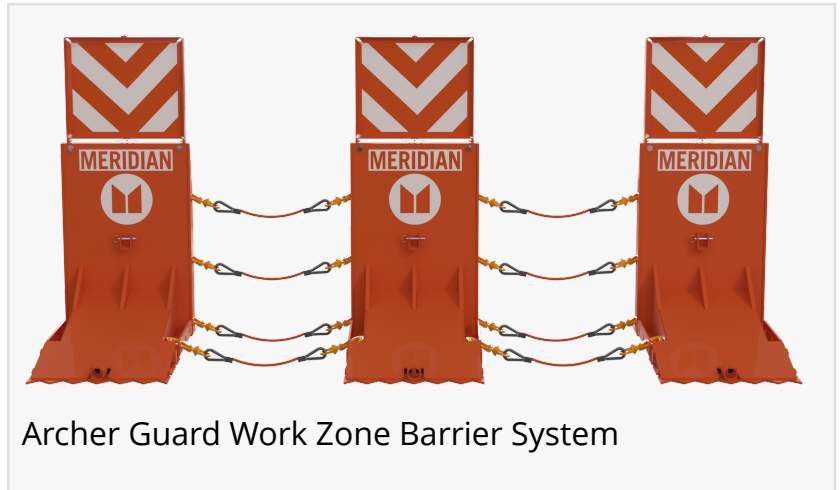


# Archer Guard Stops Vehicle From Crashing Into Michigan Bridge Work Zone

*Bridge crews praise the added protection of Meridian's Archer Guard as work continues on Detroit's M-10 Lodge Freeway*

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-- A vehicle entered a bridge work zone on Michigan's M-10, the Lodge Freeway, in the early hours of the morning and was stopped by a Meridian Rapid Defense Group [Archer Guard](#) system before it could crash into vehicles, work materials, and heavy equipment being used by the road crew.



Archer Guard Work Zone Barrier System

The incident occurred shortly after midnight while bridge repair and painting work was underway by leading heavy-highway contractor C.A. Hull Co., Inc. Fortunately, none of their road workers were at the work site at the time. Authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident, and the driver is suspected of operating the vehicle under the influence.

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In this incident, the Archer Guard performed precisely the

role it was designed for, stopping the vehicle before it could reach the vehicles, materials and heavy equipment inside the work zone.

Dylan Yore, project manager, said, “The Archer Guard proved to be a great line of defense to protect C.A. Hull crews, subcontractors and inspection staff from the dangerous drivers who continue to operate recklessly in work zones across the state.”

The Archer Guard is a MASH TL-3 [barrier system](#) which provides a mobile layer of protection between road workers and moving traffic. The system uses three Meridian [Archer 1200 mobile barriers](#) connected by arrestor cables. The barriers can be quickly rolled into position and are designed to capture and control an errant vehicle, bringing it to a controlled stop before it can

reach workers or equipment.

“While we are thankful that no one was on the scene at the time, the Archer Guard really did do its job by stopping the vehicle before it plowed into the road crew’s equipment,” said Peter Whitford, CEO of Meridian Rapid Defense Group. “In the past, when incidents like this have happened, the job has often been delayed for days because of the time and cost of repairing the damage from a vehicle impact.”

Workers returning to the scene saw firsthand how effective the Archer Guard is. They said the incident provided compelling proof of the system's value and reinforced their desire to have more Archer Guards protecting road work zones.

The incident also caused zero downtime to the work schedule and no time needed to repair work equipment. In previous incidents involving vehicles crashing into work vehicles and equipment, road crews can face significant delays while damaged equipment is repaired or replaced.

“Think of the Archer Guard as a portable safety shield for road crews.,” Mr. Whitford said. “It can be quickly rolled into position, and if a vehicle accidentally enters the work zone, the system is designed to capture it and bring it to a controlled stop before it reaches the workers.”

The Archer Guard system is growing in popularity with road work crews and is now being used in South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nevada, and California, with the system expected soon to appear on highways around Alabama.

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