Social Media Tip Sheet

Social Media is a great tool which allows you to share content quickly, in real-time. There are many different forms of social media, the most common used for advertising include:

- 1. Social networking (Facebook, LinkedIn and Google) involves the use of social media sites to connect with friends, relatives, coworkers, customers, etc. Social networking can be used for business, pleasure or both.
- **2. Microblogging** (Twitter and Tumblr) is a quick way to share short posts, pictures, videos, links, etc.
- **3. Photo sharing** (Instagram, Snapchat and Pinterest) involves users uploading and sharing photos online versus traditional printing methods.
- **4. Video sharing** (YouTube, Facebook Live, Periscope and Vimeo) is just like photo sharing, only video content is shared instead of photography.

The benefits of utilizing Social Media for advertising include:

- Reach more people quickly.
- Grow your customer base/followers.
- Target new and returning customers.
- Gain insights from analytics to help assess and alter your advertising strategy accordingly.



How to sign up for a Facebook account:

- 1. From a computer or mobile device, go to www.facebook.com/r.php.
- 2. Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, date of birth and gender. You will also be required to establish an account password.
- 3. Click on Sign Up.
- 4. Finally to complete your account setup, you will need to confirm your email or mobile phone number.

Best practices to consider:

- Start small and use a well-known platform (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).
- Create a landing page to direct your traffic.
- Create a call to action (like a landing page to visit or a phone # to call).
- Remain active on social media by engaging with your customers.
- Monitor and respond to any complaints, in addition to praises.
- Review results regularly.

