

Media Delegates Experience Breaking News Firsthand at City Hall

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A few media delegates didn't just observe history—they participated in the public discourse surrounding a defining moment for Minnesota and the nation.

The media program participants attended Mayor Frey's press conference amid rapidly evolving coverage of an ICE shooting of a Minneapolis native, Renee Good, which occurred days before the model assembly began.

Mayor Frey and supporters held a public press conference and condemned the FBI's reversal: after promising to include the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) in the investigation, federal officials excluded local law enforcement from the probe.

“In Minneapolis, when a tragedy strikes, there is one word that summarizes what is most important, and that word is integrity,” said Jacob Frey, Mayor of Minneapolis.

Led by media director Lucy Wilder, Parnassus, our participants witnessed breaking news as it unfolded on the national stage by witnessing the press conference at city hall in person.

“It was amazing to be in the room with a group of real legislators and journalists to talk about issues that concern our city today,” said Lucy Wilder.



Along with her was Bergen Rohlwing; Eagan, closing video editor, Eileen Busch; Willmar, podcaster, and Naomi Grimme; Parnassus, reporter. The group was contacted by people familiar with mayor's office for the chance to participate in this opportunity

"It felt like we were actually journalists being there with the press," said Naomi Grimme.



After hearing the impassioned plea from Mayor Frey and his supporters the media group even had the chance to speak to Minnesota Senator Doron Clark. The Senator spoke after the press conference to the delegates to help them understand, from a government position standpoint, what was happening.

"He made me feel respected and validated and seen," said Eileen Bosch, Willmar, Podcaster. "We bonded over both being from rural areas in Minnesota."