The earlier closing hours mean better law enforcement for the parish, Edmonson said.

“We're not seeing the same amount of traffic,” he said. “We're being able to thrum a lot of our attention at the speeders. We're running radar on the interstate, La. 1 and U.S. 190. We're being able to thank that traffic flow through West Baton Rouge Parish.”

Previously, troopers spent much of their time arresting drunken drivers.

“Say we had two troopers working West Baton Rouge Parish,” Edmonson said. “If one of them would get tied up on a DUI, it would take anywhere from an hour to an hour and a half just working that.”

“There were times in 1981 when everybody would be tied up on a DWI. If there would be an accident where a DWI was involved, you're looking at somewhere between two hours and two and a half hours to completely work that and book the drunk driver.

“There's more time for the troopers to be involved in other aspects of law enforcement.”