

I am a captain for American Airlines and I am all for voluntary arming of our cockpit crews. We are the first and last line of defense and we should be given the ability to protect as best we can.

I think that a medium size semi-automatic 9mm or 40 cal. with the less penetrable type bullets would be sufficient. We need proper training including recurrent training.

We as a pilot group are already highly scrutinized, educated and capable. Terrorists knowing that the pilots are not just sitting ducks and that we might be armed more than them could be a strong deterrent in itself.

Video could be helpful too.

Thank You,

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