



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**A new vehicle for Alpine Rescue Team**  
**thanks to “Officine Ambrogio Melesi” Cortenova**

VALSASSINA (LC) - A new **VW Caravelle 4x4** for the Valsassina - Valvarrone Alpine Rescue team was presented yesterday afternoon in Barzio. The new 9-seater vehicle is a donation from “**Officine Ambrogio Melesi**” based in Cortenova, a world leader in the production of flanges and forged laminated products for the energy sector.

The Invernizzi family, owner of Officine Ambrogio Melesi, and the head representatives of the Alpine Rescue, Mr **Marco Anemoli** - responsible for XIX Lariana Delegation, Mr **Alessandro Spada** - the station head of Valsassina - Valvarrone, and numerous station volunteers attended the ceremony that took place at “Comunità Valsassina” headquarter on Tuesday 28 November 2023. The Alpine Rescue thanked the company, which has always shown great appreciation and sensitivity for the work of the local Alpine Rescue in a practical way. The new VW Caravelle vehicle will transport the rescue teams and materials during rescue operations, in particular when it is necessary to move different teams in a short period of time. The vehicle will be also used to transport volunteers during the training days taking place at a regional level throughout the Alps.

Back in 2004, Melesi had already donated a **Land Rover Defender 110** off-road vehicle to the Valsassina - Valvarrone Alpine Rescue Service, as a sign of gratitude for the support given to the entire Valsassina community during the calamitous events of December 2002 that hit Bindo hamlet and Rossiga Valley in Cortenova; the company was affected too, temporarily suffering a total stop in the production.

Attention and closeness to the territory are founding values for Melesi that translate into concrete corporate social responsibility actions like these for the benefit of the entire community of Valsassina. This is in summary the speech of **Silvia Invernizzi**, owner of the company, who praised the courage and altruism of the men and women of the Alpine Rescue for everything they do for free in the area to serve the community.

Gratitude is also recognized to **CAMP** company of Premana, that created the beautiful and unique silk-screen printing of the new VW Caravelle van, with spectacular images in relief. We would like to thank the numerous journalists that attended the presentation yesterday. The Inauguration was one of the events organized in occasion of the forty years Anniversary celebration since of the foundation of the Valsassina - Valvarrone station, which will end with an Event Lunch on Saturday 16 December.

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