

Sheriff's Office receives traffic safety award

(KNZA)--The Brown County Sheriff's Office has been recognized again by AAA Kansas for their efforts in addressing local traffic safety issues.

Bob Hamilton, law enforcement liaison for the Kansas Department of Transportation, presented a 2017 Community Traffic Safety Platinum award to Sheriff John Merchant and Public Safety Resource Officer J.D. Clary during Monday's Brown County Commission meeting.

It's the fourth time the Sheriff's Department has received a AAA Traffic Safety Award, but the first time its earned the platinum award---the highest award presented.

Hamilton says the department is among only eleven sheriff departments in Kansas to qualify for a 2017 award, which is provided to encourage communities to address local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost-effective way.

Among other things the Brown County Sheriff's Department was recognized for its participation in the SAFE seat belt usage program, its "teen lifesaver" initiative with the high schools, participation in an area Traffic Safety Committee and conducting child passenger seat training and driver improvement classes.

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