

As an airline pilot, I think it is a good idea to allow pilots, who take the proper training courses and successfully complete them, to carry firearms or other weapons on board their aircraft.

However, I think the idea of giving pilots guns with rubber bullets in them is a very bad idea. The terrorists are going to have real bullets - why would you handicap the crew with inferior ammunition?

I know, the politically correct crowd would say, "We don't want to HURT anyone." EXCUSE ME!??!

If someone were to try to take over my aircraft by force; then YES, I WANT TO HURT THEM!

And, incidentally, that business about creating a rapid decompression of the cabin by a .45 caliber hole is a myth. There are a number of holes larger than that in the cabin already, and the pressure system handles them just fine.

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