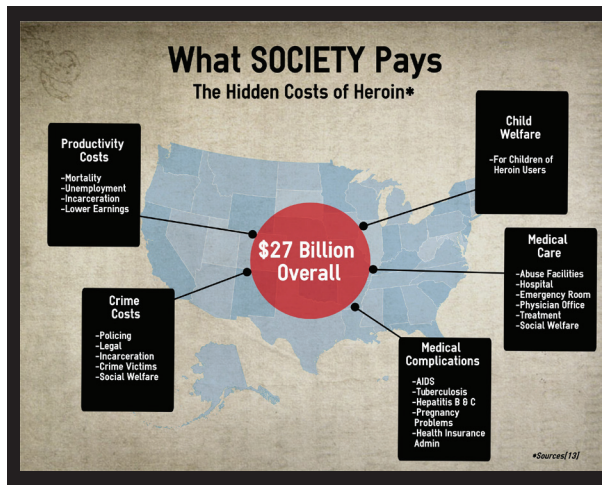


Sheriff's Message



As the number of individuals addicted to heroin and other opiates continues to grow throughout the Southern Tier and our state, we need a multifaceted approach to addressing the issue. This is an epidemic that has no financial, racial or religious barriers and has an effect on every person in our society. Enforcement alone is

not the answer and will not solve the problem. Partnering with human resource organizations and mental health officials to provide a component of education and treatment are equally as important. Let's work together in fighting this deadly epidemic.



If you suspect Heroin / Opioid use

Act Immediately!

Every second counts. You can also find information for treatment online.

The key is to act once the problem is recognized! The person using can't stop on their own! If the problem is ignored it may end in death!



Chemung County Sheriff's Office

(607) 737-2987

Criminal Investigation Division

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Chemung County Crisis Program

(607) 733-5696

Chemung County

Communication Center

Non-Emergency (607) 735-8600

Emergencies 911

Operation Hope



Effects on Our Community

- Property crime
- Violent Crime
- Loss of Life
- Burden of Medical System
- Financial Burden
- Destroys Families



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Operation H.O.P.E.

Heroin & Opioid Prevention Effort





Opioids

Opioids are medications with similar effects as opium from which they are derived.

- The intended purpose is to dull pain
- Prescribed by physician
- Manufactured on black market in clandestine labs

Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid with an intended use similar to morphine, but much more powerful.

- 50 – 100 X stronger than Morphine
- Prescribed to patients with tolerance to other opiates in severe pain
- Used as additive to Heroin to increase effects
- High potential for overdose

Heroin

Heroin is an opioid drug synthesized from morphine. Morphine is a natural substance extracted from the poppy plant – Opium.

- Smoked
- Snorted
- Injected
- Oral (Pill)

Identifying Abuse

Symptoms and Actions:

- Needle Marks / Tracks
- Dry Mouth
- Flushed Skin
- Runny Nose
- Constricted Pupils, Heavy Eyes
- Shortness of Breath
- Lethargic, Nodding Off
- Insomnia
- Sudden Behavior Changes
- Skin Infections
- Vomiting
- Scratching
- Slurred Speech, Confusion
- Complaints of Constipation and Nausea
- Doesn't Eat
- Covers Arms

Paraphernalia:

- Needles
- Burnt Spoons
- Empty RX Pill Bottles
- White / Tan Powder Residue
- Dark / Sticky Residue
- Small Glass Pipes
- Foil with Burn Marks
- Rubber Tubing
- Knives or Razors with Residue
- Micro Zip Lock Bags
- Corners of Baggies
- Wax Paper Folds

