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CHRISTOPHER COFFIN



Chris Coffin joined ServiceMaster in 2003 with a comprehensive background in construction and project management. Since joining ServiceMaster, he has

worked diligently to master all aspects of the company and was promoted to Director of Training and Safety in March of 2004. His extensive training includes:

- ◆ WRT: Water Restoration Technician
- ◆ ASD: Applied Structural Drying
- ◆ NADCA: Air Systems Cleaning Specialist
- ◆ Certified Lead Abatement Supervisor
- ◆ HAZWOPER 40 Certified
- ◆ CMR: Certified Mold Remediator
- ◆ Certified in Clean Space Encapsulation systems course by Basement Systems
- ◆ ServiceMaster Academy of Service
- ◆ MRT: Mold Remediation Technician

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ICEBLASTING

Christopher Coffin
Director of Training & Safety

As anyone who has dealt with fire and mold cleanup can tell you, the most important aspects of cleaning are the speed and effectiveness of the project. Commercial projects especially require that the work be done rapidly to avoid downtime, while at the same time ensuring that job quality is not lost in the rush. To that end, we have recently updated our iceblasting technology to provide better service. We were one of the first companies in the area to use iceblasting, and we are one of the first to utilize the new, updated technology.

Iceblasting works on the same concept as sand or grit blasting, using compressed air to blast dry ice pellets instead of soda, sand or grit as the blast media. This provides several critical advantages over older methods of blasting:

- ❖ Different nozzles and diffusers allow us to tailor our blasting to avoid excessive damage to the underlying material.
- ❖ Dry ice sublimates as it thaws, turning directly to gas and leaving no material behind. With regular grit blasting, all spent material must be removed by vacuum, which contributes to the cleanup cost and job duration.
- ❖ Unlike grid or soda blasting, dry ice does not turn into dust, which can irritate eyes and respiratory systems.

While dry ice does present some unique challenges, they are easy to manage and pale in comparison to the more common grit and soda blasting. We have used dry ice with success on concrete, wood and block to remove both soot and mold damage. The next time you come up against a cleaning problem, call our office and schedule a visit with one of our Field Managers. They can assess the situation and see if dry ice blasting is the solution, getting you back to normal faster and with less mess than the competition.

Remember ServiceMaster of Alexandria for all of your cleaning and disaster restoration needs. Whatever the problem, we are the solution.

**Call ServiceMaster today
and feel the difference
tomorrow**



Ice Blasting cleaning of smoke damaged framing