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Hiawatha Police 50's era badge to be reinstated

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Police Department wants to bring back the old 1950's era police badge as the department's official uniform badge.**

**The Hiawatha City Commission this week gave Police Chief John Defore approval to solicit donations to reinstate the badge.**

**Defore said it will cost around \$1,575 to switch back to the badge.**

**Defore said since posting a picture of the old badge on the police department's Facebook page, he has received interest in seeing the badge brought back.**

**He said he believes reinstatement of the unique badge is another way the city of Hiawatha can stand out and be original.**

**Those who would like to donate to the badge fund can either mail or drop their donation by the Police Department or City Hall during regular business hours.**

**The old 1950's era police hat and badge is currently on display at the Hiawatha City Hall.**

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