### **Maximizing your Profits with FTD**

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• Business Services

- Maximizing Profit on Wire Ins
- Capitalizing on Wire Outs





### **Business Services**



# Wire Services offer a lot of great services for your business.

- POS Systems
- Advertising
- Websites
- SEO
- Answering Services

- Credit Card Processing
- Directories
- SAF Dues Collection
- COGS Products
- Magazines

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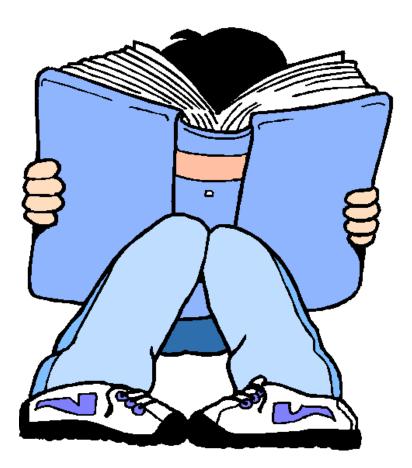
# Don't buy everything on the shelf!





Read your statements

- Know which services you are buying
- Be aware of fees you can avoid whenever possible





- Membership includes items such as:
  - Dues
  - Quality Assurance/Education
  - Paperless Statement
  - Reciprocity
  - Quality Programs
  - Floral Selection Guides
  - Low Sending

These are not the optional charges for services you select.



- Quality Assurance Programs
  - FTD Delayed Response Program
    - reject within 2 hours if can't fulfill
  - FTD Delivery Confirmation
    - confirm delivered by 7 pm local time

These fees are easy to avoid by knowing the programs.

Review the guidelines to make sure you know the requirements and train your staff accordingly.



 Once you understand the various membership components you will know which ones can be reduced or eliminated altogether through proper planning!



### Wire Ins



Sample Wire in:

<ul> <li>Arrangement SRP</li> </ul>	\$70.00	
<ul> <li>Commission to sender 20%</li> </ul>	14.00	
<ul> <li>Clearinghouse Fee 7%</li> </ul>	4.90	
<ul> <li>Fill to Value at:</li> </ul>	51.10	
<ul> <li>Less Delivery</li> </ul>	10.00	
<ul> <li>Cost of Goods Sold 35%</li> </ul>	17.89	
<ul> <li>Design Labor 15%</li> </ul>	7.67	
<ul> <li>Subtotal</li> </ul>	<u>    15.54</u>	22%



- Wire ins become more profitable when they are incidental business.
- It is my position that you can do about 15% wire in business and it's incidental.
- In this case there is, theoretically, no labor cost; therefore gross profit becomes 37% (22% + 15% labor)



• Reconcile your statement to make sure you get paid for all of the orders you fill.





### Wire Outs



• Outgoing orders are the most profitable side of wire business.

• Be sure to advertise your ability to delivery locally as well as around the world.

• Analyze your delivery area.



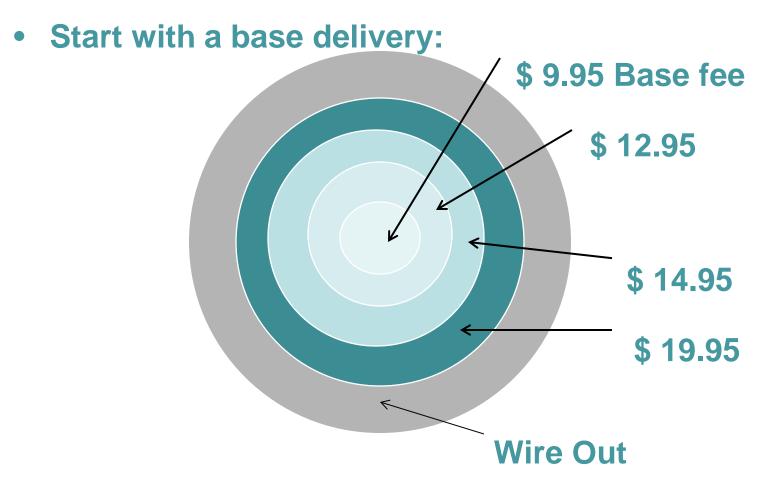
Sample Wire out:

<ul> <li>Arrangement price</li> </ul>	\$70.00
<ul> <li>Sender gets:</li> </ul>	
Commission 20%	14.00
Service Fee	8.00
Rebate	4.00
Total	26.00

• That's 37% of the cost of the order.



### **Delivery Charges**





## In Conclusion

- Take advantage of the services that work with your business.
- Understand items included in membership; know which you can avoid or eliminate.
- Evaluate each wire-in order to determine if it meets your profit expectations.
- Maximize your use of wire outs.



## Doing all of these things will help you maximize your profit with FTD.



## Thank you!!!



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