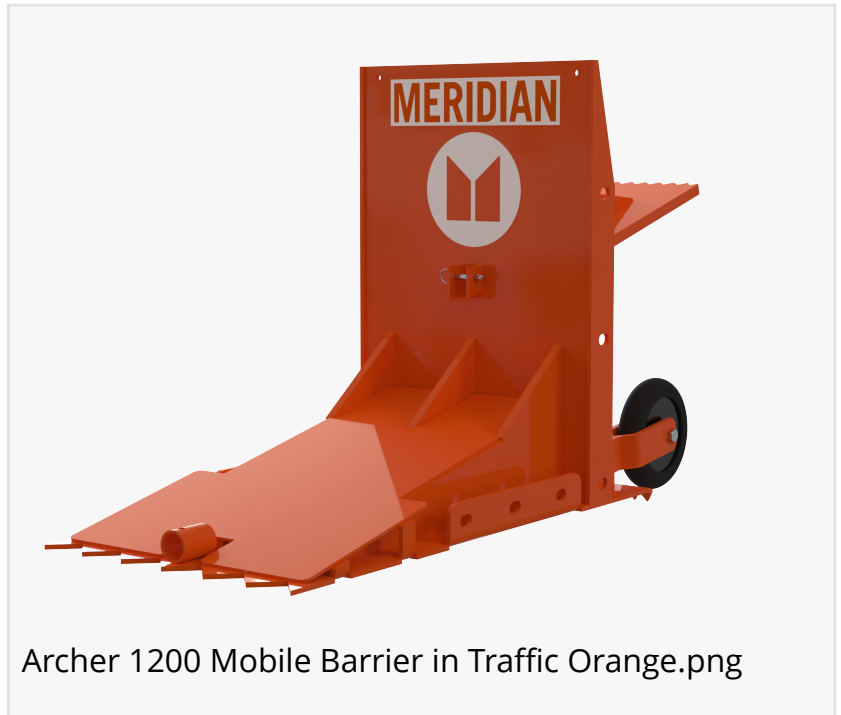


# More Than 4,000 Meridian Barriers Protect Millions of Americans During Historic Fourth of July Celebrations

*Record deployment supports America 250 celebrations and FIFA World Cup events at more than 60 locations nationwide.*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, July 2, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- While millions of Americans gather to celebrate Independence Day, Meridian Rapid Defense Group has launched its largest deployment in company history, with over 4,000 [Archer mobile vehicle barriers](#) and nearly 200 gates protecting crowds at more than 75 events across the United States.

The record operation comes as the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security continue to encourage heightened vigilance at large public gatherings, with vehicle attacks and lone-actor incidents remaining among the primary security concerns during major public events.



Archer 1200 Mobile Barrier in Traffic Orange.png

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*Peter Whitford*

- More than 60 events protected nationwide
- [America 250](#) celebrations continuing throughout 2026
- FIFA World Cup-related events supported
- Largest deployment ever for Meridian Rapid Defense Group

"This is the biggest operational weekend in our history," said Meridian CEO Peter Whitford. "While families enjoy America's birthday celebrations, our teams will already be in position before dawn, helping communities celebrate safely from coast to coast."

Meridian's nationwide deployment spans from Seattle to Orlando and from California to Georgia, protecting some of America's best-known Independence Day celebrations.

The company's involvement extends well beyond the Fourth of July weekend. Meridian's crash-tested Archer vehicle barriers and gates will continue to protect crowds throughout the America 250 celebrations, which will continue across the nation for the remainder of 2026. Meridian is also supporting a growing number of events connected with the FIFA World Cup, making 2026 the busiest year in the company's history.

Earlier this month, Meridian also helped secure the opening of the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago, where four former U.S. Presidents gathered for the historic dedication, demonstrating the company's experience protecting some of the nation's highest-profile public events.

This weekend, one of the largest deployments will be the Ventura Fourth of July Street Fair in California, where thousands of spectators will gather behind a Meridian-created safety zone. Another major operation will protect the Summerlin Council Patriotic Parade near Las Vegas, one of Nevada's largest Independence Day celebrations.

One of Meridian's largest sporting event deployments will secure the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race, the world's largest 10-kilometer road race. Around 500 Archer barriers will create a protected route for tens of thousands of participants, from elite athletes to families taking part in the famous Independence Day tradition.

In Pittsburgh, Meridian barriers will also safeguard crowds attending Anthrocon 2026, now the world's largest furry convention, as it celebrates its twentieth anniversary at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Mr. Whitford said every deployment begins well before the first barrier arrives on site.

"Every location operates under a detailed vehicle mitigation plan prepared by our engineering team," he said. "Every barrier and gate is positioned for maximum protection while ensuring these events remain welcoming and accessible. Our goal is simple. We want families to enjoy these celebrations knowing every practical step has been taken to help keep them safe."

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary with some of the largest public gatherings in the nation's history, Meridian teams will be working quietly in the background with one mission: helping millions of Americans celebrate safely.

Archer 1200 barriers, Archer Guard, and gates are "[SAFETY Act Certified](#)" by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), providing the ultimate standard in keeping people, communities, and places safer. For more information about Meridian Rapid Defense Group and the Archer 1200 vehicle barrier, visit [www.meridian-barrier.com](http://www.meridian-barrier.com)

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