



# CATTARAUGUS COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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## **POLICY**

### ***Emergency Services ID Tags***

The Office of Emergency Services provides photo ID tags to firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in Cattaraugus County fire departments and EMS agencies. The purpose of this program is to ensure each person has a standard tag to identify them during emergency response and the accountability tag to check in with command for a larger-scale incident or event.

Each firefighter or EMS provider is given one set of two (2) tags, an identification tag and an accountability tag, free of charge. Within reason, if tags are lost or damaged or the credentials have changed significantly, we will replace the responder's tags for free, as well.

ID tags may be obtained in person by calling ahead to make an appointment or by mail after emailing necessary information. Officers or approved members/ employees may call (716) 938-2212 to schedule an appointment or make arrangements to send files by email.

In the event that a first responder, fire department, or EMS agency would like to obtain a second set of ID tags as a backup, etc. The second set can be created at a charge of \$5 per card. Payment can be accepted in cash (in person) or by check made out to Cattaraugus County Emergency Services, receipts are available upon request.

Duplicate tags will still require a call-ahead appointment and a First Responder ID Form signed by the Fire Chief (or EMS Administrator for independent EMS agencies), or a listing signed by or emailed from the Fire Chief or EMS Administrator when there are several duplicates to be created. This form is required because it ensures that the person receiving the tags is still a member/ employee in good standing and their credentials are correct. This is a critical part of our ID program and we appreciate your assistance with signing and sending these forms with your volunteers or employees.

If you have any questions, please contact Emergency Services by calling (716) 938-2212 or by email to [emergency.services@cattco.org](mailto:emergency.services@cattco.org).

