



# ALPA SECURITY ALERT

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**SUBJECT: Access to the Flight Deck**

## **BACKGROUND:**

A recent unsuccessful attempt to gain inappropriate access to the flight deck of an airliner reaffirms the necessity of proper observance of all federal regulations and airline procedures related to ensuring flight deck security. Events like this serve as a reminder of the value of a layered approach to cockpit security and that each of these multiple layers must be used as intended to ensure the continued safety and security of our operations. ALPA reminds all crewmembers to maintain their current high state of training, readiness and awareness on every flight, and periodically review all pertinent security procedures.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Flight deck crewmembers are reminded to constantly exercise all due diligence in validating the identity, qualification and proper authority of all potential flight deck jumpseaters:

- *Always* be thoroughly familiar with all federal and company flight deck access regulations and policies
- *Never* allow access to the flight deck jumpseat to anyone who requests it without first verifying proof of identity, and other required qualifications, per Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, and Transport Canada regulations and company policy
- *Never* permit an off-line pilot to be seated in the flight deck jumpseat without a valid Cockpit Access Security System (CASS) approval
- *Immediately* notify appropriate authorities, per company policy, if you are unable to satisfactorily resolve identification and authorization issues, and/or if you suspect any irregularities while conducting this process

Please contact the ALPA Engineering & Air Safety Department at 800-424-2470 with questions.

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