

CIOCCA NEWSLETTER

JANITORIAL ▪ WATER & FIRE DAMAGE RESTORATION ▪ CARPET CLEANING

Preventing Freezing Pipes

HOLIDAYS:

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Jan. 18 MLK Jr. Day

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 17 Mark Schenher

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

During the cold weather this season there is the chance of freezing pipes. In this case, you can reduce the chances and help to prevent this by taking some precautionary measures. First, you can start by allowing your exterior wall faucets to drip. This should be done, especially in extremely low temperatures. This

allows the flow of water through the pipe, hopefully avoiding a freezing pipe. Frozen pipes can burst, causing serious water damage.

If you are planning on being away from your home for an extended period of time, on vacation or otherwise, drain the water from your pipes, and have your home checked

periodically while you are gone.

We also recommended that you do not allow your home to be less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you suffer a broken pipe or any other type of water damage, call Ciocca's to come out right away!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

• Frank Yeranko

Frank is the Human Resource Manager here at CIOCCA Cleaning & Restoration. He has been with our company for 5 years! Frank serves as a valuable resource for supervisors and employees by maintaining accurate records for payroll and employment needs. He develops policies and guidelines for safety, and responds to the many requests for information from outside agencies.

Practice Safety During Cold Weather

During this time of year when the weather is cold and you are trying to stay warm, keep safety in mind. Sometimes it is easy to overlook things that are not frequently done. For example, when using space heaters; we don't need these year round. To help prevent an accident, don't leave space heaters unattended while in use. Also, keep them away from anything that could

potentially catch on fire like curtains or furniture. If you are using a kerosene heater, make sure to refill it outside the home. If you have a woodstove or fireplace, have the chimneys cleaned, or at least inspected, every year. Creosote buildup in the flue of your chimney is highly combustible, and could present a fire hazard.

Some additional safety precautions are as

follows:

- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly by testing them periodically.
- Don't leave your vehicle running unattended in your garage with the garage door closed.
- Have a home escape plan for your family, in case of fire or emergency.