Is Your Team Winning? Build a Sales Team that Delivers!

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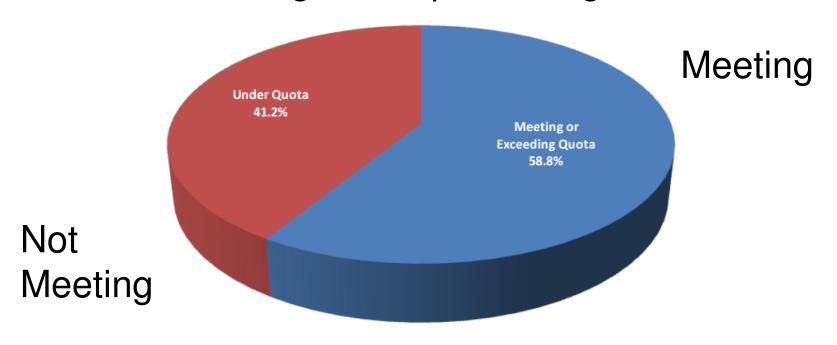
- 1. Reality of Your Situation
- 2. Assess Sales Function
- 3. Right Pieces in Place

- → People
- → Process
- → Tools
- → Management
- → Results



Reality Check

Percentage of Reps Making Quota

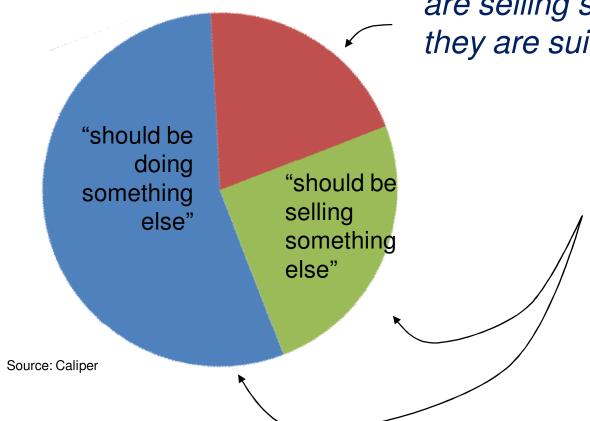


CSO Insights - Sales Performance Optimization – 2009 Survey Results and Analysis



Reality Check

Suitability for Job

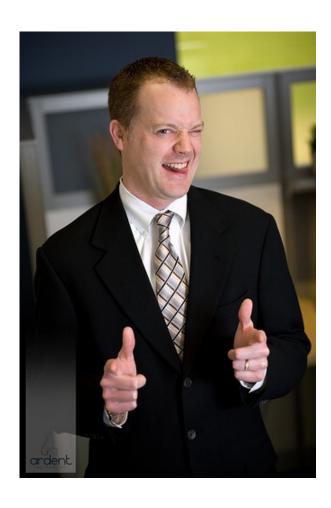


25-20% of sales people are selling something they are suited to sell

75-80% of sales people are selling something they are not suited to sell



Sales Team Trends in 2009



...hasn't worked in years



Sales Team Trends in 2009



...not working either.



#1. Look at Your Reality

Success Scorecard for 2009

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Revenue

Dashboard Metrics

Activity Levels

No "Excuse-itis

Winning on Value

Sales Growth

Smiles



#1. Look at Your Reality

Key Sales Hiring Metrics

1. Sales Hiring Success Rate

2. Bounce Rate

3. Ramp up/time to ROI





#1. Look at Your Reality

Why Tolerate Such High Failure Rates?



#2. Assess Your Sales Function

- 1. Define Your Unique Selling Environment
- 2. Profile Each Role
- 3. Assess Who Stays / Must Go



Define Unique Selling Environment

product service custom etc.



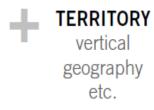


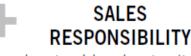
SALES APPROACH solution relationship transactional





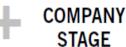
DEAL SIZE





hunter (develop territory) account manager sales management









What is the right profile for each role



Benchmark Your Best



Who Stays / Must Go depends on *Numbers*, *Fit*, and *Performance Expectations*



#3 Put the Right Pieces in Place

- 1. Hunt for the right people
- 2. Assess based on proof, not gut
- 3. Don't settle
- 4. Be clear on roles and goals
- 5. Thorough "On-boarding"
- Maintain a culture of success and accountability



Hunt for the Right People

The Best Reps are
Busy Selling not Job
Hunting



Assess Based on Proof

What Would you Do?

VS.

What Have you Done?



Avoid Hiring Traps



Most companies overemphasize here

Assess all for Payoff



Don't Settle

Consider the Costs of a Mis-hire

Hiring Severance

Base Compensation Wasted leads and/or lost customers

Commissions Lost margins

Benefits Additional management time

Travel and Expenses Loss of goodwill and damage to

Training Loss of morale and impact on culture

Overhead



Be Clear on Expectations

Role
Quota
Activity Levels
Conduct / Professionalism
Contribution to Team



"On-Boarding" is Critical

"If your new employees experience any of the following emotions when they join your company, you've got trouble.

- * Confused
- * Frustrated
- * Overwhelmed
- * Bored
- * Annoyed
- * Anxious
- * Insecure
- * Disappointed
- * Regretful"

David Lee, Human Nature at Work



"On-Boarding" is Critical

SETUP & TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

COACHING & MEASUREMENT & FEEDBACK



Maintain a Culture of Accountability

Even
Great Reps
Need Leadership
in order to
Perform

Leadership
Integration
Measurement
Action



Program for *Building* Winning Teams

- Know your unique sales environment
- 2. Profile and benchmark the right people
- 3. Hunt for the right people
- 4. Assess based on proof, not gut
- 5. Don't settle
- 6. Be clear on roles and goals
- 7. Thorough "On-boarding"
- 8. Maintain a culture of success and accountability

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Thank you!

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