



As many of you know, there has been a huge effort put in place in order to improve our local Skywarn severe weather reporting network in Summit County. We wanted to not only improve the coverage, making it easier for Hams to give us reports, but to look at the long range goals and decide what we could do to keep Summit County Skywarn a vital piece of the NWS puzzle for many years to come.

We have done a great deal of research in order to discover where the issues lay and what changes needed to be made. An analysis of the entire network in our county was performed and the need for changes became very apparent. Some solutions did not come easily, but, in the grand scheme of things they had to be done for the betterment of Summit County Skywarn.

Your Skywarn team decided it would be best if some of these changes could be done in phases after the required Memorandum of Understandings were signed and put in place. Those are now in place and it's time for Phase One of this project to be rolled out.

It is with a great pleasure and pride that I make the announcement that as of Jan 1 2014 our Skywarn operations have moved to the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club's repeater (W8VPV 147.270) with the backup repeater being moved to Akron

University Radio Club's (W8UPD 145.170). This is just the beginning of several phases that will eventually give us coverage from all parts of the county on 2mtrs and 70cm.

As you can see, this is a really exciting time for the Skywarn program in Summit County! We look forward to a long and meaningful partnership with CFARC and the Akron U club as well. The future is bright with endless opportunities. It's going to be great!

Look for more announcements in the coming months and 73 de...

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