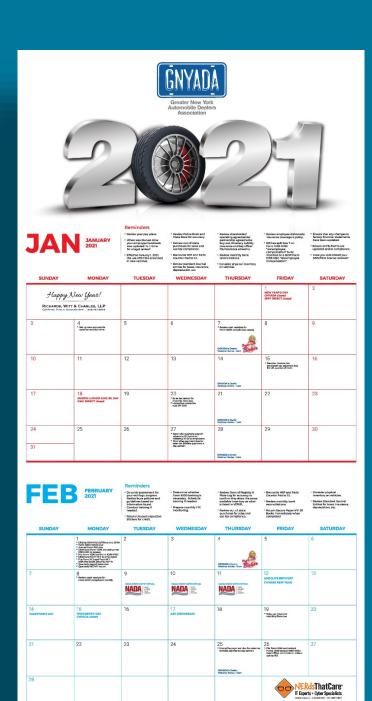


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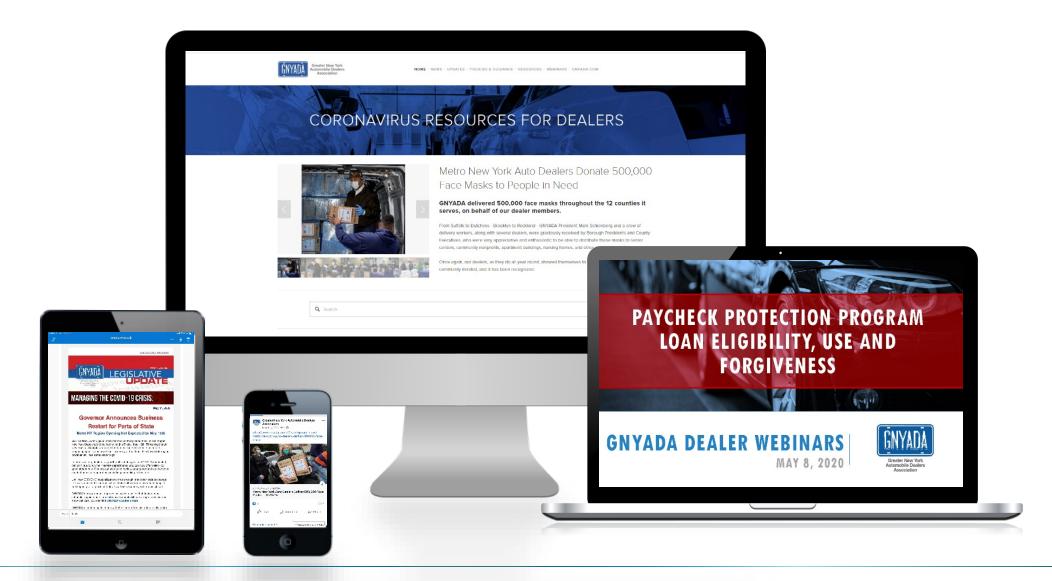
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# **Combating Fraud Through Effective Internal Controls**

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# How do you know if someone is stealing

Its often discovered by accident



## Onboarding

#### **Orientation Process**

- Information Safeguarding
- Red Flag Regulations
- 8300 Training
- Computer Access





## Theft by Deception

#### **External and Internal Areas of Concern**

- Phishing
- Email scams
- Test Drive Scam
- Using another person's identity
- Stealing information electronically, physically or over the telephone
- Where's the cash?





### **Bank Reconciliation**

### What do you do to prevent your dealership's most fluid asset?

- Independence
- Timely reconciliations-Daily
- Who opens the bank statement
- Cancelled checks-address/endorsements
- Random audits of checks
- Control EFTs
- Who reviews the final reconciliation at month end?



### Refunds

#### Who can issue a refund?

- Credit card password protected
- Signed check request
- Review the schedule
- Never give a customer cash
- Separate bank account
- Pull refund checks randomly and audit





### Repair Orders

#### Who reviews the open repair order list?

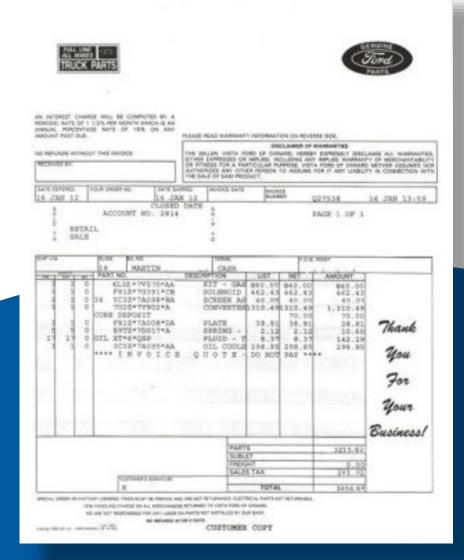
- How often do you run the report?
- Who controls the aged open repair orders?
- Compare work in process to keys
- Vehicles that are not in the lot should be posted to A/R if not paid for
- How do you handle customer discounts
- Exception reports



### **Pending Parts Tickets**

# How do they affect your counter pad reconciliation

- How often do you run pending part tickets report?
- Who runs this report?
- If the part has left the building and is not paid for the invoice must be posted as an account receivable
- Physical count of bulk oil and tires
- Parts Counter pad to GL
- Who can void tickets?





### Voids

#### Who can void a document?

- Are voided documents signed by a manager?
- Why are you voiding the ticket?
- Who posts the voided document?
- N/C invoices are better-however are we posting N/C invoices with cost and no sale?
- Does an employee benefit if a ticket is not posted to policy?





### **Deal Jackets**

# Does someone review the contents of the deal jacket and discuss the deficiencies?

- Proper disclosure of the selling price of the vehicle and each products purchased
- Menu vs RBO vs Contract vs Individual polices
- Inventory of individual policies
- Sign out sheets for previously delivered deal jackets
- How do you handle COD's and sign and drives?



### **Journal Entries**

### Does your store control who can make journal entries?

- Are individual journal entries reviewed by someone independent of the transaction?
- Does the dealership control journal entries numerically?
- Are journal entries stored in a binder?
- Random audits of the GJE journal



# **Payroll**

### **Direct Deposit vs Live Checks**

- Benefits of direct deposit
- How do your employees clock their time?
- Reconcile random W-2's to pay plans
- Develop effective pay plans that do not encourage theft
- Vouchers instead of cash for spiffs
- Ghost employees



### **Purchases**

### Does your dealership have an approved vendor list?

- Person making purchases should not add vendors
- Are purchase orders signed by a manager?
- Have one person responsible for purchases who is independent of check writing and check signing
- Collect W-9s, run OFAC, FTC Safeguarding agreements and google the vendor
- Does your dealership work with an advertising budget?



## Supplies

### How can a dealership control office and shop supplies?

- Keep inventory of supplies in a locked area
- Have an inventory of printers and know which cartridges are used in each machine
- Can for can exchange
- Review shop supply repair orders and confirm they are closed at month end
- Control of petty cash purchases





### **Used Vehicles**

### How does your dealership dispose of wholesale vehicle?

- New trends in wholesaling
- Are appraisals signed by the manager?
- Do you have limits on vehicle reconditioning
- Meet your wholesalers
- Scan and review wholesale losses
- Routinely check your inventory values
- Perform physical inventory checks
- Walk the lot and look for proper signage



### Sales Tax

### Is your DMS calculating sales tax correctly?

- Do you routinely check the sales tax calculations on retail and lease vehicle transactions?
- Do tax exempt transactions have a properly executed sales tax exemption certificate on file?
- Are the quarterly sales tax returns compared to the financial statements?
- Is your dealership paying use tax on purchases made on the internet or out of state when applicable.?
- Scan the general ledger for unusual activity
- Calculate the sales tax on parts and service transactions



## Floor plan

### Does your dealership perform a monthly floor plan reconciliation?

- Investigate any items that remain open from the prior period or are not from month end
- Someone independent of floor plan payoff should scan the general ledger detail and review the reconciliation
- Confirm payoffs are made timely



### **Audits**

### Inspect what you expect

- Ask parts managers at different locations to switch
- Swap bank reconciliation between different stores
- Have a GM review an accounting function
- Have an Accounting Manager review a service function
- Prepare internal unannounced physical inventories
- Have an outside auditor look at deal jackets or prepare independent bank reconciliations



### **Cross Training**

### **Freaky Fridays**

- Every desk should be cross trained
- When an employee is on vacation their job must be performed
- The dealership should require employees to take time off



### **Electronic Access**

#### Limited electronic access to a "need-to-know" basis

Does your dealership have an exit interview?

Do you allow employees to store information on their personal devices?

 How often do you run each employees access and review with their manager

Do the computers allow employees to use USB drives?





### **Social Distancing**

### Are you maintaining adequate controls?

- Attention to Customer Safeguarding Rules when working remotely
- Maintaining processes while social distancing
- Ensure remote access capabilities are secure
- Keep lines of communication open





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