

MERIDIAN TEAMS WITH FC CINCINNATI TO OPEN NEW STADIUM

ARCHER BARRIERS PROVIDE SECURE ZONE FOR FANS

CINCINNATI, OH, US, May 25, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new soccer stadium for FC Cincinnati debuted a new look and that included increased security for fans courtesy of [Meridian Rapid Defense Group](#).

Supporters arriving at TQL Stadium were protected at the entry points by Meridian's popular [Archer 1200](#) barriers which allowed them to gather and pass safely without the threat of vehicles entering the newly created pedestrian area.



Fans walking safely thorough barriers to the game.

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Before the game, Meridian's fully certified deployment team worked with the club to prepare a vehicle safety mitigation plan.

"The safety of fans attending large crowd events can be a real problem for companies and event organizers if the right plans aren't put into place from the very beginning. Cars moving close to large sporting crowds could be a

recipe for disaster," said Peter Whitford, Meridian's CEO.

At TQL Stadium more than 20 Archer barriers were wheeled quickly into place which created

several road closures. The individual mobile barriers, each made of 700 lbs. of USA steel, were set so the fans were protected while at the same time, close by, players and officials could still drive into the stadium parking garage.

The Archer barriers replace the need for the larger, unsightly concrete or water barriers. Instead of being confronted with a concrete barrier and the need to walk around it, the Archer barriers placed four feet apart allowed for a free flow of foot traffic in and out of the stadium.

“Once the barriers were in place it was great to see how the fans could easily and safely walk into the stadium without worrying about the usual problem of vehicles getting in their way,” said Mr. Lolli.

After the match the barriers, which can be moved by one person, were quickly taken away and traffic flowed once more around the stadium within the hour.

Meridian’s CEO Peter Whitford explained that the company has expanded rapidly into the sports stadium business. “We have our barriers now protecting professional sports fans across the United States, Canada and Australia,” said Mr. Whitford.

“At the 2019 Super Bowl, the Archer barriers created several secure zones for the tens of thousands of spectators heading to the stadium. We also have barriers at the Texas Rangers, Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Tampa Bay Rays, Cincinnati Bengals and New York Yankees to name a few and also deploy every year at the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena.”

Meridian Archer 1200 Barriers are “[SAFETY Act](#) Certified” by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) providing the ultimate standard in keeping people, communities and



Fans gather safely in front of the new TQL Stadium.



Pedestrian/fan safe zone at new FC Cincinnati stadium.

places safer. For more information about Meridian Rapid Defense Group and the Archer 1200 vehicle barrier visit www.meridian-barrier.com

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