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Northern Ohio Digital Interconnect Group Launches Reflector 39 for State Wide ARES, EMA and Severe Weather Use

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Lorain County Ohio – The Northern Ohio Digital Interconnect Group has launched Reflector 39, REF039, to support Ohio ARES, Ohio EMA offices and Ohio severe weather activities.

This planned expansion allows D-STAR users, state wide, a rally point for these public service activities. Reflector 39 will be complimented with two more reflectors in the near future allowing multiple ARES, EMA or severe weather activities to operate simultaneously. Having multiple reflectors in diverse geographic areas also add to NODIG's commitment of providing a hardened and reliable system to the amateur radio community. These reflectors will also be used to back up systems outside the state of Ohio such as the Michigan D-STAR ARES group that operates the W8SHI D-STAR repeater as well as Reflector 24.

Adding Ref039 has allowed NODIG to support its own growing Northern Ohio infrastructure as well freeing up a port on Ref038 for NODIG permalinking. This permalink will allow for future, planned, D-STAR repeaters in Lorain and surrounding counties a common link with the goal of providing portable coverage throughout the county and mobile coverage along the southern shore of Lake Erie.

Port allocations have been slightly changed and are reflected below.
REF038A The Ohio Reflector
REF038B NODIG Permalink
REF038C T.B.A.
REF039A Ohio Wide ARES
REF039B Ohio Wide EMA Offices
REF039C Ohio Wide Severe Weather

Look for more exciting announcements from NODIG in the near future. More reflectors and repeaters are in the works. NODIG will also be sponsoring D-STAR classes and discussions starting in summer 2011.

The Northern Ohio Digital Interconnect Group was formed by D-STAR users and enthusiasts from Lorain, Lake, and Cuyahoga counties to advance the technology by expanding D-STAR coverage in Northern Ohio.

D-STAR (Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio) is a digital 2-way radio network comprised of VHF and UHF repeater systems that can be interconnected via the Internet, on the fly. Advanced features include Automatic Unit ID, TXT/Instant Messaging and GPS unit location.