

Biffa Press Release

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Arson Attack at Biffa Depot

Biffa's depot at Rawreth Lane, Rayleigh was the target of an arson attack on the evening of Saturday 29th August 2009. A total of 6 trucks were set on fire and 2 others had windscreens smashed and suffered smoke damage. The depot office was also attacked but an attempt to start a fire in the building caused only minor damage.

Police from Essex Police at Leigh are treating the fire as arson. SOCO officers have been on site collecting evidence and the company is awaiting details.



According to Biffa, the culprits gained access from adjoining premises by cutting a hole through the security fencing before starting a number of fires. The damage appears to be a deliberate attempt to limit our operational capability in East London and South Essex. Anyone who witnessed or who has any information regarding the incident can contact the Police on 0300 333 4444 or by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Commenting on the incident a Biffa spokesman said "we expect to write off some of the trucks as the cost of repair will be uneconomic and the office needs some repair work before it can be brought back into full use. However, we have replaced the fire damaged vehicles from within our fleet and because of our national coverage, our customers can expect to receive a normal service after the bank holiday."

Biffa operates one of the largest waste collection and recycling operations, operating over 1400 trucks out of nearly 70 locations throughout the country. Alongside waste collection, the company collects and recycles glass, paper, cardboard, plastics, metals, waste food and mixed recyclables and in 2008/09 recycled more than 1.2M tonnes of materials.

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