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2012 Director’s Community Leadership Awards

New York

Mohammad Razvi



The New York Division is pleased to honor Mohammad Razvi, an advocate for Muslim Americans, as a recipient of the 2012 Director’s Community Leadership Award.

Mr. Razvi, known locally as the “Heart of Coney Island Avenue,” is the founder and executive director of Council of Peoples Organization (COPO) in Brooklyn. The nonprofit organization assists immigrant families as they assimilate to the customs and culture of the United States. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, members of Mr. Razvi’s mostly Muslim and immigrant community depended on him to help them understand new laws and restrictions. Within five months of the attacks, Mr. Razvi founded COPO to help all New York immigrants.

In addition to creating COPO, Mr. Razvi co-founded the We Are All Brooklyn Coalition and the Muslims Consultant Network. He worked with FBI New York to create a Muslim youth career day, during which more than 500 attendees met with representatives from 23 law enforcement agencies. Mr. Razvi is also a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy and is a member of FBI New York’s Community Engagement Council. He has been recognized internationally for his dedication and the services he provides to immigrant communities.

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FBI Director Recognizes Distinguished Community Leaders



In a ceremony at FBI Headquarters, Director Robert S. Mueller, III recognized the recipients of the 2012 Director’s Community Leadership Award. These leaders, selected by their area FBI field office, have

demonstrated outstanding contributions to their local communities through service. The FBI is grateful for the work of each of these individuals and organizations on behalf of their communities.

“Whatever the motivation—an unfulfilled need, a tragic occurrence, a desire to give back—these are people who make things happen and enlist others in their cause,” said Director Mueller. “They are activists who have earned their prestige through good works.”

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