

One World Trade Center Reaches Final, Symbolic Height



One World Trade Center reached its final symbolic height Friday morning as crews installed the final pieces of its spire.

The skyscraper now tops out at 1,776 feet.

The final pieces were raised to the top of the structure last week.

NY1's cameras captured the sights from the top, which offer 360 degree sight lines overlooking much of the city and parts of New Jersey.

"When the spire went up there were tears in the guys' eyes. And you know it's not about handshakes today it's about hugs and it's about remembering why we're here: That we're going to rebuild for the good of the country, and we're going to rebuild bigger and better, and show people that our freedom and liberty is something that we're going to defend," said Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Vice President Scott Rechler.

If you consider the spire part of the building and not just an antenna, One World Trade is now the tallest building in the western hemisphere.

It's scheduled to open next year.