

Clark County Emergency Management Special Event & Soft Target Protection Program



Program Information

Clark County Emergency Management has equipment readily available to support local law enforcement and municipalities in their mission to host safe and secure special events. This equipment is available at no cost to the requesting entity and is made possible by grants from the United State Department of Homeland Security. The Special Event & Soft Target Protection Program consist of specialty resources designed to harden and secure special events such as parades, concerts, festivals and other open air, soft target locations.

Mobile Vehicle Security Barriers

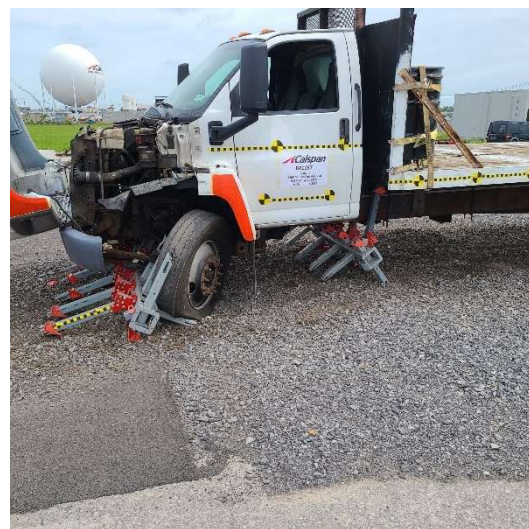
Mobile vehicle security barriers are devices that are strategically placed around a soft target location to prevent vehicles from being used as a weapon against the crowd. These barriers are deployable and do not need to be permanently mounted and do not require heavy equipment to be set up. These barriers can be towed in groups of four and can be moved by authorized personnel if an incident was to occur within the event area. In addition to their portability, and ease of use, these devices offer a low cost, low maintenance target hardening solution.



Two mobile vehicle security barriers can secure twenty-four feet of roadway with room in between for pedestrian access. The barriers also have the capability for road signage to be added to them for prolonged use. Clark County Emergency Management currently has twenty of these anti-ram barriers available for use.

Mobile Vehicle Security Barrier Requesting Process

These anti-vehicle ramming devices can be requested by local law enforcement, municipalities, and other IDHS District 9 agencies to assist in securing special events and soft target locations. In order to successfully deploy these devices, a deployment plan should be developed one month prior to the planned special event. In the event of an emergent barrier deployment, please allow two hours for the devices to be mobilized and set up within Clark County. To utilize these devices for your special event, please send the request to Clark County Emergency Management by email at EmergencyManagement@clarkcounty.in.gov or by phone at 812-246-5538 to develop a deployment plan.



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Unmanned Aerial System Detection Units (Drone Detection Units)

The Unmanned Aerial System Detection Units or Drone Detection Units can be deployed to special events and soft target events to secure the airspace and monitor for unauthorized drone activity above a crowd. These devices can be placed throughout the event area to monitor for drones that may pose a physical threat by either crashing into the crowd accidentally or being used nefariously as a weapon.

The drone detection units utilize RF-based localization to find drones and pilots and plot them on a map up to 3.1 miles. These devices are temporarily mounted within the event area using tripod or vehicle mounted masts. Deployment of these devices requires Counter UAS Operators from Clark County Emergency Management to be integrated within the Event Operations Center or Incident Command Post.

In addition to deploying the drone detection units, Clark County Emergency Management, partnering with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will also work with the event management team to implement a temporary flight restriction for drones and developing a Ground Intercept Team plan.

A temporary flight restriction is requested through the FAA and is displayed publicly on applications used for drone operations. This Temporary Flight Restriction or TFR, can be implemented over multiple days and can also include hours of operations allowing flexibility for recreational drone pilots operating outside of event times. The Ground Intercept Team plan consists of identifying members of local law enforcement and FAA Part 107 Drone Operators that are tasked with making contact with identified drone operators throughout a special event. The majority of these interactions will be educational in nature and allow an opportunity for law enforcement and drone operators to interact with the public and educate on drone regulations.

Drone Detection Requesting Process

Requests to implement drone detection at a special event or soft target location should be made two months in advance to allow for adequate planning time.

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