Local agencies receive traffic safety awards

(L-R) KDOT law enforcement liaison Bob Hamilton presented a 2018 community traffic safety award to Hiawatha Police Chief John Defore Monday. The Hiawatha Police Department was among three Brown County law enforcement agencies to receive the award.

(KNZA)--Three Brown County law enforcement agencies have been recognized by AAA Kansas for their efforts in addressing local traffic safety issues.

The Brown County Sheriff's Department, Hiawatha Police Department and Horton Police Department were each presented Monday with a 2018 Community Traffic Safety Award.

Bob Hamilton, law enforcement liaison for the Kansas Department of Transportation, presented each department with a Platinum Award—the highest award given.

For the Brown County Sheriff's Department it marked the 5th AAA Traffic Safety Award and the 2nd consecutive year the department earned the Platinum Award.

It was the sixth consecutive year the Hiawatha Police Department had been recognized.

Statewide, forty-one law enforcement agencies were selected to receive awards for their 2018 work to keep roadways in their cities and counties safe through a variety of initiatives and programs.

The awards have been presented annually since 2011 to encourage communities to address local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost-effective way.

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