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JAMES O. PAGE COLLECTION LAUNCHES AT UCLA LIBRARY

Mechanicsburg, PA— The James O. Page Charitable Foundation and the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) have announced the launch of a special collection dedicated to the archives of Jim Page, including original articles, correspondence, speeches, audio tapes and even a video of the last lecture he gave. Page is credited as the father of modern EMS and was founding publisher of JEMS, the Journal of Emergency Medical Services. An attorney and fire chief, he was known for his insightful writing, speeches and love of EMS history. He died from sudden cardiac arrest in 2004.

The Collection is physically housed at the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library at UCLA and can be accessed by the public by making an appointment. The Collection's website can be accessed at www.jamesopage.org. The website makes dozens of articles and various multi-media materials available as well as information about the library's location, hours and contact points. The Collection was endowed by the James O. Page Charitable Foundation through a grant from the Physio-Control Corporation, and through the contributions of individuals and organizations.

"The on-line aspect of the Collection will continue to grow," said Keith Griffiths, President of the James O. Page Charitable Foundation and a partner with Page at JEMS. "This is just the beginning—we'll be scanning and adding new material to the site regularly, including correspondence, photos, audiotapes and materials from anyone with a connection with Jim who would like to contribute."

Griffiths said the Collection also intends to attract the archives of other EMS pioneers, to be the start of a national EMS library, the only one of its kind. As part of this effort, he said, it will collect interviews with EMS pioneers and leaders, "ensuring their perspectives will be saved for generations to come."

About the James O. Page Charitable Foundation: The Foundation was created as a non-profit 501-c3 to continue the leadership, legacy and life's work of James O. Page by improving emergency medical services, fire services, public health services and public safety services while advancing these professions. In addition to the JOP Collection, the Foundation seeks to preserve Jim's memory and tap his inspirational message through the encouragement and vetting of his name on buildings, awards, lectures and other appropriate places. The James O. Page Project for Leadership Development will further the EMS and Fire professions by encouraging the development of the next generation of leaders.

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