



## Budget Brief: National Guard

### SUMMARY

The Utah National Guard, a state administered military force, fulfills a dual state-federal mission. The Utah Army and Air National Guard serve both state and federal governments by providing organized, trained, and equipped air and ground units to perform state missions, as directed by the Governor, while supporting the Army mobilization programs of the federal government. The primary purpose of the Utah National Guard is to act as a backup for the active military forces, as a state force to quell civil disturbances, and to provide public assistance during natural disasters.

### ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The base budget for the National Guard line item for FY 2010 is \$31,630,400. This recommendation includes funding for two programs within the line item, including Administration and Armory Maintenance.

#### *Administration*

The Administration Division houses the Adjutant General who is the Chief of Staff to the Governor, and is responsible for directing the affairs of the Army and Air National Guard in conformance with State statutes and federal regulations. Because of the statewide location of Army Guard units possessing special equipment, they are available for state missions for civil defense, natural disaster, civil disturbance, and large-scale emergency situations at the call of the Governor.

The doctors, nurses, and trained medical technicians of the Utah Army and Air National Guard provide invaluable emergency backup capabilities for natural and accidental disasters of large proportions.

The Administration Division of the National Guard is the coordinating arm between state and federal programs. The state funded portion of the administrative staff has eight full-time equivalents. Base budget funding for this program is \$1,245,900.

#### *Armory Maintenance*

The National Guard facilities within the State are quite extensive. Army National Guard facilities are located in 29 communities throughout Utah. These include armories, maintenance shops, a warehouse, and 322 buildings located at Camp Williams. The Utah Air National Guard installation at the Salt Lake International Airport includes 56 buildings located on 135 acres of land. The FY 2010 base budget for the Armory Maintenance Program is recommendation of \$30,384,500.

#### *Federal Funds*

By State statute the Federal Funds received by the Utah National Guard are exempt from provisions of 63-38e-201 (2)(a). Federal Funds expected for FY 2010 are \$26,332,900.