

## **Public Service Announcement:**

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The McKinney Fire Department is warning of the risk of freezing pipes in fire protection sprinkler systems. In December, McKinney firefighters responded to 42 incidents due to frozen pipes in commercial sprinkler systems. Commercial businesses and apartment complexes need to pay special attention to their fire sprinkler systems since the city doesn't frequently experience extreme cold. Riser rooms and all other areas with sprinkler piping are required to have a space or unit heater to prevent freezing. Inspect heaters to ensure proper working order and maintain a least 40 degrees at all times. All water-control valves should remain open. It is a very real risk if you don't take the time to maintain your system.

If something does go wrong, contact a licensed repair specialist. It is important to act fast to prevent damage to your facility if a problem occurs.

Proactive thinking will help keep tenants and property safe all winter long. This message is brought to you as a public service from the McKinney Fire Department. [www.mckinneyfire.org](http://www.mckinneyfire.org).