



## ALTON "WHITEY" MESERVE

*The City of Saco is pleased to dedicate this year's Annual Report to Alton "Whitey" Meserve. Whitey retired this past July, 2001 after more than 30 years of service on the Saco Fire Department. All of us at City Hall wish Whitey and his wife, Mona, well in their retirement.*

**A**lton "Whitey" Meserve began his permanent employment with the Saco Fire Department on July 30, 1971 after serving as a call volunteer for several years. Whitey worked his way from crew swingman and rescue duty to full-time assignment as a ladder operator. He prided himself on his abilities to operate the aerial in adverse conditions and many times drove the open cab ladder back to Central Station after a fire in a standing position because of heavy ice on the windshield.

**W**hitey was the last founding member of local 2300 of the International Association of Fire Fighters to leave the Fire Department. He served as Union President many terms and helped improve conditions and reduce working hours.

**W**hitey was promoted through the ranks to Captain in May of 1978, Deputy Chief in May of 1982, and Chief in February of 1994. He retired as Chief of the Fire Department in July of 2001. During his tenure as Chief, major improvements to Central Station were made including floor and window replacement. He led the effort to combine Police/Fire into one modern dispatch center. He also made major improvements in equipment and apparatus including thermal imaging equipment.

**W**hitey married his high school sweetheart, Mona, and they have two sons Michael and Brian. Whitey and Mona are deeply involved with their three grandchildren, Michael, Zachary, and Christa.

**W**hitey enjoys hunting, trapping, fishing, and stock car racing and hopefully will be able to dedicate more time to them now that he has retired.