

Providing firearms to the pilots is not a very good idea. The pilot probably went to school to be trained to fly a plane, and does not know very much about firearms. Giving this pilot a small training course would not be sufficient, as the stress of flying a plane and dealing with "terrorists" would probably push the pilot past their limit. If the gun misses the target, the whole plane would be in danger of going down.

If the crew members would be required to carry less than lethal firearms, they may not be comfortable using them. If this was the case, it would be a bigger danger for them to have them. So-called terrorists may take them while the crew member is distracted. If this plan was to go into effect, it would definitely have to be voluntary.