

Brown Co Sheriff honored

(KNZA)--Special honors, with a unique distinction, are earned by Brown County-Sheriff, recognized as a Community Partner by the YWCA of Northeast Kansas Center for Safety and Empowerment.

According to a release, Sheriff John Merchant received the honor April 1 at the 20th Annual Concealed/Revealed Art Auction, at the Jayhawk Theater, in Topeka, where he was presented with “a plaque and certificate for his commitment to supporting survivors and building a safer community.”

Merchant now holds the distinction of being the first Law Enforcement Partner to receive the recognition.

The Center for Safety and Empowerment services, of Holton, commends Merchant- work, with information presented during the April 1 ceremony saying “he has greatly assisted in connecting [the] agency with community supporters,” adding that Merchant has “gone above and beyond in offering strong protections for survivors of domestic violence and their families.”

The release cites Merchant- certification as a Human Trafficking Investigator in allowing him to “help train and educate [local] communities.”