

## Fiscal Highlights

### **Gunnison Prison Visit** - Gary R. Syphus

The budget recommendations for the Department of Corrections, which includes the prisons' budget, is the responsibility to the Executive Offices and Criminal Appropriations Subcommittee.

The subcommittee visited the Central Utah Correctional Facility (Gunnison) for their interim meeting on October 3, 2013. The legislators reviewed the major aspects of the prison such as: construction, medical Infrastructure, work programs, education, and treatment.

The Gunnison facility holds approximately 1,500, or 21% of the total 7,200 inmate population in Utah, and it has the ability to expand. The facility was constructed to hold several different types of offender groups, just as the Draper facility. It also holds parolees who have violated their parole agreements.

For FY 2013, the appropriated budget to operate the facility was about \$34 million. Of this amount, approximately \$28 million was for personnel (382 FTE). The appropriation also includes funding for administration, programming, security, food service, maintenance, laundry, and mail.

The estimate submitted during the 2013 General Session for a new pod (prison expansion) at Gunnison was about \$34 million one-time for 192 additional beds. Once completed, the operational costs could be approximately \$7 million ongoing.