

The pilots' job is to fly the plane, not carry and utilize weapons or even become involved with cabin security; cabin security should be attended to by the flight attendants. **NOBODY** on the plane should carry weapons, because the existence of those weapons means they can fall into the wrong hands. Can you imagine the number of guns that will be left in restrooms, cafeterias, etc. by flight crews who are in a hurry and thinking about other things instead of the security of their weapons?

Better alternatives include addressing security in the airport on the ground, and neutralizing threats in the cabin. Airport security still has a long way to go, and should be a government function, not private interest. It goes without saying that truly secure cockpit doors are essential. What I have seen so far is inadequate. The entire bulkhead including the door **must** be impregnable. Perhaps all it takes is to raise the cabin altitude to 20,000 feet and put everybody asleep, while the pilots are on oxygen.

There are better ways than letting flight crews carry weapons!