

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications



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Amateur Radio Emergency Service

IMS For Amateur Radio

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There are designated colours for Command, Operations, etc under ICS/IMS;

- Green Command
- Orange Operations
- Blue Planning
- Yellow Logistics
- Gray Finance/Admin
- Red Safety
- Red Liaison
- Red Emergency Information Officer

IMS Identification

- The EOC and Incident site teams may wear coloured vests with large text on the front and back to show their role in the IMS structure.
- Using coloured vests for Amateur radio IMS has a few challenges;
 1. The cost of vests, since most groups have little or no money. Vests cost from \$20 to \$35, plus shipping/handling and typically require a minimum order of 10 vests.
 2. Avoiding confusion with the people holding client IMS positions. Having two people standing in the EOC in green vests would be confusing, if the only differentiator is the text on the vest.
 3. Having more than one set, so they can be stored and ready in different sites gets expensive.



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- To keep cost low and avoid confusion, it is recommended that Amateur radio use coloured ID tags to indentify the IMS positions.



- The tags can be printed on white paper with a coloured border, or the tag can be printed on white paper, cut out the white piece, then place it on a piece of coloured paper, creating the coloured border.
- The tags shown are horizontal, because it allows larger text for the title on the card. Vertical cards were tried, but just didn't look as good due to the smaller text and extra white space.

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- The Amateur radio IMS tags can be worn with a safety vest, or with a client vest, such as the Red Cross wears.
 - The client vest indicates their organization, or your role within their IMS structure, while the tag identifies the role within the Amateur radio IMS structure.
- There are several options for tags from most office supply stores. Templates for two types of ID are available on the following pages. Information on the supplies used for each type of ID are on the following pages as well.
 - Office supply stores also sell the clips and lanyards for IDs.
- Online printed ID cards can be created for each of the IMS positions. The cards cost about \$12.00 per card, plus shipping.

Self Sealing Laminating ID



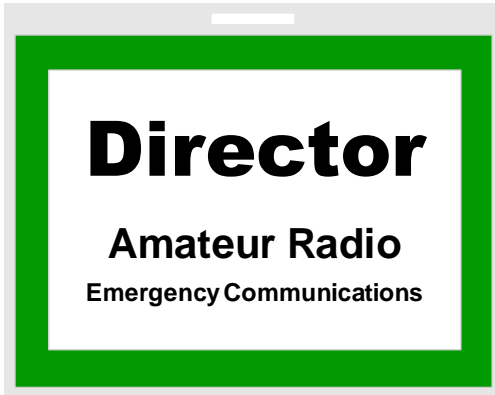
The self sealing laminating pouch does not require any tools. Cut out the printed ID at the edge of the coloured border, lay it on the plastic, peel the sticky protector off the other piece of plastic, then fold it over on top of the ID and wipe it out smooth.

The ID template has two IDs side by side. Cut them out as one piece and fold it over in the middle. This way the finished ID is visible from both sides, so if it is on a lanyard around your neck, it is always readable.



- GBC SelfSeal Prepunched ID badge laminating pouches. Part Number 3745685 (on barcode on back of package)
- 4 1/8" x 2 15/16" (105mm x 74mm)
- Purchased from Grand&Toy, but GBC products are also sold by other office supply stores.
- 10 IDs with clips for around \$15.

ID Pouches



The ID pouches do not seal. They are made from a heavy plastic, so they are quite durable. The printed ID slides into the pouch and there is a slot in the pouch to attach a clip or lanyard.

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Sorry for the poor picture quality

- Staples Heavy-Duty Badge Holders, 25 Pack
- 2 5/8" x 3 7/8"
- Purchased from Staples, but similar products should be available from other office supply stores.
- 25 ID pouches without clips for around \$20.
- Available in vertical or horizontal orientation.

Self Sealing Laminated ID

Printing Templates

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<http://www.emrg.ca/ims.htm>

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