IMPROVED EMS DOCUMENTATION / MOCK TRIAL

Cincinnati Fire Department mock trial, Feb. 23, 2010
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OBJECTIVES

- Improve documentation on EMS run reports;
- Avoid civil litigation by thorough documentation;
- Conduct Mock Trial – using hypothetical EMS run report (patient refusal), based on Weber v. City Council, Huber Heights, Ohio, 2001 OH 630 (OHCA, 2001);
- Educate EMS personnel on burden of proof in civil lawsuits against EMS personnel and political subdivisions under Ohio Rev. Code 4765.49(A);
- Understand the role expert witnesses, including FD Medical Director;
- Understand the importance of following EMS protocol;
- After Mock Trial – discuss “lessons learned”

1. Additional items that could have be included in hypothetical run report;
2. Suggested improvements in your FD current documentation / QA practices (QA not subject to discovery in civil litigation under Ohio Rev. Code 4765.12).