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"I'M ALL IN!"

How Danny Smith grew his 50 employee business by 100% in 3 ½ years and reduced stress for everyone, without spending more on advertising.

A factual account about the Transformation of Same Day Automotive, a five store chain of auto repair and tire stores into a commitment based operation. The fact that this paper is about an auto repair and tire chain doesn't matter. The principles apply for most companies. The impact this 3 ½ year journey has had on the company, the employees, the customers, the vendors and the community has been nothing short of amazing!



I arrived in New Orleans during the week Jazz Fest in March of 2017 to speak at a Tire Convention. I remember clearly that the weather in the NYC area was brutally cold and snowy and I was looking forward to making the trip to NOLA during Jazz Fest. I had been invited to speak at the tire convention because I had some clients in the industry. At the same time, I've worked with Car Dealerships, Glass Companies, Propane Companies, Paint Companies, Chains of Dental Offices, Water Companies and others.



I met Danny Smith immediately after I gave my talk about the Molloy Process and the Language Of Commitment to about 60 people on February 28, 2017. The gist of my talk was that it's easy to grow the business with the right approach. The Molloy Process is about first improving communication skills of all employees thereby improving closing percentages on appointment calls and sales calls and after accomplishing that, making the phone ring with more prospects through effective digital marketing.

The Molloy approach is pretty simple, however I pointed out to the audience that the most important part of the process is 'shifting the focus and thought process' of the business from price and data to one of 'commitment'. I explained that my research over nearly 40 years pointed to the fact that the only time commerce occurs in 'any business' is when there is an exchange of commitments, not an exchange of pricing or technical data. So the key to business growth, reducing stress, making marketing work and improving sales is learning to 'articulate commitment'. And once you're on the way to becoming a 'commitment oriented' company, you can do much more with your marketing, because your staff is no longer turning prospective customers away by accident.

After I delivered my message, Danny walked up, looked me in the eye and said,

"This commitment thing, I'm all in! Let's do it!"

He self selected for the Molloy program. It was the easiest sale I ever made.



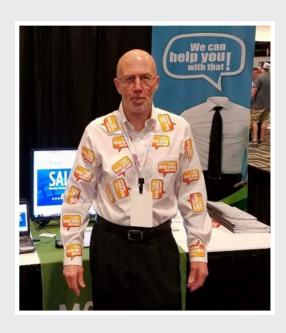
THE BACKGROUND - SAME DAY AUTO

Danny was by trade a Master Technician turned business owner. He had started his business with his wife and \$5.00 in his pocket and after 21 years he had 5 stores in the Tulsa market. Danny was a command and control manager, "It's my way or the highway!" was his motto, so he burned through employees pretty quickly if they couldn't handle the pressure. He ruled his business with a will of steel and this tough guy approach would yield a 3%, 4%, 5% growth annually. He was also stressed out most of the time because he felt that HE ALONE was the only one who could get it done. So the weight of the world was on his back.

For fun and stress relief, Danny races 900 HP 'Sprint Cars' at 150 MPH around a short dirt track. That's his form of stress relief.

Danny bought into what I shared during my talk, that his business ran on language and that when he studied his P&L and his KPI reports, that all the numbers were tied directly to a moment in time when his 'people were communicating', but there was no way to measure it and he didn't know how to teach 'communication skills' in an effort to change it.





ME AT THE TIRE PROS CONVENTION.



THE MOLLOY PROCESS

The first step in the transformation process for Danny's company, was to conduct an initial assessment to discover how effective the Same Day team was at exchanging commitments with customers. I know from analyzing more than 1,000,000 business conversations that most business people and their employees are skilled at processing data and information and in giving out estimates and prices. At the same time, I was clear that a huge majority were not good at 'making commitments or asking for commitments' (And most reading this who think that they know what it means to make a commitment, really don't. That doesn't mean that you are not committed. It means that most don't know how to articulate commitment. Those are two different things).

I was also clear that while some dealers recorded their phone calls, most don't know how to effectively assess the thousands of conversations occurring on the phones that literally 'drive the business'. Danny Smith was no exception in the beginning. He did however possess one key trait; he had declared himself open for learning and ready for change. He was looking for something new. He was looking for help to transform his life and his business. So he was ready to commit to the Molloy philosophy and process.

The very first thing I needed to do was conduct our Initial Assessment on each of his stores. This involved, hooking up our 'cloud based' call tracking software and routing calls through my proprietary SalesMaxPlus™ software for analysis and to establish a closing percentage base line.

Molloy's Initial Assessment once completed will yield closing percentage data by store, sales person and by product and service. It provides a starting point and would show me and Danny exactly what we need to work on in order to maximize results. Here's the real data from Same Day as we conducted our Initial Assessment in March and April of 2017, immediately after the convention.

This was not all the stores but analyzing 169 calls coming into the business gave us a picture of what was happening and how effective the staff was at several of the stores.



ANALYSIS

Employee Report - Same Day Tire			3/1/2017	thru	4/15/2017				
	Total	Sales	Made			Employee	Customer		Choice
Salesperson	Tagged	Opportunities	Appointment	Missed	Closing %	Closing %	Closing %	ICHYWT	Close
N/A	23								
1	33	19	10	9	53	0	53	2 2 100%	
2	8	7	4	3	57	0	57	1 0 0%	
3	23	10	8	2	80	0	80	2 1 50%	2 2 100%
4	45	23	16	7	70	0	70	3 3 100%	
5	13	8	7	1	88	13	75	3 2 67%	
6	24	13	11	2	85	0	77	4 2 50%	2 1 50%
	169	83	59	24	69	2	67	17 12 71%	4 3 75%

"The only time commerce occurs in any company in any language is when commitments are exchanged between the salesperson and the customer".

Overall closing percentage was not horrible when we started, because the company had a good reputation in the community. The problem was that the customers were making the 'commitments' 67% of the time, while the employees were making commitments only about 2% of the time. And that 2% was the result of the work of one service advisor #5.

WHAT CAUSES COMMERCE TO OCCUR

The premise behind our work is that the 'only time commerce occurs is when a commitment is exchanged between the customer and the company. The commitment can be generated in two ways, First, the customer (light green column) generates a commitment by stating something like, "I want to come in today for an oil change". This statement by the customer is a solid commitment. It has the declaration, "I want an oil change" and it has the time element, "today!" So the initial assessment conducted at Same Day points out a typical challenge facing many in business today. That is, the customer does most, if not all the work, in making a commitment.

Employees (light blue) at this stage of development are largely engaged in distributing information and prices, but are not yet skilled in making commitments. Like the rest of the entire country and in all industries, Same Day was at this point 'mired in the information age'. Customers called every day for technical information and pricing information and the service advisors and tire sales staff looked up the information and gave it to the customer, hoping that there was some magic in the information and pricing data and that the customer would see the magic and would be moved to buy.



Well of course, customers calling or walking into the store are already 'committed' to something and therefore many do buy, because they want to. That obviously happens, but without the employee commitment numbers being much higher, the full potential of the company cannot be realized. Commerce happens in language and communication in the act of exchanging commitments. Same Day, as most other tire dealers and most other companies throughout the world, are in the business of distributing information, not in making solid commitments. They were never taught and most don't know how to express commitment effectively in any area of life. Commitment making is just not something we were taught in school or by our parents or some other mentor.

Danny's company grew 22% in the first year they became a commitment based company. He made no other changes, that is, he did not spend any more on advertising or any other programs. The main difference was that his employees began to make commitments to help the customers on a daily basis and we measured it.

The ICHYWT (I Can Help You With That) (pink column) measures the act of the employee stating their commitment to Help The Client. This shows up as a declaration such as, "Yes, I can help you with that!" or "I'm the guy! I'm going to fix your car!" or "Today's your lucky day! You've called the right place!". These declarations together with a 'Time Element' in the form of a CHOICE CLOSE (tan column) form a commitment. Again this data shows that in the beginning the company was simply engaged in distributing prices and other data and it's not a powerful way to communicate with customers whose cars are broken. A price or technical information is not going to help the customer get back on the road. A commitment from a qualified and knowledgeable Service Advisor who has a good crew of technicians will. However that commitment needs to be communicated clearly and powerfully.



THE PLAN FOR SAME DAY

(this is the exact plan I presented to Danny as we were doing the Initial Assessment and as we were starting the Molloy Process)

05/01/17

Danny,

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you and working with your team while I was out there.

- 1. We are a business development firm... not a training firm or web page firm or call tracking firm. We do it all... to grow the business. We are focused on growth.
- 2. I've developed a process that when implemented will produce results, guaranteed.
- 3. If, after doing the Initial Assessment, which we've started and I take you on as a client, which I have, I am willing to guarantee the following;
 - a. We will find Missed Sales Opportunities for you every week in your stores. This gives you the opportunity to save sales and save clients just about every day. It also serves to offset or pay for the cost our process.
 - b. If you do what we've planned in the domain of Power Training over the next year, we will improve sales skills and it will show up in closing percentages, car count, revenue and overall sales competence and manager competence. I guarantee to produce results with you in this area if you participate fully with me, just as you are now.
 - c. We will increase revenue by implementing the TAPPS-Pay program in the stores. TAPPS is a payment plan and training tool for sales people.
 - d. We will dramatically increase the number of Sales Opportunities that arrive in your company by Digital Marketing and in the process will build real equity for you in your 'digital presence'.
- 4. We are fully accountable and we measure everything.

Guarantee - We commit to work together for 2 years, if however if you're not pleased by the results of our collaboration, we get 60 days to remedy the problem, after which you can cancel all or some of our services. I'm not looking to tie you up in a long term contract. I'm in the business of creating long term successful relationships where each side experiences added value.

Goal - Together we will 'Go For It' regarding your goal of achieving \$7,000,000 in annual revenue with a healthy bottom line. We can do it.



IMPLEMENTATION

Armed with the data from the initial assessment we began the training program. The objective was to teach the entire manager and sales staff how to generate commitments and how to ask for commitments. In fact we let the staff know that the reason they were hired was to make 'solid commitments' to help Same Day's customers and prospects, not to merely hand out prices and technical information.

CLASSROOM SESSION

During the 4 hour classroom session we let the employees know that going forward Same Day was becoming a commitment based company and that going forward we were adopting clear and measurable standards for effective communication.



Note: companies throughout the world have standards for many areas of

business. There are standards for handling money and credit. There are standards for technology and security. There are standards for safety and there are HR standards. There are very clear standards for EPA issues. At the same time there are almost never clear standards for effective communication. It's not something that business owners deal with, yet they suffer tremendously with the consequences.

During a typical four hour classroom session we teach about communication and introduce distinctions that will serve the employees for the rest of their lives in all areas of life. The objective is to get each employee in touch with their personal power, because powerful employees are powerful communicators. And powerful people who understand how communication works can develop into powerful and effective communicators and powerful human beings.



EFFECTIVENESS ON INBOUND SALES CALLS AT THE COUNTER AND ON OUTBOUND SALES CALLS

During the classroom session we set in place standards for effectiveness with regard to handling the thousands of **Inbound Sales Opportunities** that drive the business. We teach the employees that the key move is to make a commitment to take care of the real issue of the caller, NOT to simply give out prices.

MAKING COMMITMENTS

It sounds easy when I say that the key move is making commitments, but most business people cannot discuss this topic it in ways that make sense so that it becomes teachable and learnable. We can because this is at the core of what we do. For Danny Smith's company to become a commitment based company he had to suspend his beliefs and preconceived notions and listen and learn new distinctions. He did that and so did his team.

Danny Smith grew his business another 20% during year two of the process and as in year one did not invest in any other programs or additional advertising. He doubled down on continually improving his teams communication skills. So in the first two years Same Day grew 42% roughly with no increase in advertising expense. The only investment is in the team. Importantly, participation in the process is not optional, everyone participates. Same Day has clear ways that they communicate with each other and with customers, if you cannot get on board, you cannot work at Same Day. Oh, one more thing, Danny purchased another store.



WEEKLY POWER SALES TRAINING - TIME TO PRACTICE!

After the four hour classroom session, the standards have been announced and adopted by the company and the practice began. Every Tuesday and Thursday for the past 3 ½ years Danny's team meets with me and with Randy Calley, Danny's Operations Manager who has become a Molloy Coach, and we practice the moves that are necessary for effectiveness in communication with customers and with each other. Each practice session is only 30 minutes long and we have



them on both days at 6:45 AM, 7:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 9:45 AM, 10:45 AM and 11:45 AM (for New Hires) so there are no excuses, as we have a time slot for everyone.

PRACTICE BUILDS COMPETENCE

As with any sport or artistic endeavour, such as music, practicing builds competence and confidence. Over a couple of years of practicing an hour a week each employee has been practicing about 100 hours and that's 100 hours more than the competition. In fact it's safe to say that in the Tulsa OK market, Same Day stands out from the crowd. They have become a commitment based company, while the competition is largely still stuck in the information age. Customers recognize it and respond, because that's what they want. Price is always a secondary issue. The foremost concern is to find someone who is competent and who is 'committed' to helping.



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ABOUT THE INFORMATION AGE

The Information Age as we know it started 50-60 years ago and since that time all of us, every business on the planet has been immersed in trying to get the most up to date and most relevant information faster and faster.

For a long time having the information and providing it to customers was a real competitive edge in business and it's still quite important. The problem is that at this point in history, there's a level playing field. Everyone has all the same information pretty much in real time. Business people have what they have and customers have what they have, all in real time. I'm not saying that information and data is not important, because it is. At the same time, I'm saying that the competitive edge is no longer there because everyone has the same information. More important is the fact that during the Information Age, people's ability and skill with language and communication has deteriorated. We have become dumbed down as a society and that's especially true in business today.

We are all information junkies and have forgotten how to make commitments to help each other. I'm certain about this because I've analyzed more than 1,000,000 business conversations in a wide variety of industries. It's the same everywhere we look, "People have become quite skilled at dealing with information and data and in the process have become unskilled in the domain of making and eliciting commitments". The challenge is that making commitments is the 'key move in business and in life' as literally nothing happens without commitments being made and exchanged.

My work with Danny's company proves that 'commitment making' yields huge results. While the act of giving out prices and technical information does not have nearly the impact.



CONTINUOUS MEASUREMENT

In addition to the weekly Power Sales Training, we provide continuous, daily weekly and monthly feedback to Danny's team in the form of up to the minute closing percentage statistics, identification of missed sales opportunities so follow up can occur. We also provide daily feedback to sales people about specific sales calls. It's mission critical to provide feedback so adjustments can be made by the sales staff in how they communicate.



STANDARDS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

All the teaching, coaching, feedback and measurement is based on a set of clear and powerful standards for effective communication which are:

- 1. Everyone in the company is tasked with 'building relationship' with each other and with customers.
- 2. Everyone in the company is tasked with 'causing action' to occur by design. That is, the end game is the exchange of commitments which causes 'action to occur', in the form of appointments and the exchange of money for services.

CF	Funda	f Commitment [™] amentals — A — D - CFA
	The 6 Moves i	n the "Dance"
CFR	Conversation for Relatedness	A series of linguistic moves designed to connect with the Customer and build trust
R	Request	Asking questions or asking someone to do something for you
Р	Promise	Committing to do something for someone within a specific time frame
Α	Assertion	Providing facts to build trust, credibility or substantiate a claim
D	Declaration	A statement that designs the future, states a new possibility or makes a judgment – Assessments - Offers
CFA	Conversation for	A series of linguistic moves designed to produce a commitment to some effective (or ineffective) action



STANDARDS. MEASUREMENTS AND LEADERSHIP

Once the training has begun and the standards adopted, it's imperative that leadership stays actively engaged and imperative that leadership encourage and actively support the process. In Danny's case he has his two lieutenants, Dan Combs and Randy Calley aligned with his vision of Same Day as a commitment based company. With aligned leadership, clear standards and a feedback / measurement loop established, we work the program every day. The results speak for themselves.

"I CAN HELP YOU WITH THAT!" TM

WHY SAME DAY EXISTS AT ALL!

Commitment based companies openly express their commitment to help people. That includes, Danny and everyone in the company. The mantra for Same Day has become I Can Help You With That!™ because of the following.

A commitment is formed by making a declaration such as I can help you with that!, and adding a time element. So Same Day has become a commitment based company, but more importantly, they have become an ICHYWT!™ (I can help you with that!™) company.

That's why they exist.

That's Danny's BIG WHY! Danny and his entire staff of 75 have become very clear that they are on the planet to help others. They exist to keep their clients' cars on the move. They exist to do whatever it takes to help the customer and each other. They are a network of commitments. A team of committed individuals with one focus, to help others. This extends from where Danny sits as the leader and throughout each of the six stores and into the service bays. Everyone shows up on the job ready to help each other, the customers, the prospective customers and the vendors.



NATURAL STATE FOR PEOPLE AND COMPANIES

I'm quite certain, from my study over the past 40 years, that the natural state for human beings is to be of 'service' to others, because it's how we all survive and thrive as a species. I'm certain also, based on my analysis of more than 1,000,000 business conversations over the past 20 years, in a wide variety of industries, that our ability to make commitments to help others has been 'shunted' or 'retarded' as a result of being immersed in the information age, at the exclusion of all else.

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MAKING SINCERE COMMITMENTS

The key distinction for Same Day Automotive today as compared to what it was before their transformation began, is this; Communication is the source of all results in business and in the old days when a customer or prospective customer asked for a price, all they got was a price. If they asked for technical information, that's what they got. Today, the first move is to make a sincere commitment to take care of the PERSON. To make a commitment to get them on the road again so that they can live their life and survive effectively.

It sounds so simple, yet because people we hire today have been immersed in the digital age for their entire lives, the ability to articulate sincere commitments has been all but lost, replaced by digits and data and information.

Giving out information is just not the same as making a sincere commitment to help another human being. When you're broken down on the side of the highway, who's gonna help you? Will information and data come get you or will Danny Smith stop what he's doing and get it done for you? Will any one of his 75 employees come to your rescue. The answer is clear.

The solution is so clear to me at this point in my life. Becoming a commitment based company is the gift that keeps on giving into the future.



BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES

Most of us went to decent schools throughout our lives and grew up with teachers all around us. Teachers in school, parents, friends, ministers, pastors, coaches, television, youtube, they all taught us how to speak and communicate. Mostly, we tend to learn on the street what works and what doesn't. But no one has ever sat you down and said, "In order for you to live a powerful life, this is exactly what you need to learn. This is what you need to know, in order to be effective!" It hasn't happened like that for any of us. I was fortunate at the age of 30 that I found a mentor who taught me over a period of six years about how all of this bolts together. At the same time, I had to figure out a lot of this along the way.

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

If you're an owner operator or a manager or regional manager, than you are in the 'people development business'. That is your real job. I'm certain that Danny has adopted that position at this point. And my strong recommendation is that you focus on teaching your team to communicate effectively.

The benefit for your employees is that over time, working the process, they will get in touch with their personal power to invent their own lives and invent the future that they picture for themselves and their families. Most importantly for your business they will become 'commitment machines' for the customers.



RESULTS ARE IN! 7X-10X TIME IMPROVEMENT!

Goal #1: Our objective was to become a commitment based company. We've done that, here are the measurements over the first six months of 2019. (see next page)

Note: Blue Column, Employee Closing and you'll see that Same Day's employees are making commitments to take care of the customer 15% of the time when presented with a Sales Opportunity. This is a 7X improvement over where they were 3 years ago.

Also and importantly, They declare ICHYWT! (Pink Column) slightly more than 50% of the time on Sales Opportunities. And they have become skilled at offering 'Choice Closes' (Tan Column) with a 91% close rate for appointments when they do.

> These improved closing percentages are hugely important when you consider that we've increased their inbound call volume by a factor of 10x.



PROJECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The growth continues in the form of more sales, more cars and more stores. Commitment is the key. Danny as an investor, can feel secure in his future advertising investments and new store acquisitions if the closing percentages remain strong in the core business. Continued practice and feedback are essential.

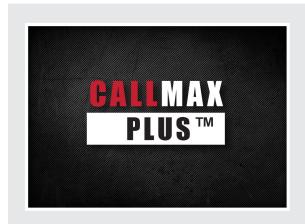
7X IMPROVEMENT!

Salesperson	Total Tagged	Sales Opportunities	Made Appointment		Closing %	Employee Closing %	Customer Closing %	ICHYWT	Choice Close
			100000						
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2	239	33	25	8	76	18	58	16 9 56%	5 4 80%
3	247	162	120	42	74	26	48	104 72 69%	37 36 97%
4	119	81	55	26	68	27	41	63 42 67%	23 20 87%
5	142	105	75	30	71	24	48	64 40 63%	27 26 96%
6	57	35	20	15	57	9	49	4 2 50%	3 3 100%
7	71	48	28	20	58	10	48	24 16 67%	7 7 100%
8	204	134	95	39	71	17	53	81 56 69%	33 27 82%
9	60	43	24	19	56	9	47	9 4 44%	4 4 100%
10	109	72	46	26	64	22	42	44 27 61%	18 17 94%
11	37	30	24	6	80	3	77	10 10 100%	7 7 100%
12	22	_14	10	4	71	14	57	7 6 86%	1 1 100%
13	169	69	39	30	57	10	46	45 26 58%	21 20 95%
14	176	130	Q 1	39	70	7	62	61 35 57%	10 9 90%
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21	149	104	64	40	62	5	57	67 40 60%	17 15 88%
22	101	67	47	20	70	15	55	17 11 65%	12 12 100%
23	74	56	35	21	63	9	54	22 13 59%	10 9 90%
24	78	47	36	N.	77	19	57	39 31 79%	16 16 100%
25	231	129	92	37	71	17	53	70 50 71%	20 20 100%
26	104	71	53	18	75	14	61	42 36 86%	26 23 88%
27	182	130	96	34	74	15	58	71 51 72%	38 34 89%
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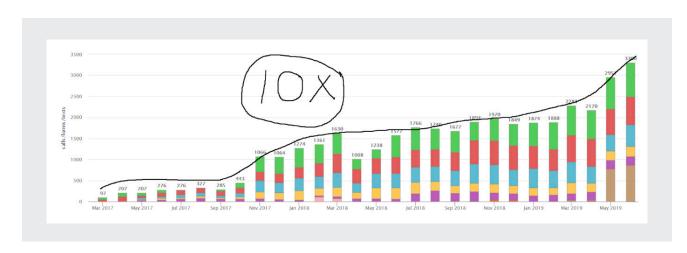


CALL MAX PLUS - CALL TRACKING

By implementing CallMaxPlus, a robust call tracking platform, we're able to track advertising results accurately and in real time. We are also able to analyze what the sales team is saying in real time. You can learn more about CallMaxPlus by visiting the Molloy Sales Web site.



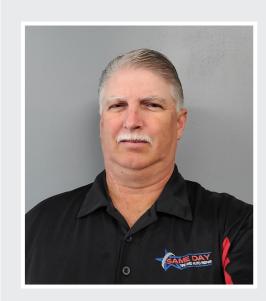
10X IMPROVEMENT!





LEADERSHIP

Achieving these types of results is easy with effective leadership. That is, Danny had to be out in front of the troops leading by example. Speaking with new language. Making commitments to take care of employees at a new higher level. Once employees realized that Danny was 100% committed to them and that the Language Of Commitment was 'here to stay' and that they would benefit from it, they jumped on board and the transformation process was underway.



DANNY SMITH - SAME DAY AUTOMOTIVE

ABOUT STRESS

Once everyone in the company was aligned with the mission of becoming a commitment based company and once Danny's Lieutenants were on board and aligned, his stress levels went down dramatically. He could see that the natural way for the company was the way of commitment and he could see that his employees were in fact committed to him and to the vision he had shared with them. He was not alone, he had a skilled hunting party. And with our ability to measure performance in all areas, Danny could see that significant progress was being made. Of course it also showed up significantly in the bank account.

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