

Re: OT:Prevent Airline Hijacking

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Mac wrote:

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- > Why non-lethal? If there is a minor problem such as a drunk or rowdy
- > passenger, the other passengers can deal with it just fine. An undercover
- > security guard should reveal his or herself only when there is a
- > probability of hijacking or serious bodily injury, and in that situation,
- > it seems to me that lethal force might be the way to go. Especially if
- > there is only one guard and several hijackers.

That's standard operating procedure. It would be trivial for one hijacker to start a commotion and have the marshalls try to break it up, revealing themselves in the process.

Have members of the cabin crew equipped with cattle prods or something similar to put down obnoxious passengers.

- >>> Sealing off the cockpit;the current reinforced door was already breached by
- >>> cabin cleaners using a beverage cart,knocked it clear off the hinges.
- >>> Plus the door must be opened for toilet breaks,or for other reasons.
- >>> IOW,not practical.
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- > Well, as part of a multi-tiered effort, it is probably not a bad idea. But
- > arming the pilots and or putting under-cover feds on the airplanes could
- > also be part of the solution.
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- > Sometimes I joke that instead of taking away sharp things from passengers
- > they should give knives to every passenger as they board. Think about it.
- > The good guys always outnumber the bad guys. What we need is to make sure
- > the bad guys can't overcome this numerical superiority with weapons.
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- > Strangely, I have never found anyone who agrees with me. ;-)

A friend of mine (ex military intelligence) suggested allowing people with concealed weapons permits to carry onboard aircraft. Aside from the problem that there is no guarantee of a minimum level of competence

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among civilians permitted to carry weapons (there really isn't for police either), I don't think its a bad idea.

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At some point it becomes necessary to behead all the architects and begin construction. -- Abi-Bar-Shim (Project Mgr. - Great Pyramid)

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