GPO
Advisory Council Objective:

The Council provides timely knowledge and opinions about fire service equipment needs including purchases, new technology and future trends. The Council serves as a communication conduit for program improvement and information dissemination to the Division and State Associations while playing a significant role in the continuous improvement of the GPO program. Each Council member is the representative of their respective IAFC Division.

Council Members are expected to:

- Participate in or excuse from all Advisory Council teleconference meetings annually and come prepared to engage in productive dialogue.

- Relay information from monthly Advisory Council meetings to their respective divisions, such as e-mail reports or divisional board conference calls.

- Assist FireRescue GPO staff to develop the vision and strategic direction of the FireRescue GPO program.

- Guide FireRescue GPO staff in the discussion of potential products and vendors.

- Provide fire agency contacts for market research and other outreach by FireRescue GPO staff and vendors, when requested. Assist FireRescue GPO staff in reviewing outcomes based on increase of vendor sales in each State.

- Convey FireRescue GPO program information to appropriate Division board members, members, state representatives and related fire service organizations.

- Promote the FireRescue GPO program when attending State or Division conferences.

- Identify FireRescue GPO advocate and maintain contacts with each State Chief's Association within their division.

- Maintain consistent contact with each State representative through e-mail or conference call.
• Advisory Council Members are encouraged to invite one of their State representatives, two months prior to their State's Conference, to be a guest during the monthly Advisory Council teleconference call. This will increase involvement of State representatives, open communication between the States representatives and Division representatives and develop future Advisory Council Members.