

I am in favor of having cockpit crew members armed in the cockpit. Such weapons should remain in the cockpit and be used only to defend the cockpit. Such weapons should have enough firepower to knockdown any intruder or any group of intruders trying to take control of the aircraft. Training of most crew members has already been accomplished by the US military, a refresher course and recurrent training could be done on an annual basis by local law enforcement agencies. Weapons could be stored in a locked container in the cockpit, much like other emergency equipment. Anyone smart enough to fly the jet should be capable of and trustful in defending same. Put 2 guns in each cockpit and if a pilot doesn't want to use one to defend himself during an attack, that's his business, and likely doubtful.