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# Communication Strategy Marketing Specialist

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## Non-standardized communication practices are diverting us from our primary focus – the client!

#### **Situation**

- Sales team receives many communications throughout the week without prioritization.
- Multiple vehicles are used to communicate.
- Everyone has access to communicate with the sales team

### **Impetus for Change**

- Current "win" communication has highlighted many inefficiencies
- True focus on the customer requires the removal of ancillary topics
- Consistent communication is required to lead in a regional model
- Solid communication becomes a training tool when executed correctly.

### **Key Question**

- What are the optimal communication guidelines?
- Is there a cost associated with formalizing sales communications?
- What should we share at the March 24 meeting?

### **Current State**

**Envisioned State** 

World-Class Examples

## Sales is hearing voices and guidance from all different directions

The month is tight, we need every dollar we can get before close (Head of Sales)

Update your forecast from the end of the year.

(Finance)

We need you to sign and return the company handbook (Human Relations)

Respond with information on leads recently sent (Marketing)

Attend the Sales Meeting every Monday at 9am (Direct Manager)

I need you to contact your client on project specs (Operations)

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### **Envisioned State**

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# We must consider installing a sales communication strategy

#### Overview

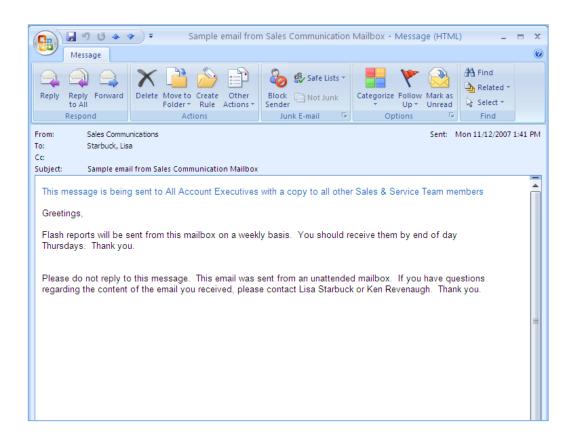
- Help roll out sales projects and communications to the field successfully to drive optimum compliance and business results
- Provide clear communications targeted at the proper audiences using the most appropriate tools

#### **Objectives**

- Keep team members informed about company initiatives and ensure that programs are communicated and delivered in the most effective manner
- Help identify audiences, tools, message points, and important dates and deadlines to assist in coordinating sales communications efforts
- Manage regular broadcast/written communications tools
- Work with sales planning to communicate best practices
- Routinely analyze existing processes and tools including gathering feedback from the end audience – to continuously improve the way we communicate to the Sales team

## The first step is creating a Sales Communication Mailbox to filter e-mails sent to the sales force

- Outlook mailbox and calendar can be created from which endorsed communications to the sales organization will come. It will not appear to come from a particular individual.
- This box will be managed by a newly appointed Sales Communications Manager



Sample email from Sales Communications Mailbox

## Next, owners need to be determined for each type of communication

#### **Chief Operating Officer**

- Company strategy and priorities, with a focus on how Sales supports both
- Culture

#### **EVP, Sales & Marketing**

- Sales Strategy and priorities
- Sales Initiatives
- Customer Support
- Organizational Announcements
- Change Management
- Contests and Awards

#### **VP, Sales Operations**

- Sales Planning Tools and Resources
- Contracting
- Pricing and AR
- Reporting
- Operations collaboration
- Training
- Systems

# ...and then we need to consolidate the channels of communication buy

Medium	Description	Audience	Frequency	Format	Deadline	Distribution	Owner
Updated! Sales Brief	Weekly document sent via broadcast HTML e-mail to sales and posted weekly on our company Intranet. The Sales Brief targeted news items to general groups of sales team members. It includes all items that require sales awareness or sales action, including items requiring action in the next week, information about upcoming initiatives, calendar highlighting dates to remembers, important meetings ad events, start and end dates of programs, etc.	All Sales Team Members	Weekly	HTML E-mail	12 noon Tuesdays	Thursdays	Sales Comm. Manager
Updated! Sales Win – "How they landed that deal"	Program that recognizes sales wins, generates enthusiasm among sales team and share best practices. All supporting materials will be published to Sales Knowledge Community. We will publish 1-2 per week.	All Sales Team Members	Weekly via the Sales Brief	HTML E- mail Voice Recording	12 noon Tuesdays	Thursdays	Sales Comm. Manager
New! Sales Point	Monthly e-mail from COO for Sales. This is the source for information on our overall sales company direction, culture, successes, recognition and is a forum for team member ideas.	All Sales Team Members	Monthly	E-mail	12 noon Mondays (30-days out)	Wednesdays	Sales Comm. Manager

## Communication Channels cont.

Medium	Description	Audience	Frequency	Format	Deadline	Distribution	Owner
New! Sales Managers Call	Monthly call with sales management and is hosted by EVP, Sales & Marketing. Share details on future program releases, events and initiatives to ensure that details concerning submission, important deadlines and expectations are met. Note: Potentially evolve to providing managers with speaking points for delivering key messages from the monthly calls to their teams.	Sales Managers	Ongoing 10-11 a.m. CST	Conference Call	12 noon Mondays (8-business days out)	Wednesdays	Sales Operations Exec Admin
FYI: Sales "Open Mic" Calls	Monthly skip-level call hosted by EVP, Sales & Marketing. These are quick, efficient ways to share key points and concerns team members might have. The calls are open forum and for Q&A.	All Sales Team Members	Monthly 9:30-11:30 a.m. CST	30 minute Conference Call	NA	Wednesdays	Sales Operations Exec Admin
Sales Vision Quarterly Calls	Quarterly call hosted by COO, Jennifer EVP, Sales & Marketing, and VP Sales Operations. This call highlights our successes to date, company direction, culture and is open up to Q&A from team members.	All Sales Team Members	Quarterly	Conference Call	May 25 August 24 November 30	February 5 June 22 September 21 December 21	Sales Operations Exec Admin

# All of these communications and events will be calendarized and published



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## World-Class Examples

## Here are some World Class examples of potential communication deliverables

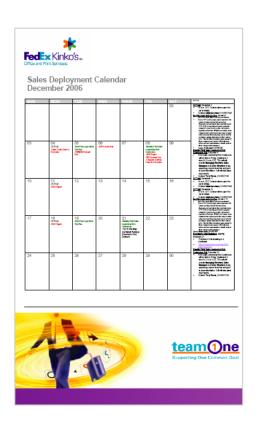


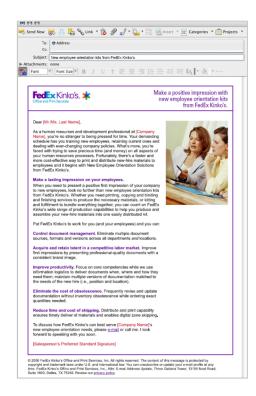


### Other Sales Communication Deliverables

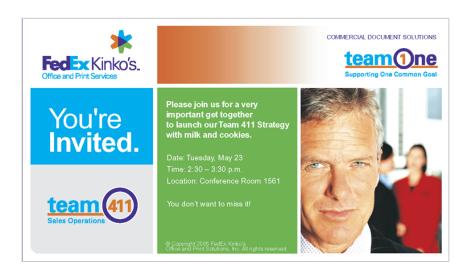








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The Q4 Monster Quarter Contest journey has begun! Next week is the start of run Monster Quarter Contest journey. We've had a great year, and I look florward to keeping up the positive momentum. Not only will Monster Quarter 2006 help us to reach the summit and finish the year strong - you'll have the opportunity to win Monster prizes.

This exciting program consists of two distinct contest trails to run from March to May:

#### The Sales Contest Trail

This trail will reward top sales performers and teams (including support team members) who drive the most revenue and achieve an increase over the contest baseline performance percentage for the entire FedEx Kinko's offering of products and services.

#### The Signs and Graphics Contest Trail

This trail will reward top field sales performers who drive revenue growth for our Signs and Graphics products and services in order to finish the fourth quarter strong.

You will soon be receiving specific program details and gear packs to help you to make the most of the Monster Quarter Journey. Get ready for your climb to sell big and win even bigger.

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#### Good luck and good selling!

John McDonald Senior Vice President of Sales







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## If resources are dedicated, this project could go live in less than three months

