

**Wilder Park
“Mobile Vehicle Barriers”**



Wilder Park Promenade

The Promenade has become a popular location for special events

-These include festivals, concerts, walk/run kick-offs, seating and food trucks for the annual 4th of July Fireworks and many other activities

-With the temporary closure of RiverEdge Park, the City is looking at holding a Downtown Alive Concert event and Fiestas Patrias at Wilder and on the adjacent street and parking lot



Safety Concerns

- Thousands of people have or will attend these events
- The City is concerned for the safety of those attendees
- Currently we use concrete barriers to protect the crowds from vehicles, but they are not the best option, and they are not easily moved to allow vendors and emergency vehicles in and out of the Promenade



Dangers

- On at least 3 occasions we have had vehicles crash into barricades at this location on accident
- APD regularly receives intelligence from the FBI and other sources indicating that terrorist organizations and Homegrown Violent Extremists consistently promote vehicle attacks at large public gatherings
- The following is a small list of dozens of vehicle-borne attacks that have occurred worldwide in the last 10 years:
 - New Orleans (New Year's) January 1, 2025 15 killed 30+ injured
 - Vancouver (Lapu-Lapu Festival) April 26, 2025 11 killed, 32 injured
 - Waukesha, Wisconsin (Christmas Parade) November 21, 2021 5 killed, 62 injured
 - New York City, New York (Bicycle path) October 31, 2017 8 killed, 11 injured
 - Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio November 28, 2016 14 people injured
 - Nice, France (Bastille Day Celebration) July 14, 2016 86 people killed, 450 injured



Options

- Permanent barricades (Extremely expensive to install and labor intensive, if a bollard gets hit, the repairs are expensive and time consuming)
- Mobile barricades (Easy to move to allow access to vendors and emergency personnel, easily relocated to fit the needs of specific events)



Recommendation

Meridian Archer 1200 Barriers



- Crash Demonstration



- Ease of deployment



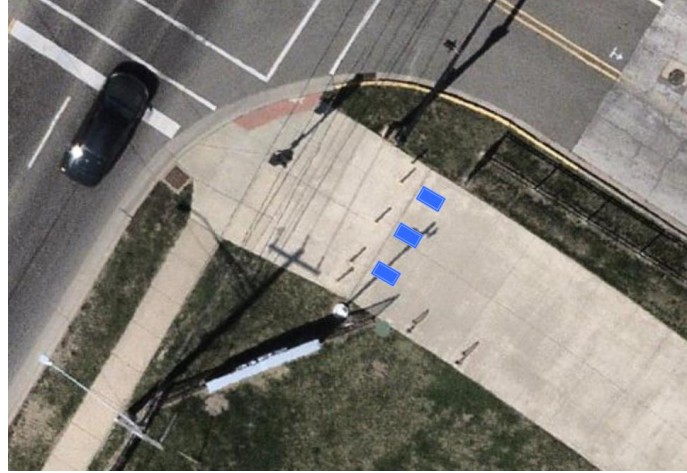
Testing & Certifications

The Archer 1200 Barriers are mobile and have standards from Europe with the PAS-68 certifications with ASTM, IWA-14 as well as the Certification as Qualified Anti-Terrorism the US Department of Homeland Security under the Act"

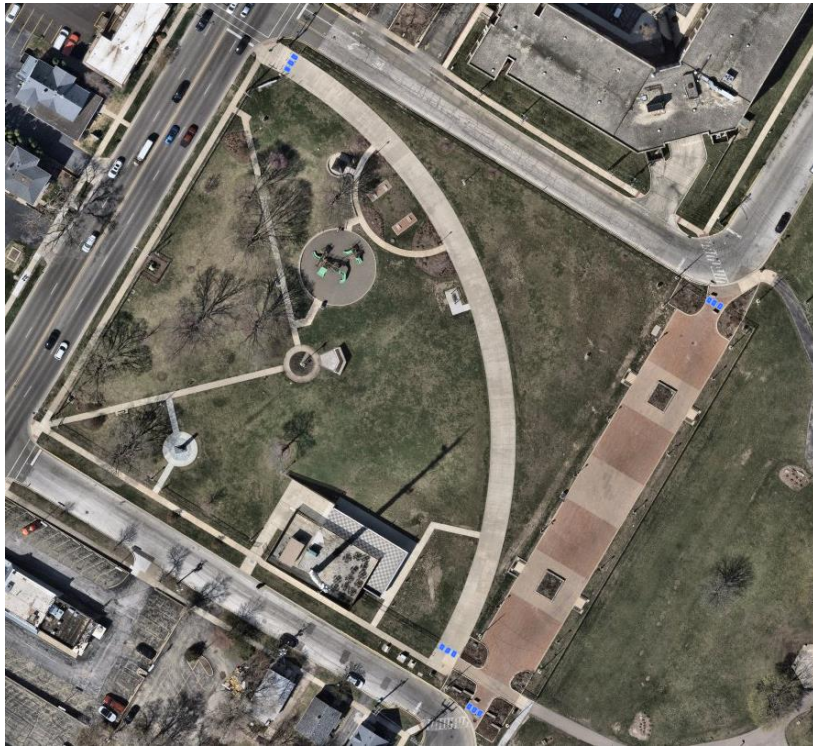


Planned deployment

Lake St. / West Park Ave



River St. / West Park Ave



River St. / Vine St.



Other Entities using these Meridian Barricades

City of Chicago OEMC

Chicago Cubs

Chicago White Sox

Chicago Police Department

Roselle, Illinois

Western Springs, Illinois

Skokie, Illinois

Northwest Central Dispatch, Illinois

Arlington Heights, Illinois

Evanston, Illinois

Wauconda, Illinois

Crystal Lake, Illinois

Lombard Illinois

Elgin Illinois

Morton, Illinois

Cook County Emergency Management.

Cary, Illinois

Bolingbrook, Illinois

Milwaukee Police Department

University of Minnesota

Iowa department of Homeland security

United States Secret Service

Washington Commanders

Omaha, Nebraska Police Department

Sioux Falls, South Dakota Police Department

Las Vegas, Nevada

Pasadena, California

