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And Anteau was dear to the heart of local emergency providers. Hermiston fire personnel escorted the body from Pendleton to Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, and local police led the way and cleared traf-

Stanton also said he called his on-duty chief, James Davis, who arranged a procession of Hermiston-area fire engines to line up on the street to honor Anteau.

"We were bringing him home," Stanton said. "It was pretty touching.'

Hermiston fire staff met Monday to discuss how to help Anteau's family. Stanton said there will be donation accounts at The Bank of the West to help cover college costs for Anteau's son, Trenton, 19, and daugher, Alex, 17. The department also worked

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during the fiscal year.

"The officers are using force just at one-half of 1 percent of the time, which is not probably what the perception across the nation is," he said.

The department's policy manual defines force as "the application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents or weapons to another person," excluding "when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed or restrained."

Edmiston said physical control was used in all seven incidents, and a Taser was deployed during two of them. Impact weapons, chemical agents and deadly force were not used, he said, and the department does not track the number of times officers pull firearms from the holster.

In five of the seven use-



Jason Anteau's turnout gear hangs outside the Hermiston fire station Saturday after Anteau died in a motorcycle crash Friday night.

and potluck following the celebration of life service

out details of a procession

of-force arrests, the individuals were charged with resisting arrest. In the other two incidents, Edmiston said officers used force to restrain a suicidal subject

and officers deployed a Tas-

er to stop a large fight.

He said every use of force case is reviewed, and he must sign off on each incident with recommendations for moving forward.

Officers used force during 10 of 1,851 arrests, 0.54 percent, in the 2013-14 fiscal year; 10 of 1,370, 0.73 percent, in 2012-13; 15 of 1,280, 1.2 percent, in 2011-12; and 12 of 1,784, 0.67 percent, in 2010-11.

Edmiston said officer conduct and complaints against officers is another area where the department experiences high liability. He said the department investigated six complaints against personnel during the fiscal year, in line with the either five or six investigations for the previous three years and less than

Saturday for Anteau (see the obituary, Page A7).

Stanton said Hermis-

half of the 14 investigations in 2010-11.

Of the complaints, he said only two were issued by citizens: one regarding an officer's demeanor and follow through with investigations and another regarding an officer's demeanor and damage to a door. Both investigations determined the complaints were either not sustained or

unfounded, he said.

Edmiston said the other four complaints were internal administrative reviews regarding transporting prisoners and prisoner searches, getting into an avoidable crash and two instances of damaging a police vehicle. The investigations resulted in disciplinary actions, including verbal counseling, three formal letters of reprimand, one one-day suspension and one two-day suspension, he said.

"I believe this is a good indication we are able and willing to police ourselves local folks as well as deas four of the complaints were internal reviews," he said. "We are willing

to impose discipline when

ton Fire has seen quite

the show of support from

we are out of line." Pursuits were the last of what Edmiston referred to as the "big three," in terms of potential liability. He said the department was involved in four pursuits with an average duration of 4.25 minutes. The department discontinued at least one pursuit for safety

reasons, he said. "We really do have to make sure that we have sound practices and policies in place and, frankly, supervisory oversight at some level to discontinue a pursuit if the risks outweigh the gain," he said. "As an example, if it's a fleeing felon that we know and somebody we deal with all the time, this day and age, you don't chase them until the wheels fall off. It's worth discontinuing it, depending on the time of day. There's a lot

partments across Oregon. Some have even volunteered to provide staffing and equipment, he said, so the people who knew and worked with Anteau could attend his service.

The crash that killed Anteau occurred shortly after 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, at the intersection of Westgate and the Interstate 84 westbound off ramp.

Pendleton Police Sgt. Charles Byram in a report stated a Pendleton 17-year-old drove a 1996 Ford F150 pickup across Westgate from the off ramp in front of three motorcycles traveling east on Westgate.

The first and third motorcycles avoided the pickup. Anteau was on the second motorcycle, a white 2005 Harley Davidson, and witnesses told police he tried to lay down the bike, but collided with the Ford. Pendleton officers and paramedics attended to Anteau, as did medics from the ambulance service Life Flight, who were on scene shortly after the collision. An ambulance took Anteau to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, where he died at 9:11 p.m., about an hour after the crash.

Preliminary investigation revealed speed and distraction were not factors, according to the report, nor were any of the drivers impaired. Police did not cite or arrest anyone, and the teen's parents were with him at the department during questioning. The teen also gave blood and urine samples, which the Oregon State Police crime lab will an-

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said early this week the investigation is ongoing, and his department will send reports and photos to the district attorney for review of possible charges.



Hermiston Police Department Sgt. Kelly Parsons prepares to go out on patrol in this file photo.

of factors that go into our tinue to focus on profespursuit, and it's all in our policy manual."

The department was involved in nine pursuits with an average duration of 7.1 minutes in the 2013-14 fiscal year; eight averaging 7.6 minutes in 2012-13; nine averaging 4 minutes in 2011-12; and 11 averaging 3.7 minutes in 2010-11.

"This agency will con- to our members."

sional customer service delivery for each and every encounter or interaction we have with those we serve," Edmiston said. "As the agency head, I am charged with ensuring we are compliant with best practices and procedures in policing and that we provide the appropriate training

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