#### FRAUD IMPACTS EVERYONE



## THE THREAT IS REAL

70% of companies



were affected by fraud in 2013

99 employees & under



employees & up

small businesses are victimized more than large businesses

### FINANCIAL IMPACT



18
MONTHS
before being

detected

of frauds reported,





22%
of cases cost
at least
\$1M

# MINIMIZE YOUR FIDELITY RISK

- ✓ DON'T BE COMPLACENT. HAVE PROTECTION PLANS IN PLACE.
   ✓ REQUIRE TWO SIGNATURES ON CHECKS. SIGN ONLY AFTER WRITTEN IN FULL.
- √ NEVER SIGN BLANK CHECKS OR USE SIGNATURE STAMPS.
- √ REQUIRE SIGNATURE CARDS ON FILE AT THE BANK.
- √ BANK STATEMENTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED AND RECONCILED BY SOMEONE.
- WITH NO CHECK WRITING AUTHORITY.

  √ HAVE AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY AUDIT BOOKS ANNUALLY.
- √ DO NOT PERMIT PERSONS WITH CLOSE PERSONAL TIES
- (HUSBAND/WIFE; BROTHER/SISTER) TO HAVE CONTROL OVER CHECK WRITING.

  √ REOUIRE PURCHASE ORDERS AND INVOICES FOR ALL PURCHASES
- OF PROPERTY OR SERVICE.

  √ SEPARATE FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS AS MUCH AS PRACTICAL.
- √ CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL NEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

√ REVIEW INSURANCE POLICIES FOR FIDELITY COVERAGES.

√ HAVE ALL FINANCIAL POLICIES IN WRITING.

