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Throughout its 23 years of operation, the Carmel, Indiana-based company has consistently offered quality cars and service to millions of car buyers. Though the company was launched in 1989, its founder, the late Jim DeVoe, Sr., had been in the car sales

business since 1961. He recognized a need for outstanding customer service and professionalism that was unmatched in the industry at the time. By leveraging his background in the car and finance businesses, he launched J.D. Byrider into America's top used car sales



and finance enterprise.

"From day one, J.D. Byrider has focused on meeting our customers' needs, helping them get a car and a loan, and providing quality service they deserve, to set them on the long-term road to success," said Tom Welter, Vice President of Franchising.

Welter joined the company two and a half years ago. His background includes multi-unit management with publicly traded companies, including PepsiCo, YUM!, and KB Home. Throughout his career, Wel-

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Existing security precautions, including guards and passive electronic systems, are usually only effective after intruders have crossed the lots' perimeter or, after a loss, to provide police with evidence. The cost of guards or guard services is very high and the guards themselves are prone to job-fatigue failures. "With the Virtual Guard system, we can instantly identify any intruder and take immediate appropriate action," says Owen Dvir, Vice President, Virtual Guard Inc., a Los Angeles based company. "Simply stated, an intruder cannot by-pass our system undetected."

Virtual Guard's proven new system – which emerged from the hi-tech security systems used by the US Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense – actively detects any type of intrusion at the site perimeter, as well as tracks, identifies, and communicates directly to the intruder. If that's insufficient, Virtual Guard professionals make appropriate police and secondary notifications from their command and control center. To date, the Virtual Guard security solution has proven to be 100 percent effective, while providing cost savings to dealerships across North America.

Virtual Guard – using its proprietary, client-customized software – has developed additional applications for auto dealerships, including a "virtual keypad" to allow for non-disruptive maintenance and deliveries to take place during protected periods. Other exclusive features include integrating remote gate opening, closing, and locking, integrated license plate recognition and consumer analytic services to determine visitor preferences and flow.

"Our systems are self-adjusting and secure from equipment tampering," says Mr. Dvir. The service is always on-guard from vantage points that actively oversee the dealership site beyond the property line, watching and protecting before any intruder crosses the perimeter. The Virtual Guard system is not subject to weather, lighting, electrical outages, phone line failure, counter-surveillance attacks, personnel schedules, or forced false alarm responses.

Dennis Erickson, Facility Development Director, LA Car Guy Group, began using the Virtual Guard service at their Lexus facility over three years ago. "During the period since," he says, "we have experienced absolutely no losses or thefts after hours while Virtual Guard has been monitoring."

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ter developed more than 700 units across 10 states.

Additionally, Welter led 24 Hour Fitness, a multi-billion dollar operation. "We grew that brand from a single location to 400 units, a leader in fitness across the United States," he said. "We also inked sponsorships with big names - Magic Johnson, Lance Armstrong, Shaquille O'Neal, Yao Ming and Andre Agassi."

Welter joined J.D. Byrider because it

was a family-owned operation in a position to grow, and he knew he could take it to the next level. With his expertise in franchising, along with his multi-unit leadership background, Welter was confident he was the right person to help the brand achieve that growth. "The thing that excited me was the great opportunity that our brand provides not only prospective investors and existing franchisees, but also our customers," he said. "When I was considering J.D. Byrider, I saw



many strengths, particularly a number of people who had been with the organization a long time and had substantial expertise in their area of the business. I was excited to work with those experts and partner with them to help take this brand to new heights."

## COMMITTED TO CUSTOMERS

As a franchise, what sets J.D. Byrider apart

from other car dealerships is their business model, which provides a strong return on investment. They have vertical integration and direct management between their two distinct brands – J.D. Byrider and Car Now Acceptance Company (CNAC). CNAC is a related finance company that services retail installment contracts. "It allows the franchises to have total control to make good business decisions that help maximize their

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profits," Welter said.

What also sets them apart is their customer service, which is beyond reproach. Every day, hundreds of calls are made to survey J.D. Byrider's customers. The brand has conducted nearly 900,000 surveys to date, with a 95 percent satisfaction rate with sales and 91 percent rate with service – well beyond what is typical for the industry. Any responses that are less than positive are addressed immediately, Welter explained. "J.D. Byrider is committed to customer satisfaction."

J.D. Byrider currently has a total of 138 franchisee and company-owned dealerships across 31 states and employs more than 3,400 people across its entire network.

A positive corporate culture is another one of J.D. Byrider's many strengths. The organization enjoys favourable relationships with their staff and franchise owners. "We have many long-standing franchisees that have helped us build this brand," said Welter. "Our partnership with our dealer body and the cooperation we have with them has been, and will continue to be, critical to our success. The franchisees operate 80 percent of the dealership under the Byrider flag and share our values and commitment to our customers."



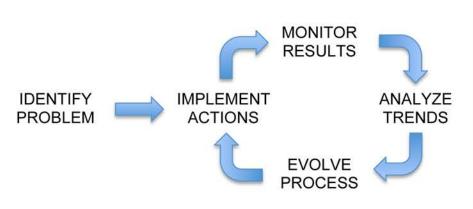
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Their client list is impressive, including

companies such as California Water Service Group, Comcast, J.D. Byrider Systems, NSTAR, Sunoco plus governmental organizations such as Boston Water & Sewer Commission and the Jacksonville (FL) Electric Authority.

Some of their specific solutions include consumer identity verification, returned (undeliverable) mail processing, locating customers/patients, invoice/statement/letter printing and mailing, plus document management.

Redsson values their relationship with J.D. Byrider. The solution eliminates a manual process used to generate sales letters. Sales Consultants in dealerships gain 5 to 10 hours each week and spend more time interacting with potential customers.

"It wasn't a simple project, but we worked with J.D. Byrider's excellent IT team and created a custom workflow process enabling the solution. Franchisees can now send letters to the 'Print Shop' where delivery happens automatically" Schurfeld says. "We look forward to working with them on future projects."

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Tom Welter - Vice President of Franchising

#### SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISES

What makes J.D. Byrider an attractive franchise to buy is their successful business model; J.D. Byrider is among the highest return on investment franchises in America. Combining the dealership and service with the finance company, they offer an unparalleled start-up along with ongoing support through their proprietary software system and automated risk evaluator.

J.D. Byrider's proprietary Discover™

Mike Pearce - Vice President of Development

Software System helps franchise owners find the correct solutions in their business, while allowing them to adhere to the standards and procedures required in their operating manuals and contractual agreements. "There's a true value proposition here in our franchise system, where we offer turnkey solutions to operations," Welter said.

The brand also provides a full-time help desk to franchisees, including remote and mobile access to the system, giving them complete control to "real-time access of data," Welter said. Access includes the data of all the other dealerships, helping franchisees see the full picture of how the business is operating, discovering ways to improve profitability and learning best practices from their peers. Even more, J.D. Byrider employs a staff of Franchise Consultants - people who look after a team of franchisees and serve as their personal business coach and advisor. "Our field-facing team of franchise consultants offers more than 100 years of combined experience with J.D. Byrider," Welter said. "We believe in leading with expertise and experi-



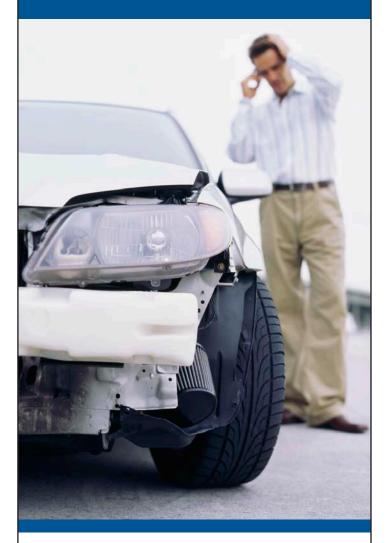




ence while building great relationships with our franchisees and the customers we serve."

Formal meetings are held three times a year to give franchisees an opportunity to review their businesses and discuss ways to improve. Two of these meetings are focused, comparative operational reviews. The third is an annual convention where the corporate management team reviews the business and franchisees and corporate staff engage in workshops and other opportunities to build relationships with one another. "We believe the model of our service to our franchisees really manifests itself to their customers at

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the dealerships, resulting in great customer satisfaction," Welter said.

#### FINDING SOLUTIONS

J.D. Byrider is all about finding solutions, whether it's at the customer level or the corporate level. The management team knows the three different offshoots of their company – sales, service and the collections depart-

ment – need to all be moving in the same direction at the same time. The key to achieving that synchronicity is having good people. "We strive to find highly effective managers to become franchisees because managing each of those departments and helping them understand that they have to work together is essential," said Pearce.

And, while the global financial crisis in



2008 turned some industries on their heads, J.D. Byrider proved it performs well in all economies. Later, when things started to improve, "we began to see more individuals looking to open a dealership, and they had more capital," Pearce said.

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the footprint of this brand and increase unit counts," said Welter. "In 2012, the company expects to increase its units by 11 percent. We expect J.D. Byrider Franchising to maintain a 10-plus percent unit growth rate in the foreseeable future, driven by the combination of existing franchisee growth, new franchisee sales, and execution of our business model that make our brand attractive to both our franchisees and customers."

Welter said he is excited about the growth the company has experienced, which is fueled in part by the investment made in the company by Altamont Capital Partners.





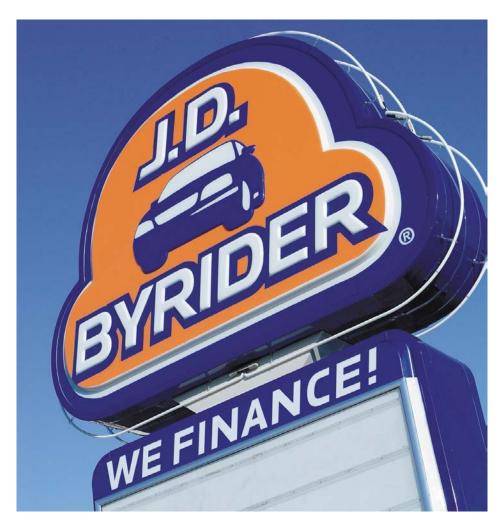
"We have a strong business model and an opportunity for investors to help us grow the brand's footprint," he said.

"We see a great opportunity to grow our total system – via franchisees and company stores. I'm very optimistic about the future and expect to see many more people to join our team," Welter concluded.

Those interested in learning more may contact Mike Pearce at (800) 947-4532 or mikep@jdbyrider.com.







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