

MOXEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INNER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Burkett

FROM: Sergeant Lewis

RE: Officer Steve Jensen

Date: July 1, 2020

This memorandum is to notify you of my concerns with Officer Jensen's recent decline in the performance of his duties with the department.

As has been noted in his past two performance evaluations we have attempted to get Officer Jensen to conduct traffic enforcement with little or no improvement.

Since the beginning of 2020 Officer Jensen has had absolutely no documented traffic enforcement and or Officer initiated activities. I am being told that he does stop cars but does not call out the stops. I have been advised this by other Officer's and if this is true it concerns me greatly as an Officer safety issue and policy violation.

Over the years that Officer Jensen has worked for the department his saving grace had always been that when he responds to calls that he was thorough and handled calls appropriately, but over the past six months or so his reports have become sloppy and incomplete.

On February 17, 2020 I verbally counseled Officer Jensen for his handling of two separate calls that went against our training and procedural handling of the incidents. Both were domestic violence related calls. (20M0173 & 20M0177).

One of the calls was clearly a strangulation felony case that was handled as a simple assault misdemeanor filling.

The other was a 911 call where Officer Jensen never made contact with the reporting party to verify that she was not injured due to the fact that they would not respond or open the door. Forced entry should have been made, and was not.

More recently Officer Jensen responded to a clear DUI drugs case and made no attempts to process the suspect as a DUI, despite the fact that the subject had to be administered narcan to bring him back to life by the EVFD. The subject in the case has been a constant issue for this department due to his and his family's excessive alcohol and drug abuse at his residence in the city and already has one DUI pending in the court system.

This incident is documented under case 20M0626 and occurred on June 26, 2020.

Officer Jensen's lack of performance has caused issues with many of our Officers over the years and we have attempted to address these issues with speaking with him and attempting to get him to become more involved in the mission of the department and all attempts have failed, and the problem appears to be getting worse rather than better.


Sergeant Mark Lewis

Verbally counseled on ⁷6-2-2020 