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## 'Is meth surging in Southern Tier? After busts, police say it's an ongoing battle'

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The only byproducts of these drugs are addiction, overdoses, tragic deaths, and violence. They increasingly burden local systems of health care, criminal justice, and social services. Awareness and education, prevention and treatment are fundamental responses. But so are tougher laws and criminal penalties, and it's time for the Assembly Democratic leadership to join us in acting. "While Southern Tier communities and the nation continue to grapple with the opioid epidemic, police are also keeping a close watch on meth, a synthetic stimulant that has been on the radar of the local law enforcement officials since the late 1980s and has experienced

cyclical spikes over the years. Recently, meth production has come under increased scrutiny by authorities in the region."

Read the full article in today's Star-Gazette, "**Is meth surging in Southern Tier? After busts, police say it's an ongoing battle**"

Read more **HERE** on meth-related legislation sponsored by Senator O'Mara.