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Staffing for Success

How to Send a “World-Class” Booth Staff to Your NSTA Exhibit

Participant Learning Objectives
*By the end of this workshop session,
you will learn...*

1. 5 major buying decisions and the important role your booth staff plays.
2. 12 attributes of an effective staffer.
3. 3 places to find staffers.
4. 9 steps to preparing your booth staff for success.
5. The rules of Exhibitorship.
6. Six skills every booth staff must master to be effective on the show floor.

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1. How important do you feel your booth staff is to exhibiting success?
Critical Important Somewhat Important Not Important
2. Do you have a formal process for...
- a. Selecting staff? Yes No Unsure
 - b. Communicating with staff? Yes No Unsure
 - c. Preparing your staff? Yes No Unsure
 - d. Managing activity and outcomes? Yes No Unsure
3. Has your staff ever received professional exhibiting skills training?
Yes No Unsure

Buyers Make Five Major Buying Decisions on the Path to a Purchase:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Key Insights on Exhibit Staffing:

1. The tradeshow environment is different and _____.
2. _____% of booth staffers have never received a single hour of skills training.
3. The people working your booth will make or break your success.
4. Use a “_____” strategy.
5. Invest in professional exhibiting skills _____.

What does it *really* cost you to put a staffer on the exhibit floor?

	<u>Example</u>	<u>Participant</u>
• Total show investment	\$50,000	\$ _____
• Number of exhibit staff	_____6	_____
• Cost per staffer (may not include T&E)	\$8,333	\$ _____
• Number of show hours	_____24	_____
• Cost per staffer per hour	\$347	\$ _____

Select staffers with the attributes of effective booth staffers:

1. Positive _____
2. Dependable & Accountable
3. _____ Player
4. Professional & Courteous
5. _____
6. Outgoing Personality
7. Doesn't Fear _____
8. Effective Questioner
9. Good Listener
10. _____
11. _____ Communicator
12. Closing or Commitment Mentality

3 Places to Find Staffers:

1. _____ your current exhibit staff.
 - a. Use a rating form that the staffer, their manager, and the exhibit manager completes.
 - b. If staffers score low in three or more areas, provide professional exhibit staff training.
 - c. FREE Staff Evaluation form: email jefferson@tradeshowturnaround.com.
2. Consider other _____ in your company.
3. Consider _____ temporary booth staff.

9 Steps to Preparing Your Booth Staff for Success

1. Assign the _____ of people.

2. Assign a good _____ of job functions.
 - Sales
 - Customer Service
 - Technical/Knowledge
 - Marketing
 - Executives
 - Research/Development

3. Develop a show staffing guide.
 - Show information
 - Event information
 - Exhibit information
 - Product information
 - Procedural information

4. Give pre-show _____.
 - **Sales:** Target customers/prospects/suspects.
 - **Technical:** Prepare FAQ's – write 60 second product messages – plan demo and training.
 - **Marketing:** Plan market/competitive research, coordinate media relations.
 - **Executive:** High level meetings

5. Do at least _____ pre-show meetings.
 - Web: 6-8 weeks before the show via a site like GoToMeeting.
 - Live: Last set-up day - 1.5 to 3 hours.
 - Formal agenda: goals, marketing, events, exhibit, working the booth, skills training, lead management, contests, product messaging, handling competition/media, etc.
 - Key executive kickoff.

6. Prepare a FIRM booth _____.
 - Consider peak show hours.
 - 4 hour shifts – am/pm split shift.
 - Breaks: 15 mins am/pm - dedicated lunch break.

7. Conduct exhibiting _____.
 - 86% of booth staffers have never received a single hour of professional exhibiting skills training.
 - Consider the cost to put them in your exhibit and of lost _____ opportunities due to ineffective skills.

8. Conduct end-of-shift or end-of-day debrief meetings.
 - Review _____ goals versus actual.
 - Discuss what worked, what didn't.
 - MVP staffer or contest updates.

9. Conduct end of show meeting and staff survey.
 - Make the survey anonymous.

The Rules of Exhibitorship

1. Be Visible, Available, and Professional.
2. Don't "Hang with the _____".
3. Don't _____ or _____ Visitors.
4. Don't Use _____ in the Booth.
5. Respect Visitor's _____ and _____.
6. Don't _____ with Information.

Interaction Techniques of Successful Booth Staffers

1. First 30 seconds of the Interaction are Critical.
 - The first buying decision is your _____.
 - Attendees make quick judgments about your company based on your staff.
 - There are two engaging scenarios.
 - *Untrained staffers are usually ineffective in both scenarios.*
2. Three Types of Visitors.
 - Casual Visitors
 - Information Seekers
 - Solution Seekers

3. Getting Out of Interactions is as Important as Getting In.

- _____ them for stopping by.
- Direct them to where to get more information.
- Ask them for a favor.
- Use a nonverbal gesture to get help.

4. Before Talking About Company or Products, Staffers Should Know Three Things.

- _____ they are with.
- _____ they are visiting your exhibit.
- _____ they need to do so the visitor and your company gets value.

5. Five Keys to an Effective In-booth Presentation

- 1) **Purpose:** present just enough information to make the visitor want to know more and be willing to commit to a next step.
- 2) Assess visitor _____ before presenting.
- 3) Hit their information “bulls-eye” by getting visitor to tell you what they want to learn.
- 4) Use the **C** _____ / **P** _____ / **I** _____ formula.
- 5) Make _____ at a time and get feedback.

6. Understand the “Real” Outcome of a Good In-booth Interaction

- Real outcome = _____ to a visible next action step.
- *What are your typical next action steps?*

- Use the 2 Step Commitment Technique:
 - Confirm interest: “*Does this sound like something that might be worth taking a closer look at/work for your situation?*”
 - Ask an appropriate commitment question: “*Great, why don’t we/what do you think...*”

ACTION: *What are you going to do to improve your staff selection, communication, preparation and skills?*