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field guide

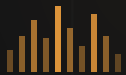
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FREE OPERATOR SAMPLE • FIELD GUIDE 002 •
DOCUMENTATION & DEFENSIBLE RECORDS

One framework from the field guide, given away. Build
the record that defends itself before anyone asks.

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Sample

THE GOLDEN NUGGET • FREE EXCERPT

Build the record that **defends itself**.

Most workplace decisions are not lost because the wrong call was made. They are lost because the decision cannot be proved. Here is the four-move record architecture from the full field guide. Four moves, in order, every time.

01**Capture**

Write it within twenty-four hours, same day where possible. Memory degrades fast. The record created closest to the event is the most accurate and the most credible.

02**Specify**

Date, time, location, people, what occurred. Observable behavior only. No diagnoses, no motives, no labels. A neutral third party could verify every line.

03**Respond**

Record what you did: coaching provided, resources offered, expectations clarified. Most managers document the problem and skip the response. The response is what proves good faith.

04**Schedule**

Name the next step, owner, and date. Documentation is not a one-time note. It is a chain. Follow-up over a single entry is what turns a record into a pattern.

A DEFENSIBLE RECORD ENTRY • USE THIS SHAPE

"During the April 2 meeting, at approximately 10:15, the employee stated this exact phrase, raised their voice, and stood and left before the meeting concluded. Three colleagues were present. I met with the employee the same afternoon to review expectations. Follow-up is scheduled for April 16."

INSIDE THE FULL FIELD GUIDE

What the full **field guide** gives you.

The sample above is one framework. Field Guide 002 is the complete operating system for defensible records: every documentation type, every failure mode, built to be run, not read.

- Four documentation frameworks with model, example, and failure modes: performance, conduct, investigation, and decision
 - The objectivity standard and rewrite bank: six subjective lines rewritten as defensible records, with the neutral third-party test applied to each
 - Common documentation failures: six patterns from emotional narratives to backdating, with the cost of each
 - Three live case files: the decision nobody could defend, the contested write-up that fell apart, and the investigation chronology that survived external review
 - Legal routing thresholds: eight categories that require documentation plus counsel before the next action, with the decision tree to triage in five steps
 - The Defensible Records Operating System on one page, with five deploy-ready templates: incident note, coaching note, witness interview, investigation summary, and standard record
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The full field guide, and the **29 others**.

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