



Steve Letarte

Crew Chief, No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet Impala SS, Hendrick Motorsports

Birthdate: May 14, 1979

Height: 6'3"

Birthplace: Portland, Maine

Weight: 250 lbs.

Residence: Cornelius, N.C.

Family: Wife (Tricia), Son (Tyler)
Daughter (Ashlyn)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2009** Guided the No. 24 team to its first win at Texas Motor Speedway, one pole, 16 top-fives and a series high 25 top-10's. Finished inside the top-five in the final point standings (third position) for the first time as crew chief.
- 2008** Led the No. 24 team to four poles, 13 top-fives and 19 top-10's. Finished inside the top-10 in the final point standings (seventh position) for the third straight season. Also helped Jeff Gordon to extend streak of 16 consecutive seasons with a pole, including Gordon's first career pole at Texas Motor Speedway.
- 2007** Led the No. 24 team to six victories, seven poles, 21 top-fives, and 30 top-10's -- a single season record for most top-10 finishes in the modern era (1972 – present). Also led Jeff Gordon to first win at Phoenix International Raceway and 12th career restrictor plate victory -- a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series record.
- 2006** In first year as crew chief, led No. 24 team to two victories, two poles, 14 top-fives, 18 top -10's and a sixth-place finish in the "Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup." Also led Jeff Gordon to first win at Chicagoland Speedway and ninth overall road course victory -- a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series record.
- 2005** Named crew chief following race No. 26 at Richmond International Raceway. Posted his first victory as a crew chief at Martinsville Speedway in only his sixth race in that role. Led the No. 24 team to five top-10 finishes in final six races of 2005 season.
- 2004** Car chief for the No. 24 Chevrolet. Team posted five wins, six poles, 16 top-five finishes and a series-leading 25 top-10 finishes. Team finished third in inaugural "Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup" championship.
- 2003** As car chief, notched three wins including a sweep at Martinsville and a win at Atlanta, four poles, 15 top-fives, 20 top-10's and a fourth-place finish in the point standings.
- 2002** Began the year as a general mechanic. Promoted to car chief before race No. 29 in Kansas. Team posted three wins, three poles, 13 top-five, 20 top-10 finishes and a fourth-place finish in the point standings.
- 2001** Worked as a mechanic and celebrated third of four No. 24 Team DuPont championships, achieving six victories, six poles, 18 top-five and 24 top-10 finishes.

- 2000** First season as a general mechanic for the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet. Team posted three wins, three poles, 11 top-fives, 22 top-10's and a ninth-place finish in the standings.
- 1999** Served as tire specialist for No. 24 team which posted seven wins, seven poles, 18 top-fives, 21 top-10's and finished sixth in points.
- 1998** Tire specialist during 13-win championship season. Along with those wins, team achieved seven poles, 26 top-fives and 28 top-10's.
- 1997** Tire specialist during the No. 24 DuPont team's championship season that included 10 victories, one pole, 22 top-five and 23 top-10 finishes. Team also celebrated its first Daytona 500 victory and captured the "Winston Million."
- 1996** Joined Hendrick Motorsports full-time at the age of 16 as a mechanic and tire specialist for the No. 24 team. The team posted a second-place finish in the point standings, posting 10 wins, five poles, 21 top-fives and 24 top-10's.
- 1995** Worked part time for the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports team as a parts assistant while attending high school.