

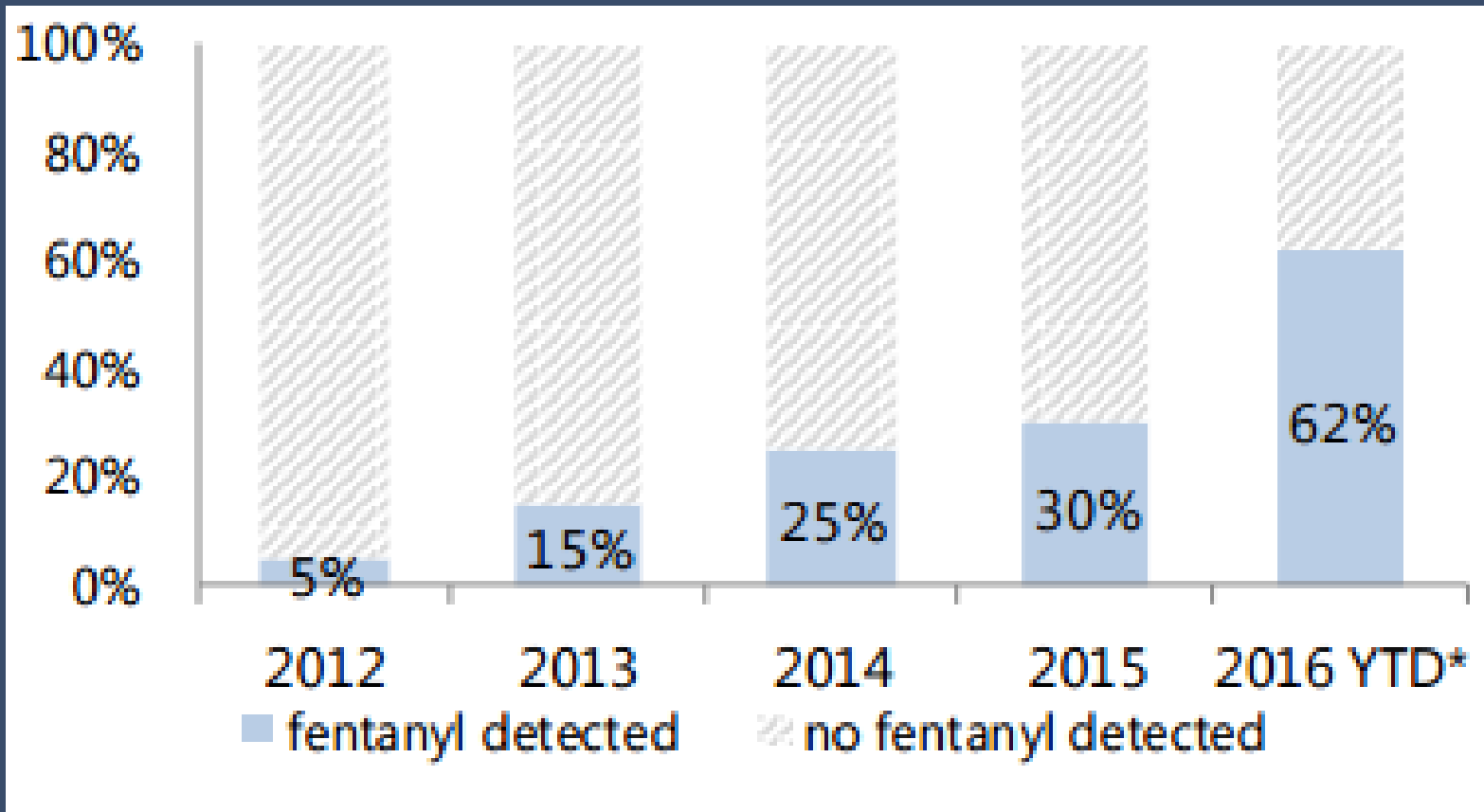
Provincial Overdose Emergency

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September 21, 2016

Percentage of Illicit Drug Deaths in Which Fentanyl Detected, 2012-2016 YTD*



*To June 30, 2016
Source: BC Coroner's Service



Increase in Deaths 2016

Township	Deaths 2015	Expected Deaths Jan-July 2016*	Observed Deaths Jan-July 2016	O/E
Vancouver	133	78	78	1.0
Surrey	72	42	55	1.3
Victoria	17	10	34	3.4
Burnaby	16	9	13	1.4
Kelowna	20	12	23	1.9
Abbotsford	25	16	21	1.3
Nanaimo	19	11	19	1.7
Maple Ridge	27	16	19	1.2
Kamloops	7	4	22	5.5
Langley	10	6	17	2.8

*Assumes consistent monthly rate in 2015

How are we responding?

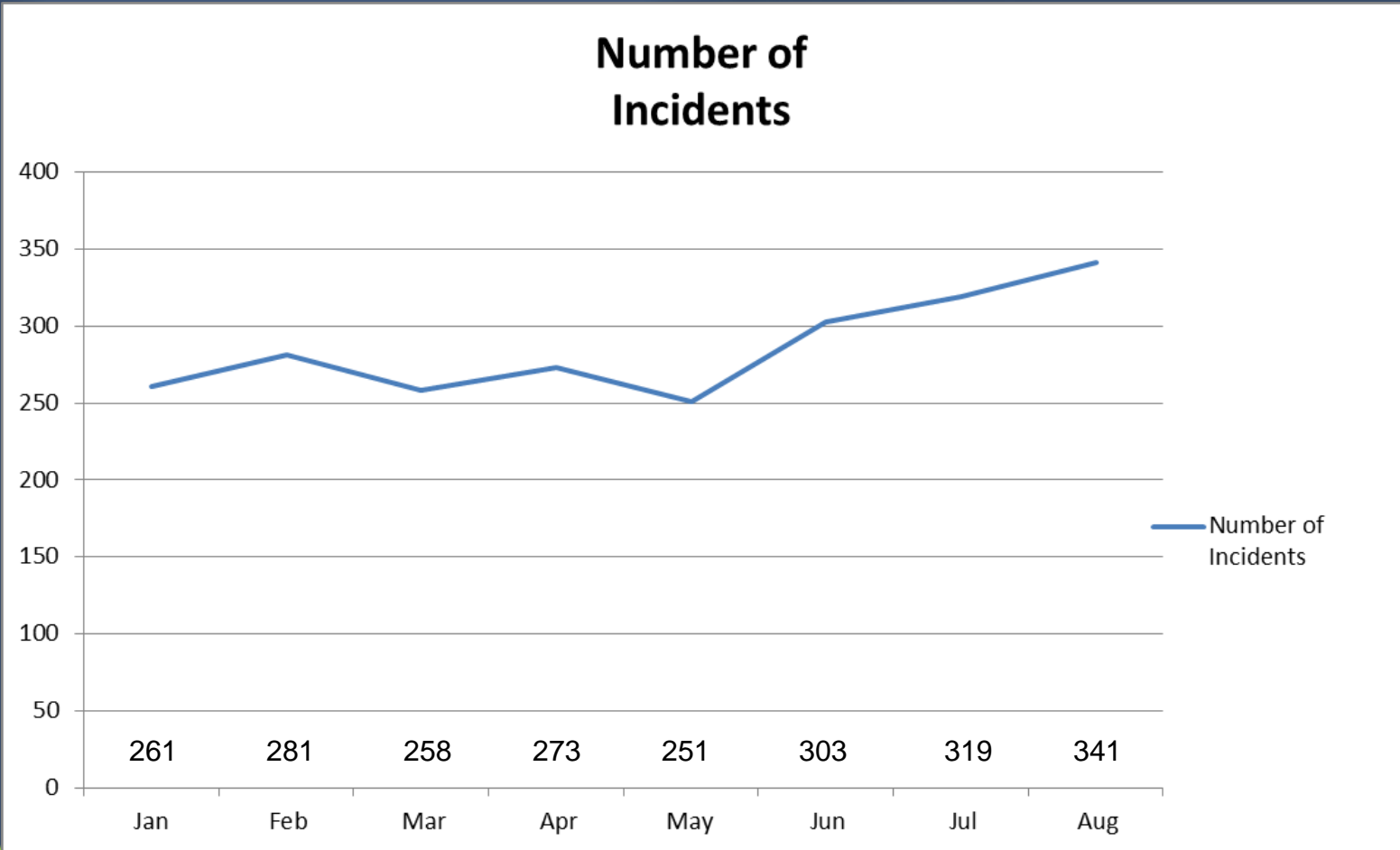
- **Expanding access to naloxone**
 - Take-Home-Naloxone (THN) kits distributed in EDs to those seen for overdoses
 - All community health centres and mental health and substance use programs have THN
 - Training staff in supportive housing and shelters to give naloxone
- **Expanding Supervised Injection Services**
 - InSite now open 24 hours for 3 days during the week of social assistance cheque distribution
 - Application for 4 additional sites for SIS in Vancouver; renovations starting
- **Improved Addiction Treatment**
 - Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone) as first line
 - START program in Vancouver: At-home detox
 - St. Paul's Rapid Addiction Assessment program
 - Low barrier VCH addictions clinic DTES later this year

VFRS Overdose Report Jan – Aug 2016

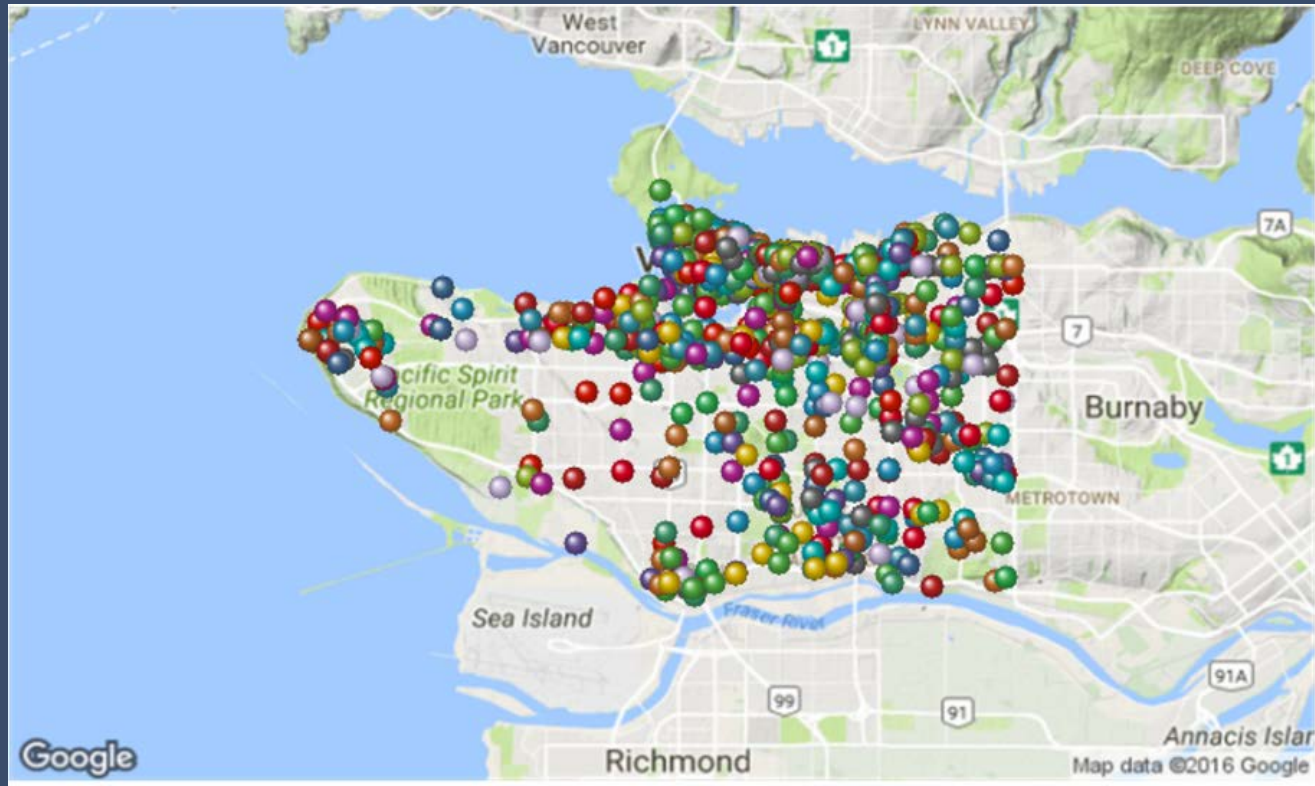
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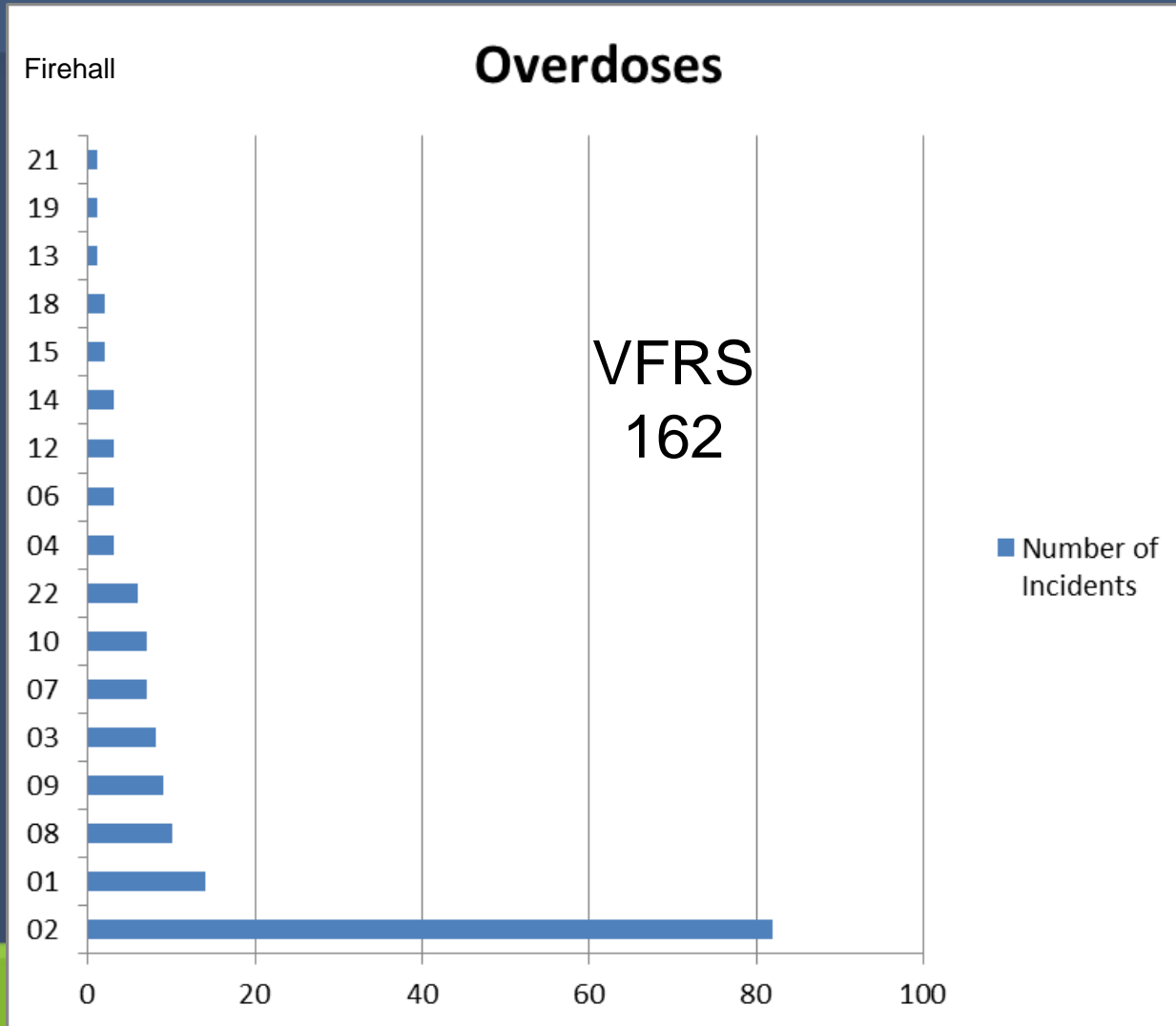
Number Of Overdose Incidents Jan – Aug 2016



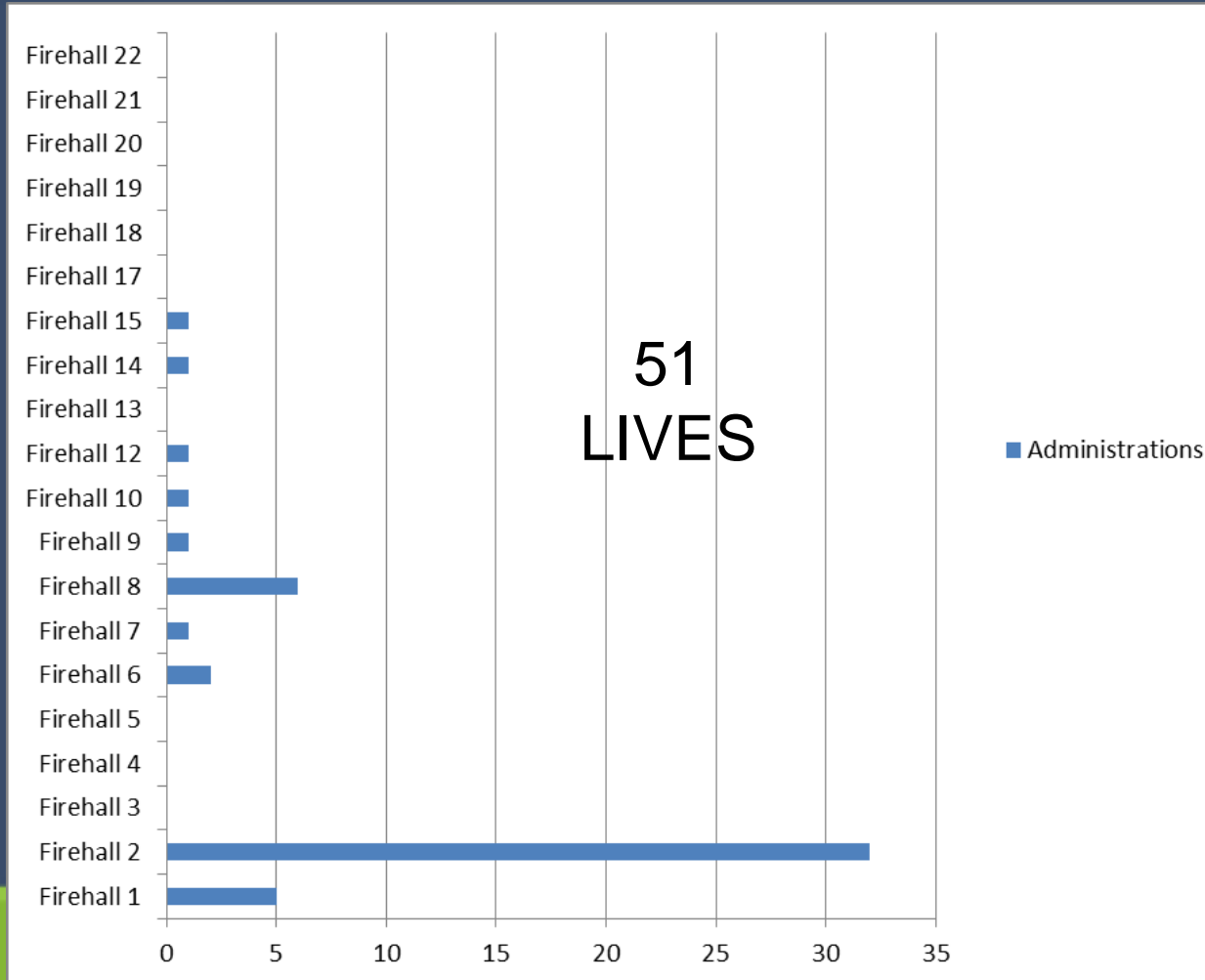
Area Of Overdoses Jan – Aug 2016



Total Overdose Incidents Sept 1 - Sept 14, 2016



Naloxone Administered By VFRS



Next Steps

- **Enhancing First Responder Awareness Safety Procedures – Final Draft for VFRS**
- **Increase Naloxone Inventory - Apparatus to carry more on board**

Vancouver Police Department

Update from Deputy Laurence Rankin

Vancouver Police Department



Summary from the Mayor's Fentanyl Urgent Response Meeting Sept 19th, 2016

Social Policy & Projects



Summary from Mayor's Meeting

- Urgent meeting held Sept. 19th with BC Chief Medical Health Officer, VCH, VPD, Fire, BIA's
- Part of ongoing effort of Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health & Addictions
- Lived Experience Advisors from Task Force provided input prior to & following meeting

Feedback from People with Lived Experience – Mayor’s Task Force

- High-level of anxiety in the street and within community
- Desire for City to demonstrate a leadership role and advocate across Canada
- Urgent needs for:
 - Safe injection sites to open immediately
 - Accessible and wide spread Peer Naloxone Training across Vancouver
 - After hours peer based street level outreach

Feedback from People with Lived Experience Cont.

- Create drug testing strips that can be accessed by community members

- Provide training to City staff, housing/SRO, non profit operators & local businesses

- Create logo/sign so that naloxone trained/carrying premises are easily identified

- Needle Pick-up is critical--observed rise in discarded needles
- Need for opportunities for recovery, healing & wellness

Strategies Identified

Mayor's meeting resulted in a commitment for action, knowledge exchange & collaboration along with 4 strategies:

1. Create a coordinated naloxone distribution and training network
2. Investigate opportunities to scale-up drug testing beyond InSite
3. Integrate naloxone within existing First Aid training
4. Support advocacy, communication and education efforts with VCH, Province, Federal Government and Community

Immediate Next Steps – Sept/October

1. Organize Naloxone Training for City Staff
2. Support a large scale Peer Naloxone Training event in the DTES in partnership with people with lived experience, to include Business and non profit partners.
3. Advocate to expedite Safe Injection Sites
4. Develop a City-wide discarded Needle Management Strategy in partnership with VCH & community
5. Re-convene in October to assess progress and identify next steps.