

# NATIONWIDE EXPANSION SET TO BEGIN

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The Known Crewmember (KCM) pilot security screening program is set to begin expansion to the nation's busiest airports. ALPA is working closely with Airlines for America (A4A) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to finalize the deployment schedule at specific airports. Updates will appear in *FastReads*, on [www.alpa.org](http://www.alpa.org) and ALPA's Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as on the Known Crewmember website: [www.knowncrewmember.org](http://www.knowncrewmember.org). And for iPhone and Android users, ALPA's Known Crewmember app will be available in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

The Known Crewmember program kicked off in 2011 at seven airports around the United States—BOS, IAD, MIA, MSP, ORD, PHX, and SEA—with 13 airlines par-

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ticipating, which quickly grew to include 28 airlines. As of February 2012, more than 340,000 KCM pilot screenings have taken place.

KCM allows TSA transportation security officers to verify a pilot's identity and employment status via web-based connections to airline employee databases, permitting pilots from participating airlines to enter secured areas through dedicated KCM access points instead of going through the passenger screening lines. The program represents a move toward a risk-based strategy that focuses resources where they are most needed and capitalizes on the fact that airline pilots have undergone extensive background checks. This allows limited screening resources to be concentrated elsewhere, improving both security and the screening experience for travelers.

The KCM system has performed virtually flawlessly, thanks to the superb work of the TSA, the A4A, its member airlines, and the KCM project management team,

which includes ALPA. The members of the A4A, formerly the Air Transport Association, transport more than 90 percent of all U.S. airline passenger and cargo traffic.

The TSA has been an active partner with A4A and ALPA in developing and deploying the program. Because of this partnership, more than 3,000 screenings occur at KCM access points each day, taking just a few seconds to clear each authorized pilot.

ALPA has been actively engaging with the A4A and the TSA on nationwide implementation of the program and with the Regional Airline Association in adding additional airlines to the KCM program.

Remember, as nationwide expansion of KCM begins it is important for ALPA members to monitor the KCM website ([www.knowncrewmember.org](http://www.knowncrewmember.org)) for up-to-date information about new locations and operating hours and for additional participating airlines. 🌐

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