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## Hiawatha Police & Sheriff's Depts Recieve Awards

(KNZA)--For the second year in a row, the Hiawatha Police Department and Brown County Sheriff's Department have been recognized by AAA Kansas for their efforts in addressing local traffic safety issues.

They are among twenty-three law enforcement agencies in Kansas to be selected for 2014 Community Traffic Safety Awards.

Bob Hamilton, law enforcement liaison for the Kansas Department of Transportation, presented the award to Hiawatha Police Chief John Defore during Tuesday evening's City Commission meeting, and the award to the Brown County Sheriff's Department during the County Commission meeting Tuesday morning.

The Police Department received a Gold award this year--the second highest award presented. They received a Silver award last year.

Hamilton says KDOT works with AAA to identify law enforcement agencies that they feel deserve the award. He says the award is presented by AAA to encourage communities to address local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost-effective way.

The Hiawatha Police Department and Brown County Sheriff's Department received points for having a community-based traffic safety committee, participation in seatbelt enforcement campaigns and DUI saturation patrols.

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