

MY 1992-2001 Ford Crown Victoria, Lincoln Town Car, Mercury Grand Marquis Fatal Fire Crashes, 1993-2000

This table includes known deaths in fire crashes obtained from NHTSA's Fatal Analysis Crash System (FARS) for Calendar Years 1993-2000 and from public records for other years. Where FARS indicates fire is the most harmful event, that is indicated. Where FARS indicates vehicle in transport, striking tree or other object, that is indicated. As the US Department of Transportation pointed out in the GM side saddle gas tank case, FARS often misstates the most harmful event as other than fire when fire is the most harmful event and the cause of death.

Crash Date	Name	Location City/County, State	Deaths	Make/Model/Year	FARS #
Alabama					
07/04/98*	FARS Case	Huntsville, AL	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	10958†
01/31/99** (Building)	FARS Case	Clarke Co., AL	2 Deaths	1997 Crown Victoria	10044
12/11/01 ^{F-R}	Alex Smith, Brian Thibadeaux, Brian Michael Davis	Baldwin Co., AL	3 Deaths	1994 Crown Victoria	NONE
Arizona					
12/09/98 ^{F-A}	Trooper Juan Cruz	Tucson, AZ	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	NONE
02/18/00 ^{F-L}	Trooper Floyd James Fink, Jr.	Tempe, AZ	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria	NONE
06/12/02 ^{F-A}	Officer Robert Neilson	Chandler, AZ	1 Death		NONE
Arkansas					
08/08/98*	FARS Case	Caldwell, AR	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria	50329†
09/16/00*	FARS Case	Little River Co., AR	2 Deaths	1993 Town Car	50408†
California					
06/27/96*	FARS Case	Los Angeles Co., CA	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria	61632†
09/24/96 ^F	FARS Case	Monterey Co., CA	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	62546
02/02/98*	Valentine Mihranian	Glendale, CA	1 Death	1993 Crown Victoria	60889
03/12/99 ^F	FARS Case	Fullerton, CA	2 Deaths	1997 Crown Victoria	61011†
09/18/00** (Overturn)	FARS Case	Alameda Co. CA	1 Death	1996 Town Car	61494

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08/12/01 ^{F-A}	Officer Steven Linen	Leucadia, CA	1 Death	2000 Town Car	NONE
Connecticut					
05/04/97*	Officer Vincent Arduini	Granby, CT	2 Deaths	1996 Crown Victoria	90119†
01/04/00 ^F	Soon Duck Wang	Old Lyme, CT	1 Death 1 Injury	1995 Town Car	90004
09/15/00*	FARS Case	Greenwich, CT	2 Deaths	2000 Town Car	90183†
Delaware					
02/09/96 ^{F-R}	PFC Vincent Julia	New Castle Co., DE	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria	100014
Florida					
03/25/95*	FARS Case	Santa Rosa Co., FL	1 Death	1992 Town Car	120497
06/01/97*	FARS Case	Franklin Co., FL	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	121162
07/26/97 ^F	Trooper Robert Smith	Miami Shores, FL	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	121387
09/24/98*	Clydia Torrence Claude Richard Torrence Janice C. Torrence	Jacksonville, FL	3 Deaths	1994 Crown Victoria	121735
12/26/98*	FARS Case	Lake Worth, FL	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria	122534†
07/26/99 ^F	Deputy Steven Agner	Madison Co., FL	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria	121425
05/30/02 ^{F-A}	Deputy Jefferson Davis	Columbia Co., FL	1 Death	2001 Crown Victoria	NONE
Georgia					
06/15/95*	FARS Case	Lowndes Co., GA	2 Deaths	1995 Town Car	130510
06/08/98*	FARS Case	DeKalb Co., GA	1 Death	1995 Crown Victoria	130697†
08/03/98** (Tree)	FARS Case	Manchester, GA	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	130870
03/02/00** (Tree)	FARS Case	Monroe Co., GA	1 Death	1996 Grand Marquis	130192
Illinois					
03/14/96*	FARS Case	Chicago, IL	1 Death	1995 Grand Marquis	170375†

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06/12/96*	Robert Kelsey Gwendolyn Kelsey	Calumet City, IL	2 Deaths	1995 Town Car	170475
10/26/97** (Bridge Abutment)	FARS Case	Chicago, IL	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	171219
05/09/98 ^F	FARS Case	Wheeling, IL	1 Death	1994 Grand Marquis	170505
06/27/99**	FARS Case (Post/Support)	Du Page Co., IL	2 Deaths	1992 Town Car	170487
Indiana					
02/04/98**	FARS Case (Culvert)	Parke Co., IN	1 Death	1997 Grand Marquis	180074
04/13/98*	FARS Case	Fulton Co., IN	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	180214
10/27/99*	FARS Case	Westville, IN	1 Death	1992 Grand Marquis	180891
Iowa					
08/29/94*	FARS Case	Monticello, IO	1 Death	1993 Town Car	190264
Kentucky					
09/13/95*	FARS Case	Scott Co., KY	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria	210464†
08/20/99 ^F	Gerald Stutte Patricia Stutte	Shelbyville, KY	2 Deaths	1996 Town Car	210409
Louisiana					
05/19/98 ^{F-R}	Trooper Hung Le	Ponchatowa, LA	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	NONE
09/04/98 ^F	Deputy Allen Heitzler	East Feliciana Co., LA	1 Death	1995 Crown Victoria	220431
06/05/99*	FARS Case	Assumption Co., LA	2 Deaths	1997 Crown Victoria	220264†
06/13/00 ^F	Deputy Ron Courville	St. Martin's Co., LA	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria	220333
Maryland					
02/28/94 ^F	Cpl. John Bagileo	Prince George's Co., MD	1 Death	1993 Crown Victoria	240087
Michigan					
09/05/98*	FARS Case	Lake Co., MI	2 Deaths	1995 Crown Victoria	260740†

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Missouri					
04/03/96 ^F	FARS Case	Pemiscot Co., MO	3 Deaths	1995 Grand Marquis	290205†
01/22/98*	FARS Case	Greene Co., MO	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	290056†
10/25/98*	FARS Case	Pemiscot Co., MO	1 Death	1993 Town Car	290819
Nevada					
01/08/99*	FARS Case	Clark Co., NV	1 Death	1999 Town Car	320004
New Jersey					
04/21/94*	FARS Case	Mercer Co., NJ	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	340163†
New York					
02/14/96*	FARS Case	New York, NY	1 Death	1995 Crown Victoria	360307†
09/19/96 ^F	Kathryn Cravotta	Ontario Co., NY	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	360914
04/21/99 ^F	FARS Case	New York, NY	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	360385
11/18/99 ^F	Michael Sakowicz	Yorktown Heights, NY	1 Death	1995 Town Car	361377
North Carolina					
09/23/97*	FARS Case	Onslow Co., NC	2 Deaths	1995 Grand Marquis	370908
09/14/98** (Tree)	FARS Case	Wayne Co., NC	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria	370923
10/21/99*	FARS Case	Guilford Co., NC	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria	371056
03/19/00 ^F	FARS Case	Raleigh, NC	1 Death	1992 Town Car	370476
Oklahoma					
05/29/96*	FARS Case	Wagoner Co., OK	1 Death	1993 Grand Marquis	400247
07/03/98*	FARS Case	Garvin Co., OK	2 Deaths	1998 Town Car	400307
12/23/98*	FARS Case	Durant, OK	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	400645
08/31/00*	Officer Jeff Reminger, Trooper Matt Evans	Oklahoma City, OK	4 Deaths	1999 Crown Victoria	400383†
Pennsylvania					
08/30/93 ^F	FARS Case	Dauphin Co., PA	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	420959

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09/16/98** (Tree)	FARS Case	Bucks Co., PA	1 Death	1993 Town Car	421303
02/02/99*	Jeffery Ray Shober	Montgomery Co., PA	1 Death	1992 Town Car	420157
South Carolina					
10/09/96 ^F	FARS Case	Laurens Co., SC	1 Death	1995 Crown Victoria	450581
Tennessee					
07/26/00 ^F	Trooper Lynn Ross	Madison Co., TN	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria	470726
Texas					
07/06/93*	FARS Case	Smith Co., TX	1 Death	1992 Grand Marquis	481283
09/10/95*	FARS Case	De Witt Co., TX	1 Death	1993 Crown Victoria	481820†
07/22/97*	FARS Case	Dallas, TX	1 Death	1994 Town Car	481588
02/08/98*	FARS Case	Dallas, TX	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	480255†
08/22/01	Edith Reagan	TX	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria	NONE
Virginia					
12/10/99** (Tree)	Trooper Daniel Lee Williams	Cumberland Co., VA	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria	510702
Washington					
01/13/00*	Sarah Smith, Smith Children	Clallam Co., WA	4 Deaths	1993 Grand Marquis	530006

^F Indicated in FARS as most harmful: "fire/explosion."

* Indicated in FARS as most harmful: "motor vehicle in transport" or "motor vehicle in transport in other roadway."

** Item in parentheses is most harmful event as indicated in FARS.

^{F-A} Fire listed as cause of death in autopsy report or death certificate

^{F-L} Fire indicated as cause of death in litigation.

^{F-R} Fire indicated as cause of death in accident report.

† **A fatality occurred in bullet vehicle.**