



Kane County Sheriff's Office



PRESS RELEASE

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Location: Kane County Sheriff's Office

Time: 3:30pm

Incident: Roscoe Ebey Citizen of the Year Award

SYNOPSIS

On 11/29/12 Kane County Sheriff Pat Perez presented the Roscoe Ebey Citizen of the Year award to Mr. Clayton Muhammad of Aurora. Clayton was nominated by Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner for his never ending commitment to the youth of Aurora. Clayton was the founder of the Boys 2 Men Organization in Aurora. This organization started in 2002 when the City of Aurora saw 25 murders and its youth were being held hostage by 12 street gang leaders. Boys 2 Men offered an alternative for the youth of Aurora by a new way of life that allowed them to reach their full potential. This small group that was started by a few dedicated and committed young men just celebrated its 10 year anniversary this year. Clayton will be the first to tell you the organization has grown into what it is today because of the efforts of these young men. The list of accomplishments and recognitions are many but two that stand out above the rest. Boys 2 Men was recognized in 2006 by the Chicago Crime Commission and given its Star Program of the Year Award. Then there was a special recognition by the head of the US Drug Enforcement Agency Ms. Jessica TADNY who recognized the Boys 2 men Organization by saying the country needs more organizations like Boys 2 Men.

During the presentation Sheriff Perez discussed that he has known Clayton for more than 10 years and that he never had a doubt that Clayton would accomplish such great things. Sheriff Perez made it a point to commend Clayton for the fact that when he started Boys 2 Men 10 years ago, there were 25 homicides in Aurora and street gang activity was being seen across the city. Now, in great part through Clayton's efforts, the at-risk youth of Aurora now have a choice.

Anyone who knows Clayton knows he is a man of many words. He can't wait to talk about the great things these young men have accomplished. But these few words epitomize his thoughts. "I accept this on behalf of all of my boys, they do all the hard work." According to Clayton he is just playing his God-given part."

More information on Boys 2 Men can be found at www.boys2men.org. More information on the Roscoe Ebey Award can be found at www.kanesherriff.com.

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