

Press release

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Further Bell 429 as part of the helicopter fleet

AAA Alpine Air Ambulance (AAA) has embedded a new rescue helicopter: A BELL429 will be flying at AAA's bases in Birrfeld, Bern, Balzers and Andorra. The helicopter is more than ideal for high mountain missions.

In the last few days, AAA has embedded a new rescue helicopter and extends its fleet of a total of four Airbus H 135 and one BELL 429 by a further model from Bell Helicopter in Texas. AAA already operates the same model at its rescue base in Andorra. The holding company – Lions Air Group AG – is operating several BELL 429s in the VIP business too. Up to now, with consistently positive experiences, which has motivated AAA to acquire a further BELL 429 for the Swiss rescue bases and as a back-up for the Andorra base.



The BELL 429 with the registration HB-ZUD is entirely medically equipped according to HEMS criteria. In addition, the latest member of the AAA rescue helicopter fleet also has a Life winch with a length of 90 meters and can be flown with night vision goggles (NVG). The helicopter is suitable for IFR approaches and has a 4-axis autopilot. The helicopter's size with a comfortable interior and its high performance are an advantage for rescue flights. Hence, this increases safety, especially in the mountains. The new BELL 429 has already been AAA-branded and has already flown its first missions for Swisstransplant.

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Medical transports around the clock

Alpine Air Ambulance (AAA) is specialized in patient transport with planes, helicopters and ambulances. All transports are coordinated by the regional rescue networks as well as by the companies own operations center. Since 2011, AAA is focusing on national and international patient transports - including rescue missions, repatriation as well as transfers between institutions with helicopters and ambulances for many Swiss healthcare facilities.
Further information: www.air-ambulance.ch