

BTA West



The Ten Commandments of New Revenue Growth



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Pros Elite Group

- Benchmark execution experts
- Training offerings in:
 Sales and service management
 MFP → MPS → MNS
- Sales and service consulting supports continuous benchmark achievement of clients
- PIVOT software: "automated execution excellence"



Pros Elite Group Results

 Currently engaged with 200-plus dealerships located in 82 markets in North America and internationally, generating more than \$1.8 billion in annual revenues.

Our Results:

- \$130 million in increased equipment sales
- \$82 million in bottom-line profit improvement
- 400,000 MPS printer devices under contract
- \$150 million in IT services revenues

The Original Ten Commandments

- NO INPUT FROM ANYONE!
- Given to an old guy who took 600,000 Jewish people out of Egypt, made them walk for 40 years and brought them to the only location in the Middle East without oil.

Source of the Pros Elite Growth Commandments

- Advance Sales Management Training
- Sales calls with Pros Elite clients, including:

Ray Morgan Company, GFI Digital, Centric Business Systems, Proven Business Systems, All Copy Products, Pro Source, ImageTek, Docutrend, RK Black, Stratix Business Systems and LaserRite.

The First Commandment

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Hunters: They kill your competition. They prospect, they network and they are in the field.
Understand the goal is 30 percent net-new business at a minimum.

Farmers: They kill you! They work their base, they are in the office and they renew their equipment business at the cost of your service and supply profitability.

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Where are the Hunters hiding?

- Some are competing against you and you should target them, but ...
- Colleges and universities. They are communications, sociology, psychology, business and marketing majors.
- They have tuition loans they need help paying. Build it into your compensation plan (it's the investment).

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Attracting Hunters

- Develop a scholarship program with colleges and universities to give you first shot at the "pick of the litter."
- Pay your employees finders fees equal to what you would pay headhunters. (Your employees won't re-recruit.)

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- Develop a mentoring/collaborative training program using your own people and reward team success.
- Develop a professional recruiting brochure targeted to the aggressive Hunter.

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Create a New Position

Digital Information Management Systems Rep:

On the front end, it's document and content management and scanning, In the middle it's technology services, and on the tail end it's optimizing fleets of digital output devices.

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- Communicate the size of your market and your market share at every meeting (Let them know there is plenty of game to hunt and kill).
- BEQI for hypothetical Floradise market is 2.1%.
- Floradise total market potential size 2016:

\$210,000,000 (2.1% X \$11.1 billion)

Floradise company 2016 equipment sales:

\$19,000,000

Floradise company market share:

9.1%

The Second Commandment

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- Your job as a leader is to "drag excellence out of your people."
- What we preach about our expectation of excellence is too often far greater than what we tolerate (e.g., "quota").

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Activity Standards RESULTS

- One addition to the pipeline every day.
- 12 move-forward appointments per week (initial rapportbuilding call, account analysis, demo/trial, proposal, closing and MPS).
- Total pipeline dollar value in excess of \$700,000 (after 18 months).
- Eight current-customer cyclic visits per week.
- 100% of all deals proposed with MPS.
- 30% of equipment revenues are net-new business.

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Production Standards RESULTS

Quota: The point where recognition and incentives kick in.

Retail/Solutions Rep \$30,000/month
Named Account Rep \$50,000/month
Major Account Rep \$75,000/month

Minimum Standards RESULTS

The point in time where consequences kick in (and you break even).

Retail/Solutions Rep \$51,000/quarter

Named Account Rep \$72,000/quarter

Major Account Rep \$102,000/quarter

The Third Commandment

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- Define the prospecting activities* that all of your sales reps will execute and exactly how they will be executed.
- Define how many prospecting touches will be made in a specific time frame.
- Publish a monthly calendar of those activities and execute them on that day as if it were a matter of life or death (because they are!).

*cold calling, teleselling, blitzing, current-customer cyclic visits and social marketing.

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Cold Calling (A way, not THE way)

- Cold calling begins with the sales rep creating a letter and making 20 copies of the letter on the company's letterhead. The letter contains the theme for the cold-calling day.
- This letter always includes the name of the sales professional, his (or her) qualifications as an expert in that specific theme, and how that theme will enable the potential prospect to either increase his revenue or grow profit.
- Most importantly, the letter closes with a statement of the sales professional's intent to follow up on a specific day and time range (which is the time of one of the next teleselling days) to speak with the decision maker with whom they are trying to make an MFA.

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The Cold Call

- •"Can you help me? I am looking to leave some very important information for the individual who makes decisions on digital information management systems."
- •The gatekeeper may get flustered by that opening and ask for more specifics. If that happens, the sales professional should say, "That individual will be responsible for either your scanning capability and the document management solutions that drive them, or your server maintenance and server applications (if you offer tech services) and, finally, that person is responsible for optimizing your fleet of digital output devices such as digital printing devices. Is he or she available?"
- •If "yes," have a first-rapport meeting and close for account analysis.
- •If "no," write the decision-maker's name on the envelope and hand the letter to the gatekeeper.

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CRMs are great for:

- Managing current and future customer activity
- Pricing proposals
- Sales process documentation (i.e., internal inventory paperwork or lease/sale documentation).
- Lease portfolio management

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- Operate with a four-week side-by-side analysis to review activity <u>results</u> in a manageable format (one piece of paper per rep).
- Pipeline value and activity information must be at your fingertips and extremely easy to resurrect.
- All reporting should be bottoms up!

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Create a one-page report that summarizes the following activities for four consecutive weeks:

- Pipeline additions, number and \$ value for the next 270 days
- Move-forward appointments by account name, type of appointment, net new or current customer
- · Current customers' cyclic visits completed
- Demos or trials completed
- Proposals issued that week
- MPS opportunities working
- Business closed that week



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Fill in the blanks:

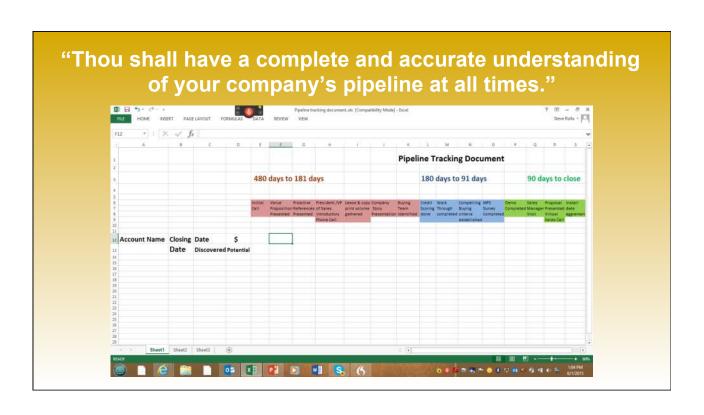
1. What is your spouse's name?
2. What is your wedding anniversary date?
3. What are the birthdates of your grandchildren?
4. How many employees do you have?
5. What is the balance in your company's checkbook?
6. What is the dollar size of your company's 0-270-day pipeline?
7. What percent of your 0-270 pipeline do you close monthly? (You should close 7-10%.)

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- You should have an accurate one-page summary of every sales rep's pipeline.
- Pipeline input information should be audited.
- There are 13 closing steps to be taken from identification of the prospect to close. You should know how many have been done.

WHY?

- What do you do when a rep suddenly quits? How hard is it for you assemble what they were working on?
- Have you ever heard, "The rep's pipeline was full of garbage"?



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- Ensure you are performing to benchmarked, aftermarket asset management proficiency, aftermarket productivity, first-call effectiveness, and workforce and territory stability.
- Sound different! Is your service different? Put it in print!
- Make sure your sales professionals can articulate it and set traps with it.
- Be bold! Brand it with guarantees.

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- Major Accounts = 10-plus unit installations, 100-plus white-collar workers.
- Named Accounts = Greater than three, but less than 10 unit installations, or any account with any number of Segment 4+ devices.

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Account Review Outline

- Customer satisfaction survey
- · Notes/history of previous reviews
- Updates on your company
- · Review of all assets
- Review of all contract-related invoices
- Review of service performance
- Update new hardware offerings
- Update new software
- Updates on tech services offerings
- Important documents

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- · Revenue growth without profit growth is unsustainable growth.
- Each of a dealer's functions need to deliver profitability:

Service 52%-plus gross profit

Administration \$1 million-plus total revenue per employee

Sales 12% profit contribution

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Financial benchmarks that most affect sales profitability are always measured as a percentage of equipment gross profit (EGP).

Sales rep and sales supervisor compensation 37.5% EGP

Sales manager and vice president of sales compensation 13.5% EGP

All other sales expenses, compensation and non-compensation (MSRs, solutions reps, pre-sales systems support, delivery, database management, sales promotions, CRM and advertising)

18.5% EGP

The Ninth Commandment

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- Begins with hiring sales reps who are self-motivated former leaders.
- Invest in a goal-setting program. Get an understanding of their goals, personal and professional. Know their "have-to's."
- Make investments in management training before they are promoted.

The Tenth Commandment

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Study of 75 dealers with total revenues \$1.2 billion and an average size \$14.2 million:

- Single-line dealers have the greatest equipment revenue growth with 71% of the dealers in the top 1/3 of the distribution.
- Dual-line dealers, with 70% or greater distribution of one product line, also have good equipment revenue growth with 70% of the dealers in the top 2/3 of the distribution.
- Multi-line dealers (three or more lines) have the lowest growth rate. (More is less.)

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- Top 1/3 saw an average of 28% equipment growth or \$1.96 million, which contributed \$235,000 profitability.
- Middle 1/3 saw an average of 16% equipment revenue growth or \$1.19 million, which contributed \$142,000 profitability.
- Bottom 1/3 saw an average of 7% equipment revenue growth or \$490,000, and contributed \$58,000 profitability.

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Define Your MNS offering and stick to it!

Level 1 – Failure Only (not preventative)

Monitoring only with the goal of reducing mean time to resolution when there is a failure.

Level 2 – Preventative

Monitoring for thresholds that lead to failures. There may be some preventative testing (i.e., test restore on backup). There is usually some scheduled preventative maintenance in this type of agreement.

Level 3 – Comprehensive/Proactive

Goal is to create a proactive program that is all-inclusive of Level 1 and Level 2 offerings. Provider is the most trusted advisor. Client eliminates internal IT director.

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