

HOPE



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South Yorkshire Fire & RTC Trauma Support group *“Support with compassion and understanding”*

The Support group has been brought together to offer a meeting and support structure for people that have lost someone through a Fire or Road Traffic Collision. Founding members of the group have suffered personal loss and also through the witnessing of a house fire the death of 3 little friends. The group aim to offer support and understanding to those that have survived or have children who continue to bear the emotional scars of witnessing such a traumatic incident. Some of the children are very young and the continuing trauma impacts on their lives on a daily basis. Others will react differently through their teenage years, and into adulthood.

We want to be able to bring people together to share and support through our shared experiences. We want to hold monthly meetings where children are also welcome, as we recognize that sometimes they can be the hardest hit by a loss. We will have a dedicated telephone support line set up where someone from the support group will always ring back so you do not need to feel alone in what you are going through. We also have a dedicated e-mail address so people can e-mail with their questions and queries.

Through the workings of the support group we aim to bring together people who have suffered a loss directly through a fire or RTC, or, who have suffered the loss through the witnessing of a fire or RTC.

We aim to work towards the understanding of the specific needs of adults and children who have witnessed such loss.

The trauma and emotional price they pay, is something the group knows and experience on a daily basis. We invite you to come and share your experience with us. Together through our shared experience, you will hopefully not feel alone.

If you would like any further information about HOPE then please E-mail us on hope@syfire.gov.uk. You can also leave a message on 0114 2532445; someone from Hope will always call you back.

HOPE is a South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and Peer support group linked initiative.