

Police HQ to be named for Riordan

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MAYOR BYRNE WILL move to name central police headquarters at 11th and State streets in honor of First Deputy Supt. James Riordan, who was slain by a gunman over the weekend, it was announced Monday.

Stephen Crews, a spokesman for Mrs. Byrne, said that once the required action is taken, by the mayor alone or in conjunction with the City Council, the police nerve center at 11th and State would be known as the James J. Riordan Headquarters Building.

Crews said the mayor had planned to name a new North Side police station for Riordan but then decided on the main headquarters, where Riordan had worked in a variety of top administrative posts, as a more fitting tribute.

"She feels that this is one way to honor a very fine police officer who served this city so well for 33 years," Crews said.

THE MAYOR ALSO asked Ald. Wilson Frost (84th), city council floor leader, to postpone a council meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday so that aldermen could attend a funeral mass for Riordan.

The council meeting has been rescheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, at which time Mrs. Byrne, who was personally close to Riordan, will offer a memorial resolution in his honor.

"Most of the time, we write the memorial resolutions for the mayor from the biographical material available," said Raymond McCarthy, Mrs. Byrne's press secretary, "but on this one, the mayor will be contributing a lot of the material herself. It will be her resolution."

Mrs. Byrne also has postponed for one week the dedication of a new sports complex at the Cabrini-Green Homes, which was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Ironically, the new Rizzato-Severin complex, at Orleans and Division streets, is named for two slain police officers.