



## **Biography of Reagan Breeze and Tim Neufeld**

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### **Reagan Breeze**

Reagan first started his career with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) in 1995 as a Fire Ranger crew member in Dryden suppressing wild land forest fires. He progressed to the role of a Crew Boss several years later and advanced to the role of Crew Leader. Reagan worked with the OMNR Aerial Rabies Vaccinating in 2002 during the off season for wild fires. He worked with the Dryden District Ministry of Natural Resources in the logistics field, working on Emergency Planning. In 2009 he also took on the role with the OMNR West Fire Region as a Prevention Technician. In 2010, Reagan became the Emergency and Education Officer with the Dryden Fire Service. Reagan also has served as a volunteer firefighter with the Dryden Fire Service and Oxdrift Fire Departments for a total of 15 years. Reagan is in the final process of graduating from Dalhousie University with the Certificate in Fire Service Leadership and completing certification as a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator through the Ontario Fire College.

### **Tim Neufeld**

Tim Neufeld is currently a Fire Operations Technician for the Dryden Fire Management Headquarters in Dryden. Tim began his career with the MNR in 2004 as a fire crew member in Dryden. He progressed through the crew system to become a Crew Leader in the spring of 2009. Tim then moved on to fill a position as a Special Projects Officer for the Red Lake Fire Management Headquarters. Tim also possesses a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Geography as well as a Mapping Sciences Certificate from Lakehead University.

## **REAGAN AND TIM'S PRESENTATION IS ON APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> AT THE CENTRE IN DRYDEN**

### **City of Dryden Custom GIS Applications and Partnerships**

OMNR Dryden Fire – MNR Values Protection and Asset Identification  
City of Dryden – Municipal Emergency Response Information Tool (MERIT)

Two scenarios highlighting the use of custom GIS applications for emergency response.

### **City of Dryden GIS Program:**

The City of Dryden has been using GIS since the early 1990s. The initial GIS usage was intended to organize and maintain utilities data (e.g. water network, sewer network) and to make the data available to employees. Today, with the implementation of an Enterprise GIS, the City of Dryden leverages GIS benefits in almost all of its internal functions such as Public Works, Dryden Fire Service, Building and Planning, Dryden Development Corporation, Law Enforcement, Property Tax/Finance, DMTS, Parks and Recreation and Cemetery. GIS data can be delivered to both internal and external users through web applications, providing a very scalable and low cost delivery model.

Recently, the City of Dryden has begun offering GIS services to external partners. GIS consulting, data hosting, data maintenance, and GIS web application development have been successfully delivered to our external partners. These service offerings allow surrounding communities and organizations to leverage GIS functionality without the requirement of a significant capital investment. For further information regarding the City of Dryden's GIS service offerings please contact Roger Nesbitt, City of Dryden IT Manager at [nesbitt@dryden.ca](mailto:nesbitt@dryden.ca)