

Hiawatha Police Receive Traffic Safety Award

**(KNZA)--For the forth year in a row, the Hiawatha Police Department has been recognized by AAA Kansas for their efforts in addressing local traffic safety issues.**

**The department is among twenty-five police departments across the state selected for a 2016 Community Traffic Safety Award.**

**Bob Hamilton, law enforcement liaison for the Kansas Department of Transportation, presented the award to Police Chief John Defore during Monday evening's City Commission meeting.**

**The police department received a platinum award—the top award presented.**

**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 received points for having a community-based traffic safety committee, participation in seatbelt enforcement campaigns and DUI saturation patrols.**

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