



## **BASIC AND RECURRENT FLIGHT ATTENDANT COUNTERTERRORISM TRAINING COURSE CURRICULUM**

### Basic Course

The basic course must allow for the repetition and drill necessary to gain the appropriate intellectual, physical, and emotional responses needed to protect oneself, fellow crewmembers, passengers and the aircraft from acts of terrorism such as hijack or sabotage. Basic tactics, techniques and procedures require the time necessary to become appropriate and effective. This recommendation comes from actual lecture, hands-on training, and situational exercises that have been developed and implemented with actual flight attendants and pilots since October 2001.

Classroom - Lecture and Multimedia Presentation designed to develop:

- Cognitive recognition of acts of terrorism based on historical precedence and the latest counterterrorism intelligence.
- Stress inoculation against dealing with inter-personal human aggression and life threatening events.
- Awareness Level Behavioral Detection training on terrorists' physical, tactical and weapons cues.

Hands on Training - Multiple 2-hour sessions spread over several weeks to maximize understanding and retention while minimizing mental and physical fatigue and potential training injuries. These sessions are designed to develop:

- Tactical knowledge and skills to work together as a team with other crewmembers and able bodied passengers to prevent or mitigate any onboard acts of terrorism. This will include the use of tactical communications between flight attendants, pilots, federal air marshals and law enforcement responders.
- Techniques designed to allow flight attendants to protect themselves against physical attack, respond to acts of sabotage to include potential suicide bombers and to prevent attempts to breach the cockpit and utilize the aircraft as a weapon of mass destruction.
- Procedures that are tested and proven to allow implementation of the tactics and techniques necessary to accomplish the mission, goals and objectives called out in the current Common Strategy Detailed Guidance provided by the Transportation Security Administration to all commercial aircraft carriers.

Live Situational Exercises designed to test the flight attendants':

- Learned knowledge, skills and abilities
- Under high fidelity simulated surroundings and stress
- Within the confines of a safe training environment

Recurrent Training: Semi-annual Recurrent Training to include hands on and situational exercises.

- Reinforce and maintain basic level knowledge, skills and abilities
- Introduce any updated information necessary in the ever-changing environment of counterterrorism.