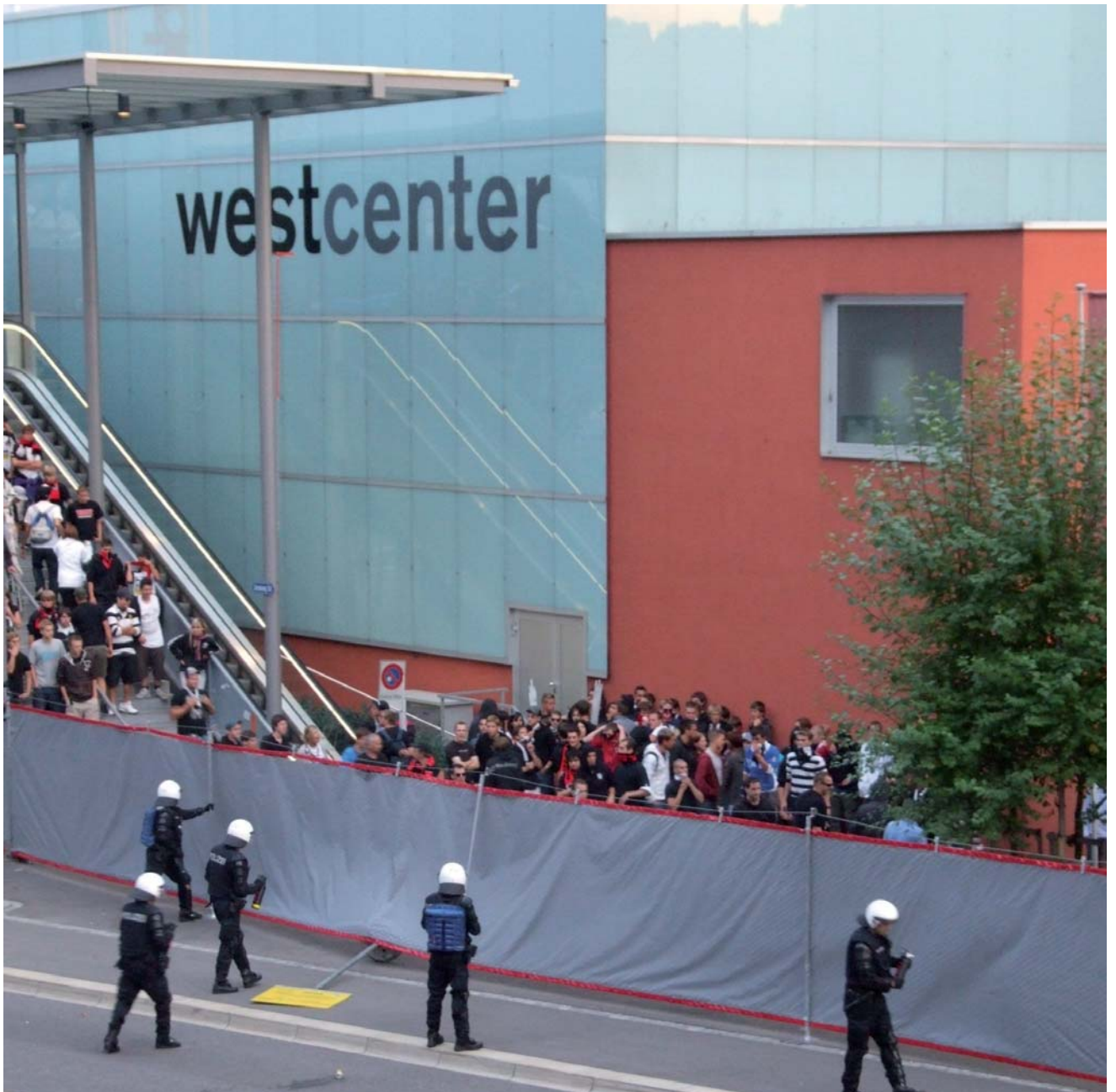


**FENCEBOX® visitor direction system
AFG Football Arena St. Gallen**



Municipal police St. Gallen / Switzerland – mobile and stationary FENCEBOX® rollaway fence systems, with sight-screen as a means of separating rival groups of fans.

FENCEBOX® rollaway fence system as a separation system for rival groups of fans

Project:	Prevention of disturbances before and after Super League football matches
Place:	AFG Football Arena FC ST. Gallen, St. Gallen / Switzerland
System:	Mobile and stationary FENCEBOX® systems of high-tensile, vandal-proof steel wire netting G45/2, partly fitted with sight-screens and roof protection against thrown objects
Installation:	2009

Problem

Just one year ago on 22. August 2008 on the occasion of the St. Gallen versus Aarau cup match, huge disturbances took place between rival groups of fans intent on violence in front of the AFG arena on the way to Winkeln railway station. For the new Super League season when St. Gallen once again met Aarau on 22. August 2009, the St. Gallen municipal police, responsible for safety in front of the stadium, planned to employ suitable measures to prevent similar disturbances right from the start.

Safety measures were principally necessary in two areas:

- a) Along the approach route of the guest fans from the Winkeln railway station to the stadium: The aim was to direct the groups of fans without contact with one another via the Herisauerstrasse to the crossing of the four-lane Zürcher Strasse.
- b) On the way to the visitor section directly in front of the stadium: Here the goal was to prevent the possibility of object throwing.

Solution concept:

After a thorough evaluation, the municipal police decided upon the FENCEBOX® rollaway fence system. It consists of a lockable metal box containing the vertically-rolled rollaway fence made of high-tensile, vandal-proof and deformation-resistant steel wire. It is available in both mobile and stationary versions. With this fence system, barriers can be erected shortly before an event with minimal physical effort.

1. The approach route from Winkeln railroad station to the AFG Arena
To prevent rival groups of fans from meeting up, the mobile FENCEBOX® (with a fence height of 2.3 m and an integrated sight-screen), was used to close off the fork into the Kunklerstrasse over a length of 18 m and the crossing of the Herisauerstrasse in the 4-lane Zürcher Strasse over a length of 70 m. The St. Gallen municipal police also plan to use the purchased mobile FENCEBOX® rollaway fence units in 50 m lengths at other events.

2. In front of the stadium entrance

Here a passage was installed using the stationary FENCEBOX® rollaway fence system. The passage includes a roof to protect visiting fans against thrown objects. This prevents rival groups of fans from throwing objects at each other.

A report in the “St. Galler Tagblatt” newspaper dated 24.08.09 read as follows:

„According to the St. Gallen municipal police, “Fenceboxes – a type of mobile partition wall – proved highly successful on their first use at the Zürcher Strasse / Herisauer crossing”. Before entering the stadium a group of Aarau fans gathered at the south foot-bridge and attempted to storm a barrier to the stadium platform. Apparently, a private security company used pepper spray. “After this the situation quieted down and the fans proceeded to their sector in an orderly manner”.

After the game the municipal police had to use pepper spray. This was after individual Aarau fans tried to tear down the partition walls along the Zürcher-Strasse. However, the march of the Aarau fans to Winkeln railroad station took place without incidents.

(stapo/dbu)



Mobile FENCEBOX® rollaway fences are unloaded ...



...and placed in position with the forklift truck

Rollaway fence boxes are in position but not yet extended. The barrier is deployed shortly before the start of the event.



Rollaway fence boxes are in position but not yet unrolled.



The Herisauerstrasse crossing of the four-lane Zürcher Strasse is closed off by a sight-screen.





Police in riot gear stand ready for action.



Visiting team fans on the march, with curious St. Gallen fans behind the sight-screen.

Stationary FENCEBOX® roof for visiting team fans: protects against thrown objects and prevents throwing of objects.



Visiting team fans after the game, on the way home in the stationary FENCEBOX® passage with roof protection.





Vandals attempt to storm the rollaway fence with sight-screen.



The rollaway fence is standing up to the attack.



The last visiting team fans make their way to the Winkeln railway station.



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