DOCUMENTING EMS INCIDENTS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH VISITS

Below is a quick overview of how to document EMS incidents.

The EMS templates, whether online or offline, works the same way. There are a few differences and visual elements to tell you if you are online or offline. To view the difference, see <u>Compare Elite and Elite Field Incidents</u>.

Facts

- The location of fields depends on the incident form template you select. Some fields may be hidden until you enter specific data or not included on the selected template.
- The red sections, panels, exclamation points and borders indicate that there is a validation error. See <u>Fixing</u> <u>Validation Errors and Warnings</u>.

Field Types

- Date / Time: To enter the current time, select the clock o icon. To manually enter or edit the time, click into the time or date fields and use the date / time slide-out panel. See <u>Using the Date / Time Picker</u>. To enter a Not Value or Pertinent Negative, click the *Not Value* o icon
- Pick lists: Fields with a lot of values display a pick list icon. Click the pick list icon to view all the values in an easy-selection list. The pick-list is helpful when the list contains many values.
- **Buttons:** Fields with less than six values display buttons instead of a drop down list. The selected value turns blue.
- **Drop downs:** Click the drop down to select from the list of values. To enter a Not Value or Pertinent Negative, click the Not Value or Pertinent Negative, click the Not Value of icon.

How to Document EMS Incidents and Community Health Visits

Step 1: Locate the Field

Navigate or search for a field using Find Field search box or the sections and panels along the left side of the form.

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• Response Times(EMS and Community Health Only)



• Mileage (EMS and Community Health Only)



• Timeline(EMS and Community Health Only)



• **Power Tools**(EMS and Community Health Only)



• Situation Tools(EMS and Community Health Only)



Worksheets



• JotPad(EMS and Community Health Only)



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1. In the Find Field box, enter the name of the field or the code.

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The form opens the selected field.

Step 2: Enter the Information

Some fields, such as vitals and medications, may appear in your power tools and in a panel. You might find it easier and more efficient to document those fields in the Dynamic Power Tool or Situation Tool. Information entered into power tool automatically appears in the corresponding fields on the form upon clicking *OK* on the power tool.

Below are some examples of how to enter information into an incident. Please note, in the sections below, the fields showed in each image may not be the fields on your incident.

Patient Medications

On the deploy EMS form, you can add patient medications through the Medications Power Tool or through the grids on the Medications panel in the History section. On your form template, the medication fields on your form may not be located in the same section.

Power Tool

- 1. Open the Medications Power Tools.
- 2. Complete the medication fields. See Using the Medications Power Tool.
- 3. Click OK.

In the Form

- 1. Locate the medication fields.
- 2. Click the Add a grid item....drop down.



- 3. Select a medication.
- 4. Select the medication to open the medication's comments field.



5. Click OK.

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Patient Complaint

- 1. Locate the complaint fields.
- 2. In the Barriers to Patient Care and Chief Complaint Anatomic Location fields, select a value using the drop down or by clicking the pick-list icon.

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Vitals

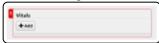
On the deploy EMS form, you can add patient vitals through the Vitals Power Tool or through the grids on the Activities section and panel.

Power Tool

- 1. Open the Vitals Power Tools.
- 2. Complete the vitals fields. For detailed instructions on using the Medications Power Tool see <u>Using the Vitals</u> <u>Power Tool</u>.
- 3. Click OK.

In the Form

- 1. Locate the vitals fields.
- 2. In the Vitals grid, click Add.



3. Complete the fields as necessary.

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4. When finished, click OK or click Add Another to add another vital.

Procedures Prior to Arrival

- 1. Locate the procedure fields.
- 2. In the Procedures grid, click Add.

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Signatures

It is possible to have two signatures in a Signatures grid; this is set up in Form Manager.

- 1. Locate the signature fields.
- 2. In the Signatures grid, click Add.



3. If applicable, select a signature type.



4. Complete the fields as necessary.

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HINTS:

- Selecting Type of Person Signing, Signature Reason and Language auto-populates the paragraph.
- Get Patient Name: If you see this button, click to auto-populate the patient's first and last name fields.
- **Crew Member:** If you see this button, click to auto-populate the crew member's first and last name fields.
- **Signature:** Use a finger or stylus to sign. Click *Enlarge* to make the signature box larger. Click *Reset* to delete the signature.

- 5. In the signature box, sign your name or have the appropriate person sign their name.
- 6. Click OK or click Add Another to add another signature.

Destination or Receiving Location

- 1. Locate the destination field.
- 2. Select the destination.



NOTE: If configured, the Destination Availability Status field auto-populates the status of the hospital.

Narrative

- 1. Locate the narrative field.
- 2. Click into the narrative text box.
- 3. Enter text or click the drop down and select a narrative option and click Generate.

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🚽 HINTS:

- Click Clear to remove all text entered.
- Click *Enlarge* to enlarge the narrative textbox.

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