

Recent fatal bus crashes over the past five years in Texas

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Here's a look at fatal bus wrecks over the past five years in Texas:

Aug. 8, 2008

• At least 15 people died after a charter bus carrying a church group from Houston to a religious festival in Missouri slammed onto its side and then skidded off a freeway in Sherman. More than 40 were injured.

Jan. 2, 2008

• One person was killed and dozens were injured when a charter bus from Mexico to Houston crashed onto its side near Victoria and then was hit by a pickup truck.

March 30, 2006

• Two members of a Beaumont high school girls soccer team were killed after their bus rolled onto its side on the way to a game. The team was traveling to Humble for a playoff game when the bus crashed on Highway 90 near Devers.

Aug. 25, 2006

• Two people were killed when their pickup truck slammed head-on into a school bus in Southeast Texas near the Louisiana border. The crash happened on Texas 63, about five miles east of Burkeville in Newton County.

Sept. 23, 2005

• A bus carrying 44 Brighton Gardens nursing home residents and staffers fleeing from Hurricane Rita was rocked by several explosions after one of its wheels caught fire on Interstate 45 near Dallas on Sept. 23, 2005. In 2007, the National Transportation Safety Board faulted a now-defunct bus company and a federal vehicle-safety agency in the fire, which killed 23 residents of the Bellaire nursing home.

Oct. 25, 2005

• A tour bus driver was killed after a tire blew out and caused the bus to cross Interstate 35 and hit two 18-wheelers in San Antonio. Two other bus passengers and the driver of one of the 18-wheelers were hospitalized.

May 24, 2004

• A chartered casino bus returning to Texas from Louisiana collided with a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 10 in Anahuac, killing one woman and sending numerous others to hospitals in Southeast Texas.

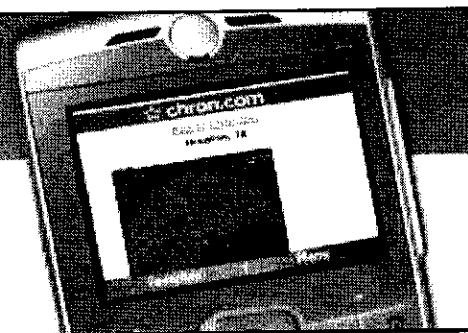
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• A bus chartered by a Temple church group was

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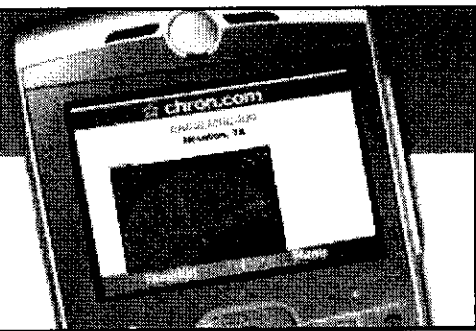
south of Waco when it crossed the median and collided with a sport utility vehicle. Five bus passengers and two in the SUV died. Dozens were injured.


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