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## Fisichella Meets Schumacher at the 2009 eSafety Challenge

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- Fisichella attended the event as an official Ferrarista
- Schumacher also attended the eSafety Challenge
- Fisico did come laps in an Alfa Mito fitted with ESC

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Giancarlo Fisichella, Jean Todt and Michael Schumacher

Less than one week until the official start of the Italian Grand Prix, Giancarlo Fisichella attended his first FIA-sanctioned event as a Ferrarista. The 36-year old Roman driver was only one of the big names invited by Ferrari for their eSafety Challenge 2009, held at Vallelunga race track near the Italian capital.

Heikki Kovalainen, Robert Kubica and Tom Kristensen were also present at the Italian track for the aforementioned event, which focuses on road safety and was co-founded by the International Automobile Federation (although hosted by ACI). In addition, Michael Schumacher and FIA

candidate for the presidency Jean Todt were also spotted at Vallelunga.

"I'm honored that I can contribute to promoting road safety, which is a really important issue for me, who risks a lot on the track, but tries to be as safe as possible when driving on normal roads. I'm very happy to be officially present as a Ferrarista," said Fisichella, as reported by the Ferrari media site.



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This was also a good opportunity for the Italian race driver to get in touch with Schumacher, who presumably had a decisive role in Ferrari's decision last week. Schu already confirmed his presence in the Scuderia garage at Monza and will likely supervise Fisichella's first outing at the wheel at the F60 starting Friday afternoon.

During the eSafety Challenge, Fisichella drove an Alfa Mito fitted with ESC for a few laps around the Autodromo 'Piero Taruffi' track, during which he showcased "the importance of this electronic control system as far as road safety is concerned," as noted in the Ferrari report.

Fisichella is to appear before the media during the first press conference at Monza, on Thursday, alongside Rubens Barrichello, Robert Kubica, Vitantonio Liuzzi and Jarno Trulli. Action on the Italian track at Monza is to resume the very next day, with the first practice session of the Italian GP.

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