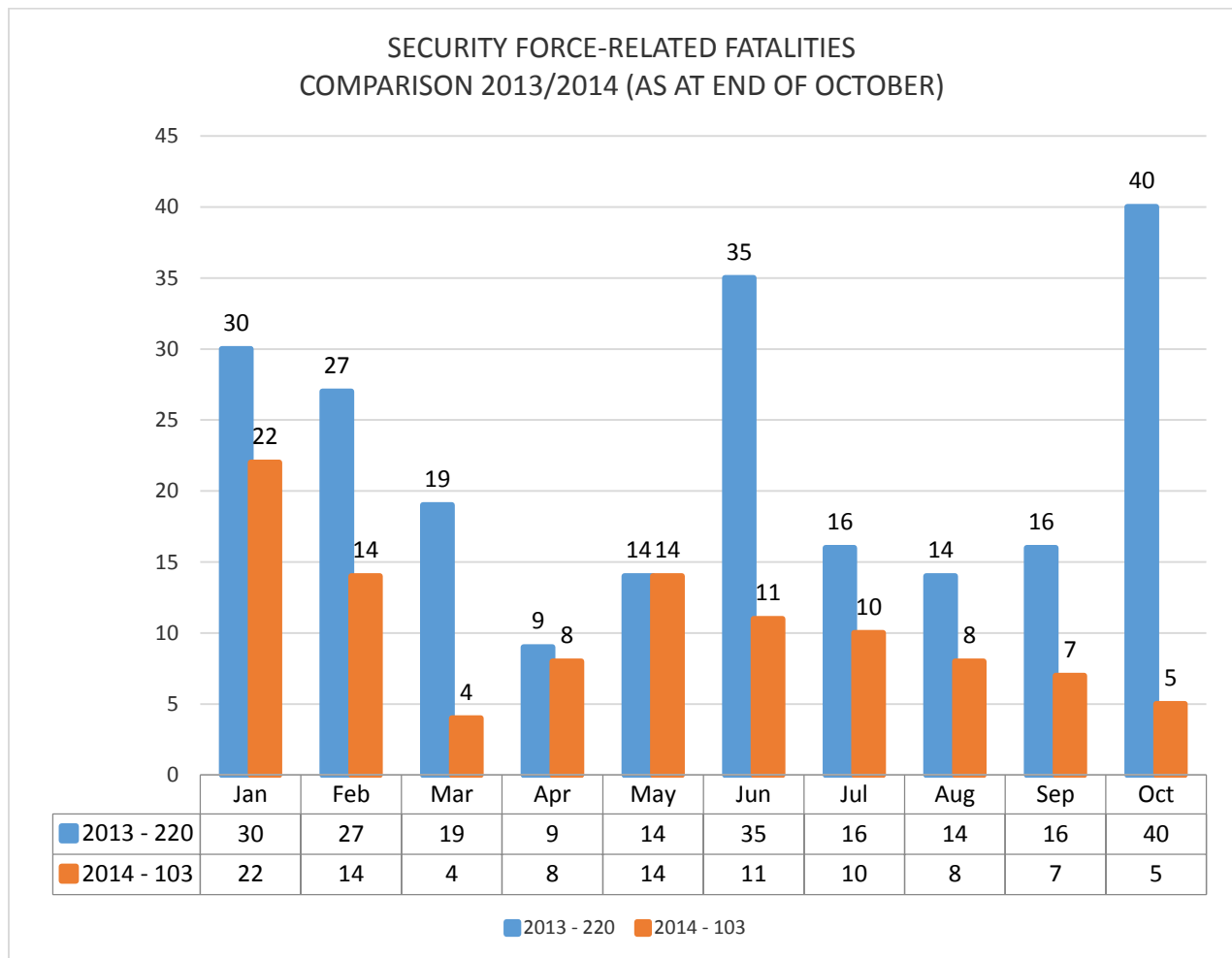


STEADY DECLINE IN SECURITY FORCE RELATED FATALITIES



Source: INDECOM's Registry

November 11, 2014 – The Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) has recorded a steady decline in the number of security-force related fatalities for the past 10 months of 2014. As at the end of October 2014, the Commission recorded 103 fatalities, 117 less than last year for the same period when 220 such incidents were recorded.

This represent a 53.18 per cent decline. The months that reflects the highest numbers of fatalities for 2014 were January with 22 and February and May with 14. In the previous year the months in which the highest number of incidents were recorded was January with 30, June with 35, October with 40 and February with 27. Of the 10 months reviewed, 5 recorded single digit figures while others recorded double digit figures. In the previous year only one month recorded single digit number of fatalities.

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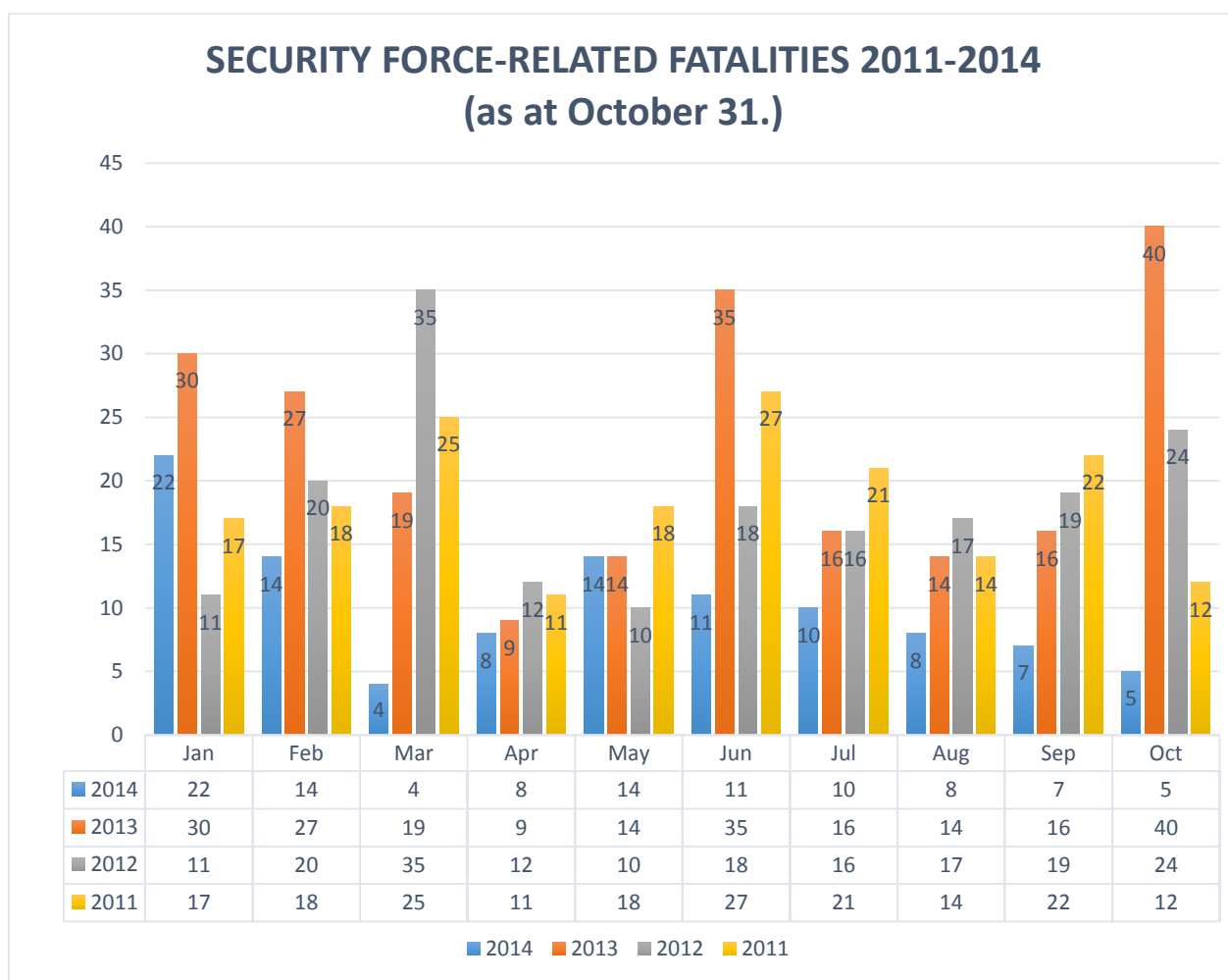
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Of note is the sharp decline in fatalities recorded for the month of October. Last year 40 fatalities were recorded, while in 2014, five (5) were recorded, representing an 87.5 per cent decline. Further in June of last year, 35 fatalities were recorded, 24 more than in 2014. This represents a 68.5 per cent decline.

If incidents of fatalities continue on the current trajectory, Jamaica may see its lowest number of security force-related fatalities since INDECOM began operations in August 2010.

Totals as at October for the past three years are as follows:

- 2011 – 185
- 2012 – 182
- 2013 – 220
- 2014 – 103



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