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Freeze warning tonight could put fire sprinkler systems at risk

Take preventative steps to protect against broken pipes

MCKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 30, 2019) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) is warning of the risk of freezing pipes in fire protection sprinkler systems as temperatures drop overnight. Freezing water expands and can rupture a sprinkler pipe fitting or possibly activate a sprinkler head. The resulting water damage can be costly.

To prevent problems:

- Give the system a thorough inspection.
- Keep cold air out. Be on the lookout for areas in your building that could let cold air in and increase your risk of freezing pipes.
- Riser rooms and all other areas with sprinkler piping, are required to have a space or unit heater. Make sure heaters are in working order and set to at least 40-degrees at all times.
- All water-control valves should remain open.
- Make sure there is no water in low-point and auxiliary drains.



“Freezing pipes are a real risk if you don’t take the time to maintain your fire sprinkler system,” said Chad Nester, Graduate Fire Protection Engineer. “If something does go wrong, contact a repair specialist immediately to prevent significant damage to your facility.”

More safety information can be located at www.mckinneyfire.org or www.nfpa.org.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of nearly 190,000 and serves as the county seat for Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown and cultural district, diverse housing options, a trendy culinary scene, and a uniquely beautiful natural setting with rolling hills and lush trees. The city is home to the top-rated McKinney National Airport and serves as the headquarters to many Fortune 500 companies and a burgeoning set of cutting-edge technology companies. McKinney offers the perfect mix for successful business development: a highly educated workforce, availability of land for expansion, convenient location to the DFW area and a nationally-acclaimed quality of life. To learn more about the City of McKinney, visit www.mckinneytexas.org.