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Improving Tradeshow Lead Management for Better ROI

Webinar Discussion Points

1. Key insights on lead management.
2. Defining what is and isn't a lead.
3. Setting realistic lead goals and building staff accountability.
4. Identifying the best information to capture to qualify leads.
5. Overview AAPM 2017 lead retrieval system.
6. How to customize your lead capture device or develop an opportunity card.
7. How to create and use a tool to track lead goals.
8. Creating an easy to apply lead grading system.
9. How to route leads and track lead progress and sales conversion.
10. Best practices for following-up.

1. How important are leads to the success of your exhibit program?
☐Critical ☐Important ☐Somewhat Important ☐ Not Important
2. Do you...
 - a. Capture leads? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unsure
If yes, how?
 - b. Know what becomes of your leads? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unsure
 - c. Set specific lead goals? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unsure

Key Insights on Lead Management

1. If you're not writing orders at the show, the REAL product is leads.
2. _____% of show leads are never followed-up.
3. _____% of sales people view show leads as cold calls.
4. _____% of buyers receive information after they have made a buying decision.
5. The problem starts with perception of lead value and the Qualification and Capture process.
6. Most exhibitors don't know what becomes of show leads.

Why is This Happening?

- Perceived _____ of tradeshow leads.
- Marketing and Sales “disconnect”.
- Lack of exhibit staff _____.
 - _____% of booth staff have never received one single hour of professional training on how to work an exhibit.
- Lack of “clarity” on what a lead really is.
- Lack of a “Closed-Loop” lead management system.

Calculate the Real Cost of Poor Lead Management

1. Cost Per Lead:

- Total Show Investment/# Leads
- \$25,000 / 100 Leads = \$250 per lead



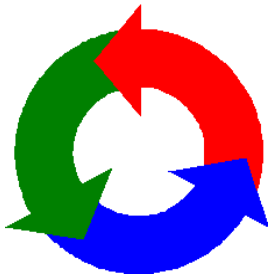
2. Lost Revenue Opportunity:

- Average Sale Amount x # Lead Conversion %
- \$5,000 x (100 leads x .25% = 25) = \$125,000

3. Impact on Brand:

- How does not following up impact your company's brand perceptions in the market?

Focus on the Four Phases of Closed-Loop Lead Management



1. **Capture** high quality leads.
2. Efficiently **Route** leads to the right people for fast follow-up.
3. Effectively **Follow-Up** to convert leads to purchasing action.
4. Provide an easy method for lead recipients to **Report** progress and sales conversion.

Define What Is and What Isn't a Lead

What Is a Lead?

1. Personal Interaction
2. Qualifying Questions Asked
3. Answers _____
4. Next Step _____ and Agreed To by Visitor

What Isn't a Lead?

- Business card in a fish bowl or somebody's pocket
- Badge swipe or scan with no engagement or additional information

How to Set Realistic Lead Goals

Exhibit Interaction Capacity formula calculates the number of face-to-face interactions you can execute in your exhibit.

Use Exhibit Interaction Capacity formula to set Lead Goals:

	<u>Example</u>	<u>Participant</u>
● # of exhibiting hours	25.5	25.5
● # of booth staff*	<u>x 2</u>	x _____
● Total staff hours	51	_____
● Interactions/hr/staffer**	<u>x 4</u>	x _____
● Total target interactions	204	_____
● % of visitors to lead	<u>x.25</u>	x _____
● Lead goal	51	_____

* 50 sq. feet/ staffer

** 3/conservative 4/moderate 5/aggressive

It's About What's Next!

Clarity of and commitment to _____ are critical leverage points to improve lead quality...

➤ *Ask and ye shall receive!*

Determine the Best Information to Capture to Qualify Leads

* **Typical information areas might include:**

- Email Address – may not be in badge
- Product Interest & Level of Interest
- Buying Role and/or _____
- Evaluation and/or Decision Team
- Competitors Buying From or Looking At
- Purchase Timeframe or Season
- Next Action Step
- Other?



* Customize your lead capture device to make sure you get this information!

Four Generations of Lead Capture Devices

1. Collect business cards
2. Use a paper lead form
3. Rent show lead capture system
 - Rent and customize with qualifiers
4. Buy a universal lead capture system
 - Be sure to discuss with show's lead capture company to determine how to capture encrypted data



Convention Data Services

Why Use Lead Retrieval?

- Quickly collect valuable sales lead information
- Qualify and notate your leads
- Prioritize your leads for follow-up which saves your sales people time AND allows them to better convert leads to sales
- Acquire valuable demographic information which you don't get with a business card
- With your leads in electronic format, easily create mailing lists, email blasts, etc.



Contact Information from registration

First Name
Last Name
Title
Company
Address
City, State and Zip
Country
Phone
E-Mail



Demographic Answers Provided with Lead Retrieval Scan

- Primary Employment Function
- Nature of Primary Employer

Why is this important?



- You won't get this information from a business card!
- Each demographic question is in a separate field in your electronic lead file. Sort by your interests and follow-up immediately after the event with tailored information specific to their interests.



Product Offering Review



X•Press Connect App



X•Press Connect Plus



X•Press Connect Elite



Portable Bluetooth Printer
works with all solutions



XPress Connect App

- Use your Android or Apple phone or tablet
- Survey Capability
- All staff can collect leads and not share a device
- Collect leads anywhere
- Real-time leads in Excel
- Forward lead feature
- Email Follow-Up



XPress Connect Handheld

- Our device
- Electronic Notes
- Not tethered, no more cords
- Does not need electricity, charge at night
- Survey Capability
- Real-time leads in Excel



XPress Connect Elite

- Uses your MAC or Windows Computer, we supply the scanner
- Electronic Notes
- Survey Capability
- Real-time leads in Excel
- Forward lead feature
- Email Follow-Up
- Internet connection is recommended



Qualifier vs Survey

Qualifier Style (Type 1)

Qualifier

☒ Send Literature

☐ Send Sample

☐ Send Pricing

☐ Add to Mailing List

☐ Technical Info Required

☐ Detail Specs Required

☐ Provide Quote

☐ Product Demo Required

☐ Immediate Contact Required

Done

Survey Style (Type 2)

Product Interest?

☐ Have need for product

☐ Use competitor

☐ Current customer

☐ Product Demo required

☐ Budget available

Done

Follow up:

☐ Send Literature

☐ Send Samples

☐ Send Pricing

☐ Add to Mailing List

☐ Salesperson to call

Done



3rd Party Lead Retrieval

- Conversion File
 - Retrieve complete badge information on your third party device with a post-show file.
- Event API
 - Gain access to complete information in real-time using the CDS Event API

XPress Leads Data

XPress Leads Download

Lead retrieval devices are tracked by machine ID. Click the "Download" button beside each device id to download a CSV file of your leads individually or click the "download all" link below to combine all your leads into one file.

Machine ID (Lead Count)	Download (.CSV)
284983FCD8A90414 (2) elle@cdsreg.com	DOWNLOAD
42687EDF441F414 (316) 99000206990222	DOWNLOAD
51F785F8977048F (517) 990002069902078	DOWNLOAD
6342C98D26474E0 (737) 356420050141621	DOWNLOAD
C46DA3637AB0490 (1) 35801103890971	DOWNLOAD
6023393E087A473 (80)	DOWNLOAD

Download all leads in one file: [Download All](#)



Thank you!

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How to Customize Your Capture Device and/or Develop an Opportunity Card

Company _____ Show: _____
OPPORTUNITY CARD Show Day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(can badge and attach)

Name: _____
 Company: _____
 Direct Phone: (____) _____
 E-mail: _____

☐ Customer ☐ Prospect ☐ Suspect ☐ Other?

1. How did you LEARN ABOUT EXHIBIT? ☐ Walk-by ☐ Mail
☐ E-mail ☐ Print ad ☐ Web ad ☐ Referral Other _____

2. Type of COMPANY? ☐ Wholesale ☐ Retail ☐ Direct

3. Job FUNCTION? ☐ Logistics ☐ Operations ☐ IT ☐ Executive

4. Using PRODUCT/SERVICE? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some What?

5. GOALS/PROBLEMS? ☐ Problem ☐ Problem ☐ Problem
☐ Other? _____

OPPORTUNITY ☐ Product ☐ Product ☐ Service ☐ Service

6. ROLE in Evaluation/Decision? ☐ Engineer ☐ Technical ☐ Operations ☐ Executive
☐ Recommender ☐ Influencer ☐ Decision Maker

7. EVALUATION Stage? ☐ Assessing Needs ☐ Evaluating Options
☐ Supplier Evaluation ☐ Funded ☐ RFP RFQ

8. TIMEFRAME? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes? _____

9. What is our Next ACTION?
 Information: ☐ Give ☐ Mail ☐ E-Mail ☐ Call ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Appointment: ☐ Call for Set When: _____
 Action: ☐ Site Visit ☐ Quotation Request ☐ Add to mail list
 When? ☐ Immediate ☐ w/10 days ☐ 31 days +

NOTES: _____

Priority: A - B - C Taken by: _____

→ Contact information

→ Relationship with company

→ Marketing recon

→ Situational questions

→ Area of interest

→ Qualification questions

→ Next action

→ Space for free hand notes

Create & Use a Tool to Track Lead Goals

Day	Total Hours	% of Total Hours	AM Shift		PM Shift		Total		Variance From Goal
			Goal	Actual*	Goal	Actual*	Goal	Actual	
1	8	22%	36		36		72	0	-72
2	8	22%	36		36		72	0	-72
3	8	22%	36		36		72	0	-72
4	8	22%	36		36		72	0	-72
5	5	14%	23		23		45	0	-45
Total	37	100%	167	0	167	0	333	0	-333

* Lead Captain must complete at end of each shift/day.

Develop an Easy-to-Apply Lead Grading System

Lead Grade	Time Frame for Purchase	Budget Identified	Buying Role	
A+	0 to 3 Months	Yes	Final Say/Specify	1. Determine what information would help assign value to a lead
A	4 to 6 Months	Yes	Final Say/Specify	2. Determine the number of codes required
B+	7 to 9 Months	Yes	Final Say/Specify Recommend	3. Define what each code means
B	10 to 12 Months	Yes	Recommend	4. Make sure data and lead grading codes are integrated into the capture device
C+	More than 1 Year	Yes	Recommend	
C	Unknown	No	No Role	

Assign a Lead Captain

Responsibilities of the Lead Captain:

1. _____ and communicates lead goal.
2. Ensures availability and functionality of capture devices.
3. _____ lead goals versus actual.
4. Acknowledges performance & corrects non-performance.
5. Ensures data entry into CRM system and routing.
6. Possibly, the point of contact for post-show reporting.

Build a Culture of Lead Reporting

1. Create Culture of Reporting
 - Communicate Cost Per Lead.
 - Inform or cc lead recipient's manager.
 - Use _____ to kick-off the program.
2. Hold End of Shift or Day Lead Review Meeting
3. Close of Show Report
 - Number of leads captured versus goal.
 - Cost Per Lead.
 - Number of Leads and % by Priority Code.
 - Potential revenue value of leads.

Best Practices for Lead Response Management

1. _____ of response – fast information delivery equals higher conversion rate
2. Best days to make follow-up calls: _____ and Thursday
3. Best times to make follow-up calls: Between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm
4. Average follow-up stops after two attempts.
5. Persistence – by making a few more call attempts, you can increase contact and conversion rate by 70%

Source: Harvard Business Review

Use Follow-Up Techniques to “Wow” and Be There When They’re Ready to Buy

1. Prepare lead follow-up plan by priority BEFORE show.
2. Follow-up FAST or in line with visitor request.
3. Plan for _____ to _____ touches over the next 3 to 6 months.
4. Integrate multiple media:
 - * Email
 - * _____
 - * Telephone
 - * In-person visits
 - * Social media
5. Deliver real value... don’t just sell!
 - * Social media posts and groups
 - * _____
 - * Research & Clinical reports
 - * Promotional products
 - * Testimonial letters and videos

What were the three most important ideas you learned in this webinar?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

AAPM Commitment to Exhibitor Education & Success

- Online Exhibitor Success & ROI Center:
 - New and re-playable webinars
 - FAQs and “How to” exhibiting article series
 - Ask the tradeshow expert email Q&A
- Access at:
 - <http://www.aapm.org/meetings/2017AM/Exhibits/ExhibitorTraining.asp>



About the Expert Presenter

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Jefferson is President of Competitive Edge, a highly-specialized consulting and training firm on a mission to *inspire, lead* and *direct* businesses on how to more effectively use exhibiting to visibly support core business objectives and generate measurable financial value, far beyond cost.

His mission is achieved by challenging companies to re-evaluate limiting perspectives about exhibiting and by getting them focused on precision execution of five critical exhibiting success factors.

Jefferson is a results-focused, process-based, passionate visionary and creator of game changing exposition industry programs including: the acclaimed Tradeshow Turnaround Program, E3 Exhibiting Effectiveness Evaluation program, Exhibitor Success & ROI Center program.

His Tradeshow Turnaround philosophy and practices are the exposition industry's definitive guide to quickly turning tradeshows from "*expensive appearances*" to "*productive, profitable investments*."

Over the course of 30 years of on the floor exhibiting experience, he's identified a clear set of empowering results-focused perspectives, and backed them up with specific, process-based strategic practices, his training and consulting services have helped clients generate over \$750,000,000 in combined results.

No other tradeshow consulting or training firm can speak to results like this.

Jefferson's client list read like a "who's, who" list in the exposition industry. Since 1991, he's been selected as the tradeshow expert of choice by over 270 Association and for-profit show organizers. He's a faculty member of EXHIBITOR Show. He's delivered over 500 live seminars and workshops, over 700 webinars reaching over 250,000 exhibitors, and his E3 team has evaluated over 18,500 exhibits in action.

Jefferson's corporate clients span almost every industry and have included industry leaders like Alcoa, AMX, Aramco Services Company, Assurant Property Services, BOC Gases, Brivo Systems, Corporate Express, Covidien, Doosan Portable Power, Egemin Automation, Enshu USA, Essilor, Heidelberg, Honeywell, Huber Technologies, Jungheinrich Lift Trucks/MCFA, McLanahan, McQuay International, Merial, Merz Aesthetics, Nestle-Purina, Ocean Mist Farms, Panasonic, Parker-Hannifin, PCCA, Reichert Ophthalmic, Scholle, SteelKing, Tennant Company, Tesco, Trelleborg Life Sciences and Wheel Systems, US Surgical, and many, many more.

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