

MY 1992-2004 Ford Crown Victoria, Lincoln Town Car, Mercury Grand Marquis Fatal Fire Crashes, 1993-2004

This table includes known deaths in fire crashes obtained from NHTSA's Fatal Analysis Crash System (FARS) for Calendar Years 1993-2003 and from public records for other years and for crashes not listed in FARS. 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. An example of this in Crown Victoria fires is the December 11, 2001 crash in Baldwin County, Alabama where FARS lists the most harmful event as striking a tree when in fact fire was the cause of death according to autopsy reports. See Attachments.

Crash Date by State	Name	Location City/County	Deaths	Make/Model/Year	FARS #	VIN#***
Alabama						
07/04/98*	James Winton	Huntsville, AL	1 Death†	1996 Crown Victoria Police	10958	2FALP71W5TX1
01/31/99**	FARS Case (Building)	Clarke Co.	2 Deaths	1997 Crown Victoria Police	10044	2FALP71W4VX1
12/11/01** ^{F-A}	Alex Smith, Brian Thibadeaux, Brian Michael Davis (Tree)	Baldwin Co.	3 Deaths	1994 Crown Victoria Police (In Private Use)	10847	2FALP71W0RX20 4970
Alaska						
07/03/01*	Officer Justin Wollam	Anchorage	4 Deaths †(3)	1995 Crown Victoria Police	20044	2FALP71W5SX1
Arizona						
12/09/98 ^{F-A}	Trooper Juan Cruz	Tucson	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria Police	NONE	2FAPLP71W5TX1 55904
02/18/00 ^{F-L}	Trooper Floyd James Fink, Jr.	Tempe	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria Police	NONE	2FAFP71WXXX17 6041
12/07/01*	FARS Case	Apache Junction	3 Deaths†	1995 Crown Victoria	40810	2FALP73W2SX1
06/12/02 ^F	Officer Robert Neilson	Chandler	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria Police	40411	2FAFP71W7XX17 6854
Arkansas						
08/08/98*	FARS Case	Caldwell	1 Death†	1998 Crown Victoria Police	50329	2FAFP71W2WX1
09/16/00*	FARS Case	Little River Co.	2 Deaths†	1993 Town Car	50408	1LNLM82W7PY7

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California						
06/27/96*	FARS Case	Los Angeles Co., CA	1 Death†	1994 Crown Victoria Police	61632	2FALP71W4RX1
09/24/96 ^F	FARS Case	Monterey Co.	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria Police	62546	2FALP71W8TX1
02/02/98*	Valentine Mihranian	Glendale	1 Death	1993 Crown Victoria	60889	2FALP74W2PX1
03/12/99 ^F	FARS Case	Fullerton	2 Deaths†	1997 Crown Victoria	61011	2FALP74W3VX1
09/18/00**	FARS Case (Overturn)	Alameda Co.	1 Death	1996 Town Car	61494	1LNLM81WXTY6
03/09/02*	FARS Case	San Diego Co.	2 Deaths †(2)	2001 Crown Victoria Police	62506	2FAFP71W41X1
08/07/03*	FARS Case	San Bernardino	1 Death†	2002 Crown Victoria Police	63124	2FAFP71W62X1
Colorado						
12/29/01**	FARS Case (Ditch)	Weld Co.	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria Police (In Private Use)	80630	2FALP71WXVX1
11/26/03**	FARS Case (Overhead Sign)	Denver	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	80511	2FALP72W4NX2
Connecticut						
05/04/97*	Officer Vincent Arduini	Granby	2 Deaths†	1996 Crown Victoria Police	90119	2FALP71W3TX1
01/04/00 ^F	Soon Duck Wang	Old Lyme	1 Death	1995 Town Car	90004	1LNLM81W9SY6
09/15/00*	FARS Case	Greenwich	1 Death	2000 Town Car	90183	1LNHM81W0YY9
Delaware						
02/09/96* ^{F-R}	PFC Vincent Julia	New Castle Co.	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria Police	100014	2FALP71W6RX1
District of Columbia						
12/01/03**	FARS Case (Curb)	Washington	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria	110058	2FALP72W3RX1

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Florida						
03/25/95*	FARS Case	Santa Rosa Co.	1 Death†	1992 Town Car	120497	1LNLM81W8NY6
06/02/97*	FARS Case	Franklin Co.	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	121162	2FALP74W0VX1
07/26/97 ^F	Trooper Robert Smith	Miami Shores	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria Police	121387	1FACP41M9PF205606
09/24/98*	Clydia Torrence Claude Richard Torrence Janice C. Torrence	Jacksonville	3 Deaths	1994 Crown Victoria	121735	2FALP74W5RX1
12/26/98*	FARS Case	Lake Worth	1 Death†	1998 Crown Victoria Police	122534	2FAFP71W4WX1
07/26/99 ^F	Deputy Steven Agner	Madison Co.	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria Police	121425	2FAFP71W8XX203012
05/11/02 ^F	FARS Case	Pasco Co.	1 Death	1992 Grand Marquis	120929	2MECM75W1NX7
05/29/02 ^{F-A}	Deputy Jefferson Davis	Columbia Co.	1 Death	2001 Crown Victoria Police	NONE	2FAFP71W31X178687
08/02/03**	FARS Case (Tree)	Jackson Co.	1 Death	2001 Crown Victoria	121618	2FAFP74W31X1
Georgia						
06/15/95*	Marjorie Vance, Joe Vance	Lowndes Co.	2 Deaths	1995 Town Car	130510	1LNLM83W3SY615559
06/08/98*	FARS Case	Dekalb Co.	1 Death†	1995 Crown Victoria Police	130697	2FALP71W8SX1
08/03/98**	Maria Ortega (Tree)	Manchester	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	130870	2FACP734NX136588
03/02/00**	Selma Lewis (Tree)	Monroe Co.	1 Death	1996 Grand Marquis	130192	2MELM75W8TX697699
01/14/01*	FARS Case	Dade Co.	1 Death†	1994 Crown Victoria Police	133051	2FALP71W0RX1
06/30/03**	FARS Case (Tree)	Gwinnett Co.	1 Death	2001 Town Car	130596	1LNHM83W41Y6
09/19/03 ^F	FARS Case	Jenkins Co.	1 Death	1992 Grand Marquis	130899	2MECM74WXNX6

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12/01/03**	FARS Case (Overturn)	Spaulding	1 Death	2000 Crown Victoria Police	131366	2FAFP71W2YX1
Illinois						
03/14/96*	FARS Case	Chicago	1 Death†	1995 Grand Marquis	170375	2MELM74W8SX6
06/12/96*	Robert Kelsey Gwendolyn Kelsey	Calumet City	2 Deaths	1995 Town Car	170475	1LNLM82W9SY6
10/26/97**	FARS Case (Bridge Abutment)	Chicago	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	171219	2FACP72W2NX1
05/09/98 ^F	FARS Case	Wheeling	1 Death	1994 Grand Marquis	170505	2MELM75W4RX6
06/27/99**	FARS Case (Post/Support)	Du Page Co.	2 Deaths	1992 Town Car	170487	1LNLM81W3NY6
07/03/03**	FARS Case (Overturn)	Union Co.	1 Death†	2000 Town Car	170622	1LNHM82W9YY7
07/07/03*	FARS Case	Madison Co.	1 Death	1993 Town Car	170643	1LNLM81W4PY6
Indiana						
02/04/98**	FARS Case (Culvert)	Parke Co.	1 Death	1997 Grand Marquis	180074	Unknown
10/27/99*	FARS Case	Westville	1 Death	1992 Grand Marquis	180891	2MECM75W2NX6
09/16/01*	FARS Case	Highland	2 Deaths†	2001 Grand Marquis	180584	2MEFM74W91X7
Iowa						
08/29/94*	FARS Case	Monticello	1 Death	1993 Town Car	190264	1LNLM81W8PY7
Kentucky						
09/13/95*	FARS Case	Scott Co.	3 Deaths †(3)	1994 Crown Victoria Police	210464	2FALP71W1RX1
08/20/99 ^F	Gerald Stutte, Patricia Stutte	Shelbyville	2 Deaths	1996 Town Car	210409	1LNLM82W2TY6
Louisiana						
05/19/98 ^{F-R}	Trooper Hung Le	Ponchatowa	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria Police	NONE	2FALP71W3TX13 9068
09/04/98 ^F	Deputy Allen Heirtzler	East Feliciana Par.	1 Death	1995 Crown Victoria Police	220431	2FALP71W7SX1

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06/05/99*	FARS Case	Assumption Par.	2 Deaths†	1997 Crown Victoria Police	220264	2FALP71WXVX1
06/13/00 ^F	Deputy Ron Courville	St. Martin's Par.	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria Police	220333	2FAFP71W7XX1
Maryland						
02/28/94 ^F	Cpl. John Bagileo	Prince George's Co.	1 Death	1993 Crown Victoria Police	240087	2FACP71W0PX1
Michigan						
09/05/98*	FARS Case	Lake Co.	2 Deaths †(2)	1995 Crown Victoria	260740	2FALP74W4SX1
Minnesota						
06/04/02*	FARS Case	Benton Co.	1 Death	1999 Grand Marquis	270195	2MEFM74W6XX7
07/17/03 ^F	FARS Case	Carver Co.	1 Death	1995 Continental	270279	1LNLM81W8SY7
Missouri						
04/03/96 ^F	FARS Case	Pemiscot Co.	1 Death †(2)	1995 Grand Marquis	290205	2MELM74W6SX6
01/22/98*	FARS Case	Greene Co	1 Death†	1997 Crown Victoria Police	290056	2FALP71W3VX1
10/25/98*	FARS Case	Pemiscot Co.	1 Death	1993 Town Car	290819	1LNLM81WXPY7
11/27/02*	FARS Case	Harrison Co.	1 Death	1992 Grand Marquis	290947	2MECM75W0NX6
05/22/03	Trooper Micheal Newton	Lafayette Co.	1 Death	2003 Crown Victoria Police	NONE	
Nevada						
01/08/99*	FARS Case	Clark Co.	1 Death	1999 Town Car	320004	1LNHM82W6XY6
New Jersey						
04/21/94*	FARS Case	Mercer Co.	1 Death†	1992 Crown Victoria	340163	2FACP72W6NX2
01/14/02 ^F	FARS Case	Bridgewater	1 Death	1995 Town Car	340029	1LNLM82W4SY6
05/29/03**	FARS Case (Tree)	East Orange	1 Death	1997 Town Car	340573	1LNLM82W7VY6

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New York						
02/14/96*	FARS Case	New York	1 Death†	1995 Crown Victoria	360307	2FALP72W2SX1
09/19/96 ^F	Kathryn Cravotta	Ontario Co.	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	360914	2FACP74W2NX1
04/21/99 ^F	FARS Case	New York	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria	360385	2FALP72W2VX1
11/18/99 ^F	Michael Sakowicz	Yorktown Heights	1 Death	1995 Town Car	361377	1LNLM81WXS6
10/25/02 ^F	Mohammed Yousuf	NYC - Woodside	1 Death	2000 Crown Victoria	361172	2FAFP72W0YX1
12/19/02 ^{F-A}	Trooper Robert Ambrose	Yonkers	1 Death	Crown Victoria Police	NONE	
09/19/04	Constantino and Michelina LaPietra	Schodack	2 Deaths	Grand Marquis	NONE	
North Carolina						
09/23/97*	FARS Case	Onslow Co.	2 Deaths	1995 Grand Marquis	370908	2MELM75W0SX6
09/14/98**	FARS Case (Tree)	Wayne Co.	1 Death	1994 Crown Victoria	370923	2FALP74W5RX1
10/21/99*	FARS Case	Guilford Co.	1 Death	1999 Crown Victoria Police	371056	2FAFP71W7XX2
03/19/00 ^F	FARS Case	Raleigh, NC	1 Death	1992 Town Car	370476	1LNLM81W8NY7
01/09/01 ^{F-L}	Trooper John Duncan	Cumberland Co.	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria Police	370016	2FAFP71W5WX186698
02/10/02*	FARS Case	Montgomery Co.	2 Deaths †(2)	1996 Town Car	370135	1LNLM81W9TY6
07/17/03*	FARS Case	Cherokee Co.	2 Deaths †(2)	1999 Crown Victoria Police	370719	2FAFP71W2XX2
05/30/03	Trooper Anthony Cogdill	Haywood Co.	1 Death	Crown Victoria Police	NONE	

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09/10/03*	Tara Parker, Mysti Poplin, Megan Howell	Greensboro	3 Deaths	1998 Town Car	370895	1L1FM81W5WY6
11/22/03**	FARS Case (Tree)	Concord	1 Death	2000 Town Car	371381	1LNHM82W1YY7
Ohio						
08/01/02*	FARS Case	Knox Co.	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	390659	2FACP74W2NX1
Oklahoma						
05/29/96*	FARS Case	Wagoner Co.	1 Death	1993 Grand Marquis	400247	2MELM75W9PX6
07/03/98*	FARS Case	Garvin Co.	2 Deaths	1998 Town Car	400307	1LNFM81W1WY6
12/23/98*	FARS Case	Durant	1 Death	1997 Crown Victoria Police	400645	2FALP71W3VX1
08/31/00*	Officer Jeff Reminger	Oklahoma City	4 Deaths †(3)	1999 Crown Victoria Police	400383	2FAFP71W7XX1
Pennsylvania						
08/30/93 ^F	FARS Case	Dauphin Co.	1 Death	1992 Crown Victoria	420959	2FACP74W4N
09/16/98**	FARS Case (Tree)	Bucks Co.	1 Death	1993 Town Car	421303	1LNLM9748PY6
02/02/99*	Jeffery Ray Shober	Montgomery Co.	2 Deaths†	1992 Town Car	420157	1LNLM81W7NY7
09/09/03**	FARS Case (Utility Pole)	Somerset Co.	1 Death	1996 Grand Marquis	421040	2MELM7468TX6
South Carolina						
10/09/96 ^F	FARS Case	Laurens Co.	1 Death	1995 Crown Victoria Police	450581	2FALP71W1SX1
Tennessee						
07/26/00 ^F	Trooper Lynn Ross	Madison Co	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria Police	470726	2FAFP71W9WX10 4097
06/07/02*	FARS Case	Clarksville	2 Deaths	1999 Crown Victoria Police	470450	2FAFP71W2XX1
11/02/03**	FARS Case (Post/Pole)	Williamson Co.	1 Death	1998 Town Car	470866	1LNFM82W2WY6
Texas						
07/06/93*	FARS Case	Smith Co.	1 Death†	1992 Grand Marquis	481283	2MECM75W7N

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09/10/95*	FARS Case	De Witt Co.	1 Death†	1993 Crown Victoria	481820	2FALP73W1PX2
07/22/97*	FARS Case	Dallas	1 Death	1994 Town Car	481588	1LNLM81W1RY7
02/08/98*	FARS Case	Dallas	1 Death†	1996 Crown Victoria Police	480255	2FALP71W0TX1
03/30/01 ^F	FARS Case	New Braunfels	1 Death	1994 Town Car	480650	1LNLM81W5RY7
08/22/01*	Edith Reagan	Pasadena	1 Death	1996 Crown Victoria Police	481957	2FALP71W8TX1
10/04/01*	FARS Case	Freestone Co	5 Deaths†	2001 Crown Victoria	483107	2FAFP73W81X2
08/10/02**	FARS Case (Pedestrian)	Hitchcock	1 Death	2001 Crown Victoria Police	481914	2FAFP71W61X1
08/23/02*	FARS Case	Hill Co.	1 Death	2002 Crown Victoria	483099	2FAFP73W82X1
10/23/02 ^{F-L}	Officer Patrick Metzler	Dallas	1 Death	Crown Victoria Police	NONE	2FAFP71W3YX103627
02/06/03*	FARS Case	Williamson Co.	1 Death	1993 Grand Marquis	480222	2MELM75WXPX6
Virginia						
12/10/99**	Trooper Daniel Lee Williams (Tree)	Cumberland Co.	1 Death	1998 Crown Victoria Police	510702	2FAFP71W9WX1
Washington						
01/13/00*	Sarah Smith, Smith Children	Clallam Co.	4 Deaths	1993 Grand Marquis	530006	2MELM75W6PX6
West Virginia						
07/14/03 ^F	FARS Case	Barboursville	2 Deaths†	1998 Grand Marquis	540169	2MEFM74W8WX6
Wisconsin						
10/12/01*	FARS Case	Barron Co.	1 Death	1994 Grand Marquis	550492	2MELM75W6RX6

KEY:

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.

******* If the sole source of information on the crash is FARS, this column will only include first twelve digits of the VIN.

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.

† Fatality in bullet vehicle(s); if more than one fatality, number provided in parentheses.