



Waite House Food Shelf Event



On May 22, 2024, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff attended the food shelf event at Waite House along with staff from Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR). The City of Minneapolis staff spoke English and Spanish. We met with over 60 people who were mostly new immigrants and had lived in Minneapolis less than one year. Individuals shared their country of origin and most were from Ecuador.

After a brief explanation about community safety centers and an introduction, individuals were asked about safety. All stated they want more police and shared that they feel safer in Minneapolis. All want social services that include food security, youth, mentoring, and homelessness resources. They asked about having English as a Second Language (ESL) classes available, employment opportunities, mental health, addiction, and harm reduction. A lot of the individuals were concerned with not having jobs.