



**REPORT**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**March 25th, 2021**

**Department** Police

**Director Approval** Chief Jerry Harrison

**AGENDA ITEM**    AAA Traffic Safety Award-Gold

**BACKGROUND**    IPD was recognized by AAA with a Gold level Traffic Safety Award. IPD’s Traffic Safety Officer, Sergeant Damon Athey, completed the application for the award. To earn the award Athey had to document IPD’s traffic safety efforts in four categories. To qualify IPD completed the following:

1. Gain community input using a Traffic Safety Committee
2. Participate in a recognized traffic safety program, IPD participates in Seatbelts Are For Everyone (SAFE)
3. Seat Belt Policy-City and Department policy require personnel to use seatbelts
4. “Four E’s” Program or Project
  - a. The “Four E’s” of traffic safety are education, emergency medical response, enforcement, and engineering.
  - b. In 2020 IPD did projects falling under the engineering “E”. Most notably there was a large project installing stop signs at uncontrolled intersections and designating no parking areas in the neighborhood located between Pennsylvania and 2<sup>nd</sup> east and west and Oak and Parkhurst north and south.

