

The following was derived from the NHTSA Fatality Analysis Reporting System. The dates are the dates of the crashes, not necessarily the date an individual died. Names were not in the FARS system, they were determined when possible by matching the incidents to articles in the Albany Times Union. Some names could not be determined. We regret any omissions or errors.

2001

1. August 20 2001 (42.76066389 -73.88201944)

**Lajuan Jordan, 24, of Central Avenue**, passenger in an SUV was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident on Central Avenue by Lansing Road Colonie

2. November 26 2001 (42.75857778 -73.87948889)

Pedestrian **Clark A. Gorrow, 37** of Rugby Road, Schenectady was killed by a car while crossing Central Avenue by Lombard Street in Colonie.

Police said ``pedestrian error" appeared to be the cause of the incident

2002

3. March 14 2002 (42.74050833 -73.8588)

Pedestrian **Robert Bryan, 34**, a resident at the Blue Bell Motel on **Central Avenue** was killed as he apparently tried to cross the four-lane highway to the Colonie Kmart by a pickup truck making a left turn.

There was no marked crosswalk at the intersection.

2003

4. February 14 2003 (42.6601 -73.76721111)

**Lisa Keene, 40 year old mother**, who was out celebrating her younger sister's impending Valentine's Day wedding was killed as she stood in a pedestrian crosswalk between Lexington Avenue and Robin Street on **Central Avenue** in Albany when an unlicensed cab driver lost control of his taxi struck her and dragged her about 200 feet.

5. September 19 2003 (42.71811389 -73.83335556)

An **unidentified** pedestrian killed on Central Avenue near Tull Drive in Colonie.

6. October 18 2003 (42.76006944 -73.88135833)

Pedestrian **Todd Throneburg, 28**, of 2194 Central Ave. was killed by a motor vehicle. He had apparently been lying partially in the eastbound lane near Elmwood Avenue in Colonie when struck.

7. October 26 2003 (42.71808889 -73.83333056)

Unidentified fatality of a motor vehicle crash on Central Avenue in Colonie near Tull Drive.

2004

8. March 9 2004 (42.76193056 -73.88344722)

Cyclist **Mary Morgan, 31**, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 1:30 p.m. crash after being struck by a motor vehicle at the Central Avenue intersection with Berwyn Street in Colonie.

9. April 12 2004 (42.72978333 -73.84683889)

**Frank Tymula, 45, was killed by a pickup truck while crossing Central Avenue near Karner Road in Colonie**

Because of the recent deaths, he said that officials are considering some kind of safety awareness campaign aimed at adults.

``We do it for kids. We tell kids to look both ways. These are not kids. This gentleman was 45 years old," said Colonie Police Chief Steven H. Heider.

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10. June 13 2004 (42.69671944 -73.809025)

Unidentified man crossing **Central Avenue** at night at the intersection with Frederick Avenue in Colonie was killed after he was struck by a passing car.

11. July 4 2004

**Vincent Pagano Jr.**, 24, perished after crashing his ATV into a car on Central Avenue by Manning Blvd in Albany.

2005

12. February 28 2005

**Bassist Edward Wells**, 38, of Lynn Street, Schenectady and the Band Seed, perished after he was partially ejected from his vehicle after it collided with another and rolled onto its side at the Central Avenue and VanHuesen Street intersection in Colonie

2006

13. March 19 2006

**Randy Russell** died instantly in a car crash at Henry Johnson Blvd and Central Avenue in Albany after a state trooper chase. An autopsy demonstrated a blood alcohol content over twice the legal limit.

14. September 8 2006

**Pedestrian Tomas A. Aguirre** of Watervliet was killed by a car just as he stepped from the curb crossing Central Avenue at Reber Street in Colonie

15. August 22, 2006 (42.73789167 -73.85600278)

Pedestrian **Roxanne Chaney, 40** was chatting with her neighbors at the Best Value Inn, including a man who was showing pictures of his wife, who had been struck and killed by a car.

"Roxanne says, 'Man, that's a horrible way to go,' " a neighbor recalled.

Chaney, 40, then stepped out into a dark section of the road and was hit herself, becoming the ninth person killed on **Central Avenue** in Colonie in 10 years, the fourth on a section west of Route 155 alone, according to police.

The nearest crosswalks - a mile apart - were 8- and 10-minute-walks away on a stretch of road that is easily becoming one of the deadliest for pedestrians in the region.

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2009

16. January 19 2009 (42.69191389 -73.80361944)

**Westley H. Williams, 61**, perished after he was hit by a car in the road's median, apparently trying to cross the busy stretch near Reynolds Street in Colonie.

17. April 7 2009 (42.69016389 -73.80158056)

**Segundo G. Zamora, 32**, from Ecuador died from his injuries after being struck by a vehicle in front of Appletini's Cafe in Colonie.

2010

18. December 18 2010

**Rebecca Murton, 22, 8 months pregnant with her third child** died as a passenger in a motor vehicle that crashed into a utility pole on Central Avenue at Mountain View Avenue in Colonie.

2011

19. November 21 2011 (42.73415833 -73.85171944)

**Pedestrian Kerry Irwin, 63** of Delmar was struck by a motor vehicle just east of Reber Street in Colonie and later died from his injuries. Police said the driver was not likely to face charges, as Irwin was wearing dark clothing and was not crossing the road at a crosswalk.

20. September 5 2011 (42.71605556 -73.83104444)

**Pedestrian John Gesner, 57**, of RAVENA, who was staying at the Super 8 Motel was struck by a car while crossing Central Avenue near Lincoln Avenue in Colonie around 11:10pm. <POINT TO LINCOLN AVENUE). He was pronounced dead at the scene.

21. May 12 2011 (42.74072778 -73.85929444)

**David L. Cook, 33** of Middle Grove was driving a Harley Davidson he had just purchased off the lot at Spitzie's Motorcycle Center on **Central Avenue** by Campbell Drive in Colonie when his bike veered out of control and across traffic and collided with a truck.

2012

22. May 21 2012 (142.73313056 -73.850475)

Pedestrian **Randall Hayes, 57**, a resident of the Blue Bell Hotel in Colonie was struck by a vehicle in a hit and run crash at 9:05 p.m. in the eastbound lane of **Central Avenue** in front of a Burger King, just west of the intersection with New Karner Road. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officer Pero said it was highly unlikely that whoever struck the victim was not aware he hit someone.

"It was not a glancing blow," Pero said.

2013

23. February 21 2013

**Katherine Parker, 28**, of Albany died from injuries after being struck by a minivan while she was crossing Central Avenue at King Avenue just East of the new ShopRite in Albany.

During a vigil for her . . . another pedestrian was hurt just two streets up from Thursday's crash, police said.

24. March 2 2013

**William Jennings, 28**, of Schenectady, was killed instantly by an eastbound U.S. Postal Service tractor-trailer around 3:30 a.m. Saturday on **Central Avenue** near Lombard Street in Colonie.

2014

25. July 3 2014

Pedestrian **Kyle Canabush, 29**, was crossing **Central Avenue** at about 8:50 p.m., near Kraft Avenue in Colonie, when he was struck by a motor vehicle. He died later from his injuries.

2015

26. Feb 2 2015

A pedestrian, 4-year-old Ashiqur Rahman was struck and killed by a waste truck in a **Central Avenue** crosswalk at Quail Street in Albany while holding his mother's hand.

Mother and son had a green light to cross, police said . . .

27. Mar 3 2015

An unidentified pedestrian was killed on Central Avenue and Wilber Avenue in Colonie.

28. April 13 2015

Pedestrian **Renee Bruneau, a 54** year old mother was killed by a hit-and-run driver between Madison and Hudson Avenues in Albany in front of Ralph's Restaurant.

29. September 19 2015

An **unidentified** motor vehicle fatality involving drunk driving at Central Avenue and Grounds Place in Colonie

30. December 6 2015

An **unidentified** pedestrian fatality at Central Avenue and Osborne Road in Colonie.

2016

31. May 24 2016

(42.71744722 -73.83268889)

Pedestrian, **Borziloke Zakolli, 62 of Colonie** was struck and killed on impact crossing Central Avenue between Tull Drive and Breeman Street in Colonie.

"Safety is our top priority there, and we've done a lot of work and studying on **Central Avenue**," state Department of Transportation spokesman Bryan Viggiani said Tuesday, pointing to a **Central Avenue** Pedestrian Safety Study examining human behaviors and the road's infrastructure.

After publication of the safety study, the state allocated \$2 million for road improvements, with 60 percent designated for Albany and Schenectady.

The department's goal, Viggiani said, is for both drivers and pedestrians to understand the rules of the road.

32. July 17 2016

42.73301944 -73.85040833

**Akbar Perkins**, 17 died after a police pursuit, crashing a stolen van into a utility pole on Central Avenue just west of Route 155.

33. Jun 2 2016

(42.6573 -73.763975)

An **unidentified** pedestrian fatality near the confluence of Central Avenue and Washington Avenue in Albany.

2017

34. March 16 2017

(42.76134444 -73.88262778)

**Jajuan L. Williams**, 21, died on impact after the car he was driving crashed into a snowbank, became airborne and hit a utility pole on Central Avenue near Arrow Street in Colonie.

35. July 3 2017

An **unidentified** pedestrian, a 54 year old woman died after being struck by a pickup as she crossed Central Avenue near Vly Road in Colonie.

36. October 18, 2017

(42.77281111 -73.89543611)

**Pedestrian Garry F. Cognetti**, 67 died from his injuries after being hit by a car on State Street in Niskayuna east of Mansion Blvd. Central Avenue becomes State Street as it enters Niskayuna

2018

37. December 22 2018

An **unidentified** 78 year old Schenectady woman died after what witnesses say was a possible medical incident that led to her crashing her car into a tree on Central Avenue between New Karner Road and Reber Street)

38. Feb 15 2018

An **unidentified** person died in a head on motor vehicle collision on Central Avenue by Interstate Avenue in Colonie

2019

39. December 25, 2019

(42.757225 42.757225)

**Vehicle passenger Lakhraj Premnauth** perished after a crash on Central Avenue by Evergreen Memorial Park in Colonie. The sedan they were in slammed into a utility pole with such force that it snapped the car in two.

## 2020 fatal crashes

### 40. September 6 2020

An **unidentified** motorcyclist died at the scene after crashing into a car near the intersection of Central Avenue and Old Karner Road in Colonie

### 41. July 17 2020

Driver **Naquain Key, 35**, and his passenger, **Najee Parks, 31**, died in a high speed crash on Central Avenue near Lombard Street.

The NHTSA FARS system is not yet available for incidents after 2000. The following were derived from the Albany Times Union.

### 42. April 15 2021

**Pedestrian Sa'Nya Blaylock, 16** died when she was struck by a vehicle while crossing to the bus stop after her shift at Kentucky Fried Chicken on 1235 Central Avenue in Colonie.

### 43. August 20 2021

**Christopher Welter, 36**, of Medford, Mass., died at the scene after his vehicle ran into the back of a tractor trailer that was stopped at a traffic light at the intersection of Central Avenue and Jupiter Lane

### 44. September 21 2021

Cyclist **Jeremy Williams, 39** was killed when he was struck by a motor vehicle on Central Avenue by the ramp to South Bound I87

### 45. January 25, 2022 Fate unknown

Pedestrian **David Madden, 31**, was crossing the street in front of Dollar General at 1935 Central Ave. just before 8 p.m. when struck by a sedan resulting in major trauma.

### 46. February 16, 2022 Fate unknown

An out-of-control car crashed through several telephone poles on Central Avenue near Lansing Road in Colonie. The unidentified Brooklyn man was in grave condition.