

Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders

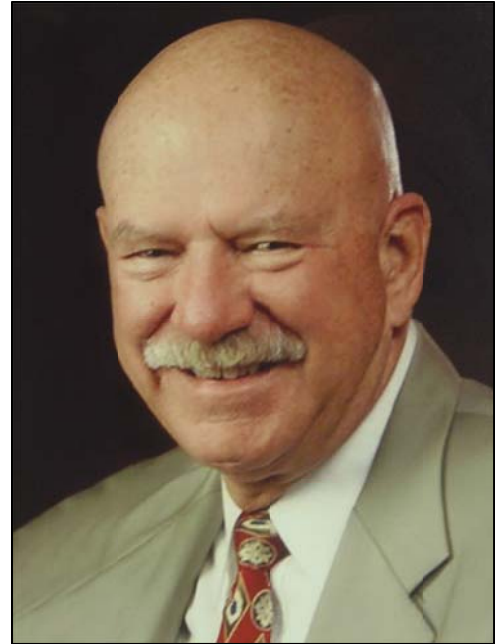
Inductee #9

James O. Page, JD

Los Angeles County Fire Department

Born: August 7, 1936

Died: September 4, 2004



Long considered the official historian of Emergency Medical Services, Jim Page was the national authority on emergency medical services. Serving in the Los Angeles County Fire Department for more than 16 years, he rose to the rank of Battalion Chief. Appointed as the first director of North Carolina's statewide EMS system in 1973, through his leadership North Carolina gained a national reputation for excellence in pre-hospital care. In 1976 Page assumed the helm of the ACT Foundation, becoming a popular public speaker, advisor, and author of topics in emergency medicine. Page served as a technical advisor for NBC Television's popular show *Emergency*, and the character of Johnny Gage, a paramedic that appeared in the series, was considered to have been named in honor of Page, although the name had been changed. Page published several books and magazines about the EMS community.