



PUBLIC EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES

THE POWER OF HOPE—A FIRST HAND, FRONT LINE STORY



Clive Derbyshire, Vancouver Paramedic

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**Featuring: Clive Derbyshire,
Vancouver B.C. Paramedic**

HOPE CENTRE ATRIUM

**1337 St. Andrews Ave.
North Vancouver**

WED., SEPT. 27, 2017

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

780 Drug Overdoses in BC

January 1 to June 30th 2017, on track for a 70 percent increase over last year. 16 death per day in Canada on average from opioid overdose.

It doesn't happen on most overdose emergency calls; there are too many. However, paramedic Clive Derbyshire responds to at least "five or six" overdose emergency ambulance dispatches every day in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

When Clive was 18, he became a volunteer firefighter, working in emergency services. Five years later, he became an emergency medical responder with the B.C. Ambulance Service. What was unknown at the time was Clive wrestled with drug addiction beginning with alcohol, and then onto harder drugs, eventually discovering that the roots of his addiction lay in mental illness and PTSD.

Working in the Downtown East Side, Clive reports that he is "*reminded that the power of hope is an incredible thing in the human psyche*" and of the importance of "*recognizing the levels of compassion and empathy that the person needs*".

Please join us on Wednesday Sept. 27th. At the Hope Centre Atrium 7:00pm for a first hand story from the front lines and the power of hope.