



***Rock Community Fire Protection District
will be hosting:
“Dynamic EMS Documentation: Essentials for
Patient Care, Risk Management and Compliance”***

DATE and TIMES: June 1st from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

***LOCATION: Drury Inn Conference Room 109 in Arnold Missouri
3800 State Rt 141
Arnold, MO 63010***

Cost: \$55.00 per person.

Payment can be made by Check, Cash or Money Order

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Rock Community Fire Protection District

3749 Telegraph Road

Arnold, MO 63010

“Documentation Class”

To register please follow the link below or

call Kevin at 636-296-2211 ext. 5729

<https://goo.gl/forms/KP3enISZaqnHg3Kr2>

7 CEUs will be awarded and issued by Rock Community.

PRESENTER: Steve Wirth, Esq., EMT-P

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Program Description

EMS documentation – simply from the patient care perspective – is multi-faceted. This documentation training program will address how those facets need to come together – the clinical, medical-legal, and compliance aspects of EMS documentation. Think this is “just another documentation session?” Well, think again! This seminar will open your eyes and change the way you think about EMS patient care documentation and help you “paint a better picture” of the patient as part of the complete medical record.

Using actual legal case studies where documentation issues were center stage, this seminar will explore the relationship between documentation and EMS provider liability. We will get to the “root cause” of what causes “bad documentation” and provide practical tips on how to improve not just your field documentation skills, but your overall approach to patient care as well!

We will review various methods and approaches to EMS documentation, with attention to documentation requirements for 911 emergency calls focusing on the importance of developing a descriptive “clinical narrative.” From the medical-legal standpoint, we will cover negligence and the importance of documentation in defense of litigation. From the reimbursement and compliance standpoint we will discuss the importance of accurate and complete documentation to address the requirements of those who reimburse your agency for ambulance service in light of ever-changing laws, regulations, and payment policy. We will cover the patient and crew signature requirements, medical necessity issues, and documentation of why the patient is being transported to a particular destination, as well as the importance of accurate documentation of mileage. The challenges of obtaining and documenting an “informed refusal” of care will also be addressed.

This seminar will review the critical documentation skills that EMS providers must master to support the level of detail required for this new world of ICD-10 coding, including how to improve documentation specificity, laterality, history and other critical aspects of documentation.

We will also cover the hot topic of patient privacy under HIPAA, and the unique problems for EMS agencies and field providers when it comes to using digital imaging devices and social media. This is an area where EMS providers have gotten in “hot water” and which can subject your agency to a potential “breach” of protected health information. We will cover the latest state of the law and case study examples.

Want to know what it is like being on the courtroom “hot seat” (aka witness stand)? The session will wrap up with a “Mini Mock Trial” demonstration in which an EMT is put on the “witness stand” and grilled by a seasoned attorney about the EMS documentation and actions of the EMS crew in a negligence lawsuit. Don’t miss this entertaining and informative program!

Presenter/Instructor



This live seminar will be presented on-site by Steve Wirth, Esq., EMT-P, one of the nation's leading EMS attorneys. Steve is a founding partner of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC the key source of legal information for EMS and fire service providers nationwide. One of central Pennsylvania's first paramedics, he is a dynamic and sought after national speaker on a wide range of EMS, fire, and medical transportation issues and has presented for such large groups as *EMS Today*, *FDIC*, *EMS Expo*, *American Ambulance Association*, and many state and regional EMS conferences. Steve has conducted hundreds of dynamic and engaging hands on workshops and seminars for all types of fire and EMS organizations.

Steve is an author and co-author of many articles and texts on EMS documentation, EMS liability, and ambulance compliance issues, and serves on the editorial board for *JEMS*, *The Journal of Emergency Medical Services*. He is also a contributing writer for several well-known EMS publications, including *JEMS*, *EMS Insider*, *EMS World*, and *EMS1*. Steve has been active in EMS and the fire service nearly his entire adult life - so he can "boil down" complex legal concepts into practical strategies you can use. Steve is a life member of Hampden Twp. Fire Rescue in Mechanicsburg, PA, a busy suburban volunteer fire department.