

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **City of Visalia Fire Department**

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## **CITY OF VISALIA OPENS COOLING CENTER**

In response to the National Weather Service forecast of hot weather, the City of Visalia Transit Center will remain open as a Cooling Center for the community's use, on Tuesday, July 19th. The hours are from 10am to 10pm. We will continue to monitor the forecast.

The Transit Center, located at 425 E. Oak Ave., provides amenities such as ample seating, vending machines, and restrooms. Most of the bus routes eventually lead to the Transit Center, providing convenient transportation. For transit route information please call 1-877-404-6473.

The Visalia Fire Department provides the following tips to help cope with the coming heat:

- Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun and, when possible, stay in the shade or an air-conditioned room.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothes.
- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids.
- Never leave children or pets in a vehicle, even for short periods of time. Temperatures
  inside vehicles can climb rapidly to life-threatening levels, even with the windows
  partially open.
- Periodically check on children and the elderly.
- Remember that animals are affected by the heat. Make sure pets and farm animals have plenty of water and access to shade.

For further information, contact the Visalia Fire Department at 559-713-4244.

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