



Where Can I Get More Information About the CMSDT Program?

Updated information regarding training dates, locations, eligibility requirements and the registration process is available from the TSA web site at: <http://www.tsa.gov/cmsdt>. This information is updated monthly, so be sure to check back often.

Depending upon your carrier's policy, you may be required to submit a signed authorization to release information about your employment status. If necessary, the POC will provide you with the appropriate form.

We recognize that the demands of air carrier flight operations may create unexpected scheduling conflicts for crew members. If you must cancel, please be sure to notify your POC as soon as possible so the training slot can be made available to your fellow crew members.

What Should I Bring to Training?

You must present your air carrier identification card to the POC at the training site, along with one of the following: a valid U.S. Driver's License; a valid U.S. passport, or a valid U.S. Armed Forces Identification Card. You will not be admitted to the training without presenting both forms of identification. You must also bring the completed assessment found at the back of the CMSDT Student Manual.

Where Is the Training Offered?

CMSDT is offered at locations nationwide. Contact information for these sites and scheduled training dates are available online at:

<http://www.tsa.gov/cmsdt>



DEFENDING THE FLIGHT DECK

BE PREPARED FOR TOMORROW



DEFENDING THE CABIN



DEFENDING YOURSELF

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Office of Law Enforcement - Federal Air Marshal Service

Crew Member Self-Defense Training



Transportation Security Administration



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Welcome to the Crew Member Self-Defense Training Program!

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) invite you to participate in the Crew Member Self-Defense Training (CMSDT) Program. This voluntary program will equip flight and cabin crew members with effective responses for defending against an attacker in a commercial passenger or cargo aircraft. The techniques presented in this course are easy to perform and effective when applied correctly – something that is critically important when you must respond quickly. Regardless of your physical size or fitness level, anyone can learn and execute these techniques quickly, efficiently, and effectively. Sign up today at: <http://www.tsa.gov/cmsdt>.

Learn more about the program!

Who Is Eligible to Participate in the CMSDT Program?

CMSDT is open to all actively employed flight and cabin crew members of U.S.-flagged passenger and cargo airlines.

What Will I Learn?

By completing this training, you will learn how to:

- Deter a passenger who might present a threat;
- Administer control, striking, and restrain techniques;
- Defend yourself against edged or contact weapons;
- Improvise weapons from items commonly found aboard the aircraft, and
- Subdue and restrain an attacker.



Is There A Cost for the Training?

The training and training materials are free of charge; however, any travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

How Long Does the Training Last?

The pre-course instructional materials and assessment take about ninety minutes to complete. The on-site portion of the training lasts 8 hours.

Can I Attend CMSDT More Than Once?

Yes. You may repeat the CMSDT program as often as you'd like. You may also attend the training if you completed the previous (three-day) version of the course, but must first review the pre-course instructional materials and complete the assessment contained in the Student Manual.

How Do I Sign Up for the Training?

Log on to <http://www.tsa.gov/cmsdt>. Select a training location and date, and pre-register with the assigned point of contact (POC) listed for the location. The POC will assist you in completing the registration process and will provide you with the necessary pre-course materials. Please register at least two weeks prior to the training date to ensure that you will have time to receive and review the pre-course materials.

To verify your eligibility to participate in the training, you will be asked to provide personal information such as your name, address, Social Security Number, and employing air carrier. The TSA and FAMS are committed to collecting, maintaining and disclosing this information in accordance with Federal privacy laws and regulations, as described in the CMSDT Program's Privacy Act Statement.*